



# Quarry Update



## **St Marys Cement has submitted an application for an Aggregate Licence in support of the proposed Flamborough Quarry.**

The scope of this proposed massive industrial open pit mine is becoming clearer. Documents submitted as part of the Aggregate Licence application provide the following information:

- Site Operations are planned six days a week, Monday through Saturday.
- Onsite activities start at 7:00 a.m. and operate until 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and until 12 noon on Saturdays.
- Trucking operations start at 6:00 a.m. each day with peak truck activities estimated at 1 truck movement every 26 seconds.
- Removal of 3 million tonnes per year, creating an average excavation depth of 32 meters or 100 feet, over an area of 164 acres, just 3kms north of Carlisle.
- Proposing an untested, theoretical groundwater mitigation system to address the acknowledged unacceptable impact on groundwater. This system will be required to pump 90 million litres of water per day for the life of the project.
- An estimated project lifespan of 25 to 30 years just on the original parcel of lands, not including the 154 acres of land St Marys Cement owns to the west.

**If Approved, this Proposal will Change our Communities Forever!  
We Can't Let That Happen, We Must Join Together and Stop the Quarry!**

The Aggregate Licence application process has multiple stages:

- 1) The applicant, St Marys Cement, submits application and documents to the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR).
- 2) The application documents are reviewed for "completeness" by MNR.
- 3) A 45 Day Notification and Consultation Period is then started:
  - During this time the public and governments / agencies can object to the application.
  - Also, a Public Meeting is required to be held.
- 4) From the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 45 Day Consultation period, the applicant has 2 years to attempt to address any objections that have been submitted by the public and governments / agencies and to try and have them withdrawn.
- 5) When the applicant feels that it is done attempting to reach resolution, and sometime before the 2 year timeline expires, it will notify the remaining objectors and give them 20 days to reconfirm their objections. If objections are not reconfirmed they are considered withdrawn by the MNR.
- 6) The applicant then submits all the documentation to the MNR who will either 1) approve the licence, 2) refuse to issue the licence, or 3) refer the application to the Ontario Municipal Board for a decision.

The 45 Day consultation period for the St Marys Cement Flamborough Quarry application started on **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, and runs until **May 21<sup>st</sup>**. Only objections received during this period will be considered formal objections. Objections need to be made to both St Marys Cement and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The submissions must include an explicit declaration of an "objection", the reasons for the objection, as well as provide a full postal address including a building #, street name, city, province, and postal code. Objections can be sent via email or Canada Post. Template Objection Letters are available on the FORCE Website. Each member of each household should register an objection. They can be sent to:

MNR Guelph District Office

1 Stone Road West

Guelph, ON N1G 4Y2

Email: MNRFQA@ontario.ca

St Marys Cement Inc. (Canada)

55 Industrial Street, 4th Floor

Toronto, ON M4G 3W9

Email: communityinfo@stmaryscbm.com

There is a second separate process for collecting Aggregate Licence comments. That is through the **Environmental Registry**, created as part of the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR). The comments collected here are fed into the provincial government ministries through the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's office. The EBR website address and the St Marys Quarry application item number are:

**[www.ebr.gov.on.ca](http://www.ebr.gov.on.ca)**

**Item# 010-6227**

Comments will be accepted on the EBR website until **May 21<sup>st</sup>** as well. Templates and detailed instructions can be found on the FORCE Website

**Note: ARA Objections and EBR Comments are NOT the same! Both Are Required!**

The final part of the 45 Day Consultation Period is the Public Meeting. St Marys Cement will be holding the required Public Meeting on:

Monday April 27th, 2009

From 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Waterdown Legion Hall

79 Hamilton Street North, Waterdown

Note: There will be **No Presentation and No Question & Answer Period!** The format of the meeting will be display boards with consultants available to answer individual questions. While this isn't the format we would prefer as a community, it is still very important that we drop in and sign the attendance list to register our numbers! Please bring everyone from your household and have them sign in.

In summary, there are three steps we need to execute in regards to the Aggregate Licence Application Process:

1. Send in your Objections to both St Marys Cement and the Ministry of Natural Resources
2. Submit your Comments to the Environmental Registry by following the website instructions
3. Attend and sign in at the St Marys Cement Public Meeting on Monday April 27th

**It is Critical that we Do All Three!**

**Together We Will Succeed!**

**Friends of Rural Communities and the Environment (FORCE)**  
is a citizen-based advocacy group formed to protect the surrounding communities from a proposed large-scale limestone quarry north of Carlisle by St Marys Cement CBM.  
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