

April ____ 2021

Kerri L. Pickard-DePriest
NYS DEC Region 9
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14204

Dear Kerri,

I am writing in opposition to issuing an Air Permit to AL Asphalt, located at 4660 Witmer Rd Niagara Falls, NY 14305, for the purposes of hot asphalt production.

As a resident of _____, I am deeply concerned about the proposition of having a hot asphalt production plant in such close proximity to Niagara University, surrounding student housing, residential neighborhoods, schools, and parks. Within 1-2 miles of this location, on a regular day, thousands of people gather, live, work, and children play. Asphalt plants emit harmful chemicals and odors in the air that will have a massive impact on the health, quality of life, and property values of nearby homes.

This project was approved by the Town of Niagara last July with minimal public input or general awareness by those of us directly impacted. The SEQR process requires discretion by a local government to determine if a project poses a potential for environmental, social, or economic impacts. I believe all three boxes should be checked on this proposal, yet the Town of Niagara issued a negative declaration, and never provided an environmental impact study.

With so many schools, neighborhoods, and parks nearby, it is impossible to guarantee air quality safety and a healthy future for my community. Our children have so much at stake here. This project was rushed through without following the proper procedures and the NYS DEC must not issue the air permit for this project.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
