

Barbara Vizoyan <br/>
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bviz1945@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:11 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Tilcon Study

Dear Mr. Hearn:

The Tilcon Company wants to expand its New Britain quarry into protected water supply land. This would set a terrible precedent, chipping away at established protections for everyone's water supply in CT.

As an Environmental Analyst you are aware of the consequences of the proposed quarry on our precious water. Please don't make the mistake of allowing Tildon to increase their bottom line at CT's expense. This would be a mistake which has no real remedy once enacted.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vizoyan Manchester, CT 06042

Barbara Sadowski < bsadowski9595@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:24 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Tilcon

Dear Mr Hearn,

Strip mining is equal to the total destruction of the immediate area and the poisoning of miles of the adjacent environment. Please do not approve Tilcon's proposal.

Sincerely, Barbara Sadowski

Baba Frew <BabaFrew@taftschool.org>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 6:34 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Tilcon Study

Dear Mr. Hearn,

I would like to voice my concern about Tilcon expanding its quarry into protected watershed areas in New Britain. The impacts of strip mining rock from the property are clear and obvious- total habitat loss with mortality of all species, and habitat degradation to adjacent areas of the proposed quarry limits.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Elizabeth Frew

Elizabeth Ashby Frew

Modern Language, Global Service and Scholarship Departments
Director of Community Service, Co-Director of Global Leadership Institute
The Taft School
110 Woodbury Rd.
Watertown, CT 06795
860-945-7926
frewb@taftschool.org

bdavidia@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara David

<bd><bdavidia@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 4:59 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water

Company Land

Dear CEQ Members,

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Sincerely, Ms. Barbara David 344 Joshuatown Rd Old Lyme, CT 06371-3000 bdavidia@aol.com



barbbarringham@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Barringham

<barbbarringham@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

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Sincerely,
Mrs. Barbara Barringham
15 Hopkins Ct Branford, CT 06405-3054
barbbarringham@gmail.com

Sent:

05, 2018 6:02 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Reject Tilcon's proposal in New Britain

From: bkeen11@aol.com [bkeen11@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:37 PM

To: Wagener, Karl

Subject: Reject Tilcon's proposal in New Britain

Please consider rejecting Tilcon's most recent proposal to harvest gravel at the New Britain location due to the negative impact it is likely to have on the environment. It will additionally impact the watershed for future generations. Stop Tilcon now!

Andywight <a wight1964@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 3:47 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Tilcon Study

### Mr. Hearn,

I am absolutely opposed to the Tilcon request to expand its New Britain quarry into areas of public water supply and sensitive watersheds. Tilcon is a valuable business in CT, but limits need to be established to protect our state's invaluable water resources. As you craft a Comprehensive Plan to protect Connecticut's Water for all citizens, stop private ownership and all forms of intrusion that may harm or degrade the quality of all surface and below ground water with which our state is blessed and which we need for generations to come.

Thank you. Anthony Wight 21 Helen Rd Branford, CT 06495

Sent from my mobile device



From: agoulet-flynn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Annemarie Goulet-Flynn <agoulet-

flynn@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 7:42 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms Annemarie Goulet-Flynn
191 Walkley Dr Southington, CT 06489-2251
agoulet-flynn@cox.net

ahulick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anne Hulick

<ahulick@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

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Sincerely, Ms. Anne Hulick 20 Nordland Ave Apt 1E Cromwell, CT 06416-2359 ahulick@aol.com

anntrapasso@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ann Trapasso

<anntrapasso@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Sunday, April 08, 2018 5:55 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

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Sincerely,
Ms. Ann Trapasso
10 Cherry Hill Rd Branford, CT 06405-3006
anntrapasso@sbcglobal.net

ACPD <a.p.diamond@att.net>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:28 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Opposition to expansion of Tilcon quarry

Lam opposed to allowing Tilcon to expand its New Britain quarry. Thank you. Ann Diamond, New Haven, CT 06511

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

alopez6@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Lopez <alopez6

@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

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Sincerely, Mr. Andrew Lopez 286 Montauk Ave New London, CT 06320-4722 alopez6@conncoll.edu

Wagener, Karl

Sent:

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 10:24 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Protect our Watersheds and Reject the Tilcon Proposal

From: Andrea Masisak [mailto:epimedium48@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 9:50 PM **To:** Wagener, Karl < Karl. Wagener@ct.gov>

Subject: Protect our Watersheds and Reject the Tilcon Proposal

Director Wagener,

I urge you to reject Tilcon's proposal to purchase land containing Class I and Class II watersheds in New Britain. The State Water Plan draft specifically lists protection of such watersheds among its top ten priorities for keeping Connecticut's water safe and among the finest in the nation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cordially, Andrea Masisak Bloomfield, CT

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Amy Williams <amyclairewilliams@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:44 AM

To: Subject: Hearn, Peter Tilcon study

Dear Mr. Hearn,

Expanding Tilcon's quarry into protected water supply land would result in total habitat loss of all species and habitat degradation in areas adjacent to proposed quarry limits.

This would set a terrible precedent, chipping away at established protections for everyone's water supply in CT!

Please reconsider what you are proposing for all of our sakes!

Thank you, Amy Williams \_\_\_\_

From: alyssajsiegel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Alyssa Siegel-Miles

<alyssajsiegel@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:41 PM

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Sincerely, Mrs. Alyssa Siegel-Miles 712 Colonel Ledyard Hwy Ledyard, CT 06339-1571 alyssajsiegel@gmail.com

Sent:

Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:00 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Protect Our Watersheds

From: Alison Zyla [barral11@att.net] Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 3:18 PM

To: Wagener, Karl

**Subject: Protect Our Watersheds** 

Dear Karl Wagener; Director of the Council on Environmental Quality:

I urge you to protect our watersheds and to reject the Tilcon Proposal of expanding its gravel mining which will lead to significant habitat and major species loss, not to mention contaminating our drinking water which depends on Class I and II filtering watersheds for our aquifers.

Thank you for your consideration in doing the right thing for our health and environment.

Sincerely,

Alison Barr Zyla



Sent:

Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:09 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Protect Our Watersheds

From: Alicia Healey [aliciahealey10@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 9:28 AM

To: CT Water Planning Council Subject: Protect Our Watersheds

Reject the Tilcon proposal! The monetary gain does not outweigh the damage of the mining.

Protect our watersheds.



ahna.s.l.johnson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ahna Johnson

<ahna.s.l.johnson@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 12:32 PM

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Sincerely,
Ms. Ahna Johnson
97 Wakefield St Hamden, CT 06517-1330
ahna.s.l.johnson@gmail.com



Rebecca Karabin-Ahern <rebeccakarabin@acmemonaco.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:32 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Act 16-61

Dear Mr. Hearn,

I strongly oppose Public Act 16-61 which would change Class I & Class II watershed for Connecticut. The mere destruction of watershed for a corporations personal gain is senseless. The fact that they will be destroying trees, plants and all wildlife that inhabit this land is beyond comprehension. Tilcon already holds permits on another 250 acres of land in Plainville which they do mine on occasion. As I understand it, that piece of land they can mine for another 40 years.

Please do not let Public Act 16-61 go forward. This is harmful and irresponsible if this act becomes a reality. Let's save our precious watersheds and all that inhabit this land.

Best regards,

Rebecca Karabin-Ahern



Sent:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:11 AM

To: Frantz, Blair

Subject:

FW: New Britain/Tilcon Watershed Plan

From: Adam D. Ligas [mailto:aligas@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, April 14, 2018 1:49 PM
To: Hearn, Peter < Peter. Hearn@ct.gov>
Subject: New Britain/Tilcon Watershed Plan

Hello Peter.

I have been following this issue and wanted to take a few moments to comment.

A single report produced by the requesting party should not be used as the main data point in considering any change like this. Independent verification is a must-have when considering changes to something that impacts every resident, and residents in surrounding towns.

The report makes assertions on various projections - water usage, water storage, future needs, impact on flooding skimming other water sources, etc. However, without another study for verification, we do not know how accurate these data points are. In places the report seems to almost contradict itself. It will rely on data from the mid-1900s to make a point about something being in a good position, and then later reference the future projections look more dim in light of the changing environment. If the future is going to be worse, we can't use our past as an accurate predictor. These results may simply be the best this report can do - perhaps it was the only data available to use - but it should be a clear signal that more data is required to make an informed decision.

Some of the results in the report rely on man-made interventions (i.e. pump from here to there). Have those changes been made in other Connecticut communities? How did they work out? We need to talk to others who have walked down this path and find out their experiences. We should also try to talk to others that have rejected this path, why they did so, and what the experience from their decision has been.

Our drinking water is our most precious resource. We are blessed to have a very good source and system in place here. Water can have a massive impact on the both residents and businesses in a community. Some communities have had nature turn against them (drought) others have made mistakes by their own hands (Flint). We are very lucky that neither have happened here.

We have established these rules to protect ourselves and did so with scientific data, deep thought, and reservation. We are now being asked to remove these protections. The bar to do so should be incredibly high and it should only be for something of the utmost importance. The timeline on this entire project is in the decades, and many of us may not even be here to deal with the outcome of this decision. The result of this will fall squarely on our children and their children. We need to be good stewards of their future and the future of our communities.

The cost of getting this wrong is potentially catastrophic.

Thank you for your time,

- Adam

Sent:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:24 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Do Not Surrender Watershed Lands To Tilcon

From: ALD [mailto:abbyd31@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 12:23 PM

To: CT Water Planning Council <WPC@ct.gov> Cc: Wagener, Karl <Karl.Wagener@ct.gov>

Subject: Do Not Surrender Watershed Lands To Tilcon

I strongly object to \*any\* exchange of class I or II watershed to Tilcon, or any other business, to expand their endevors. Watershed is essential for the purpose it was established, not for profit.

Abby Doolittle Burlington, CT



Sent:

Thursday, April 05, 2018 5:57 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: The Tilcon Mining Proposal

From: Shirley Dudley [shirleysdudley@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 4:00 PM

To: CT Water Planning Council

Cc: Wagener, Karl

Subject: The Tilcon Mining Proposal

To: Members of the Water Planning Council

Please protect the watershed and reject the Tilcon Mining Proposal.

We are greatly concerned about the proposed land swap that Tilcon is seeking so it can expand its gravel mining to 131 acres of land including watershed. This will cause major habitat destruction and species loss in that area. It will also cost the loss of billions of gallons of filtered water from the mined area. It will set a precedent for swapping our key watershed lands for corporate profits or municipal gain.

Remember, our State Water Plan is dedicated to preserving the highest quality drinking water and protecting our watershed land.

We are constituents living in the Seabury independent living facility, 200 Seabury Dr., Bloomfield, CT 06002

Nancy Bancroft
Ingrid Boelhouwer
Anne and Ken Brock
Mims Butterworth
Betty Cornish
Alice Cruikshank
Shirley Dudley
Carol Fine
Sally Foster
Peggy Igleheart
Linda Isham
Shirley Keezing
Birch Milliken

B. I.I. T. I

**Bobbie Taylor** 

Dick Watson

Pat and Steve Zwerling

Sent: To: Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:09 PM

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Tilicon proposal

From: V Herson [vherson@comcast.net] Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 9:55 AM

To: Wagener, Karl

Subject: Tilicon proposal

Dear Mr. Wagener:

Please reject this land swap proposal and protect our watershed.

Sincerely,

Victor Herson Bloomfield, CT

Sent from my iPhone

## Denuis L. Kern 57 Cider Mill Road Kensington, CT 06037

April 4, 2018

Karl J. Wagener, Executive Director Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106

Re:

Public Act 61-61

Dear Mr. Wagener:

I am familiar with the proposal of Tilcon to strip mine protected watershed land owned by the City of New Britain in Plainville. I am strongly opposed to this proposal for the following reasons:

- 1. The existing Shuttle Meadow Reservoir will adversely be affected by the loss of the protected watershed. I live in Kensington which relies in large part on this Reservoir for its water;
- 2. The wiping out of amphibious and reptiles is shameful and will affect the entire Bradley Mountain area;
- 3. The loss of three or four vernal pools and the deleterious effect on another three is harmful to the environment and devastating to the flora and fauna who populate these unique wetland areas;
- 4. The loss of all these acres of forest severely impacts nesting and migratory birds;
- 5. The unique habitat of a trap rock ridge will be destroyed.
- 6. The loss of this part of the Metacomet Trail will adversely affect hikers;
- 7. I further question the water quality that will result from the new Reservoir in fifty years. In fact, I question whether the City of New Britain even needs the new reservoir in light of its declining population and its loss of its industrial base Landers, Stanley, North & Judd, Corbin and Fafnir. In fact, not long ago the City of New Britain was attempting to sell a large well in Southington which is part of its water system and declared the water there not necessary; and
- 8. The sale of this water shed land sets a terrible precedent. Watershed land throughout the state will be endangered by developers or towns with "good" excuses.

I am opposed as well to the terrible precedent which is set by this proposal. Watershed land is established for a sacred purpose and should not be sold to benefit private interests.

In essence, I am inexorably opposed to the annihilation of Bradley Mountain for the above mentioned reasons

Thank you for your review of my concerns

Jennis L. Kern.

N/k/tt

Sent:

To:

Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:04 PM

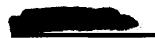
Hearn, Peter Subject: FW: Tilcon

From: Sharon Bristol [eartholdmail@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 1:14 PM

To: Wagener, Karl Subject: Tilcon

Please protect our watersheds and reject the Tilcon proposal. Thank you



shari.guarino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shari Guarino

<shari.guarino@everyactioncustom.com>

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Subject:

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Company Land

Dear CEQ Members,

WeThank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Britain/Tilcon environmental study.

Clean drinking water and some undeveloped land for wildlife are 2 reasons CT is a great place to live. Please preserve the watershed.

Please don't give in to corporate greed

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Sincerely, MS Shari Guarino 1432 East St Southington, CT 06489-4408 shari.guarino@gmail.com

smcquilken@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sean McQuilken

<smcquilken@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

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Sincerely, Mr. Sean McQuilken 1382 Black River Dr Mount Pleasant, SC 29466-7991 smcquilken@gmail.com

From: nsyncsmf@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Feola

<nsyncsmf@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2018 3:52 PM

To: Hearn, Peter

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rob\_roy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandra MacGregor

<rob\_roy@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 1:03 PM

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Sincerely, Mrs. Sandra MacGregor 288 Hollister Way W Glastonbury, CT 06033-3122 rob\_roy@att.net

# Roland C. Baikal 35 Ridgewood Lane Berlin, CT 06037

April 11, 2018

Mr. Karl J. Wagener, Executive Director Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Tilcon/New Britain Public Act 61-61

Dear Mr. Wagener:

I have been following the proposal of Tilcon Inc. to strip mine the land of New Britain. I am opposed to this proposal because of the adverse impact it will have on the Shuttle Meadow Reservoir and the surrounding area.

This action will only benefit Tilcon, Inc. and negatively affect the environment, adjacent homeowners and the Reservoir.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Roland C. Baikal 35 Ridgewood Lane Berlin, CT 06037

Samuel King <sam@blueearthcompost.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:44 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Tilcon Study

Hi Mr. Hearn,

I hope you are well. Please do not allow Tilcon to expand mining operations into a protected watershed.

Thank you,

SK

# **Samuel King**

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<sup>&</sup>quot;There is no such thing as waste, only failures of creativity."



Sent:



Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:01 PM

To: Hearn, Peter

**Subject:** FW: Protect Watershed

From: Sally Westcott [sallywestcott99@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2:01 PM

To: Wagener, Karl

**Subject: Protect Watershed** 

Dear Mr. Wagner:

Please do what you can to protect our Watershed by rejecting corporate interests such as Tilcon. Thank you very much.

Sally Westcott RN Bloomfield Ct. 06002

Sent from my iPhone

sbruzik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of S Bruzik

<sbruzik@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 1:18 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

PA 16-61 - AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water

Company Land

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Sincerely, Ms S Bruzik RR 6 Southington, CT 06489 sbruzik@sbcglobal.net



From: royal5@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Royal Graves < royal5

@everyactioncustom.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 2:21 PM

To: Hearn, Peter

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Sincerely, Mr. Royal Graves 21 Prospect St Wethersfield, CT 06109-3756 royal5@cox.net

RomanAround5246@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Roman Dudus

< Roman Around 5246@every action custom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 1:10 PM

To:

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Sincerely, Mr. Roman Dudus 44 Stoneheights Dr Waterford, CT 06385-1930 RomanAround5246@gmail.com

# Law Office of **Richard A. Witt LLC**Attorney and Counselor at Law

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April 4, 2018

Wpc@ct.gov

Karl.Wagener@ct.gov

Re: No Tilcon Mining on Watershed Lands

Dear Gentleperson:

I am a Town of Plainville business owner and a 15 year property owner. I am appalled with the Tilcon proposal and I am opposing their plan to expand their quarry onto 131 acres of valuable watersheds. These water sheds are critical for the animals and various species along with irreplaceable underground aquafers.

The promise of a potential new reservoir to be given and donated by Tilcon in 40 years is nothing more that fool's gold, especially considering Tilcon may not be in business at that time.

In summary, having been born and bred in Plainville along with being a residential property and business owner, I believe we are short changing our future generations of these beautiful watersheds for short-term corporate profit.

Richard A. Witt, Esquire

RAW/lmp

Cc: New Britain Herald-Editor@centralctcommunications.com

Robert Klee, CT Commissioner of NEIWPCC



Roberta Clark < roberta 2007@optonline.net>

Sent:

Friday, April 13, 2018 8:44 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: STOP Tilcon Mining from destroying 100 acres

The proposal is a huge threat to sound watershed management in the New Britain area and water supply in the state of Connecticut. Destruction of natural woodland and field covering of land on a water system has destructive ecological consequences - increased run-off, reduction of ground water to maintain wholesome productivity within the system, and significant negative impact on a wholesome, healthy environment for all living creatures--including humans.

PLEASE STOP this mining project and its devastation to the local community with its far-reaching implications for the entire state of Connecticut. Destruction of protected water supply land would set a terrible precedent, chipping away at established protections for everyone's water supply in Connecticut. With all that we know now about sound management of the watershed and the environment, please direct your expertise to halting this highly destructive proposal.

Roberta Clark 231 Jeniford Road Fairfield, CT 06824

Debbie Bologna <freespiritfarm@icloud.com>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 10:31 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

**TILCON STUDY** 

As long time residents and constituents in this state of CT we believe ANY expansion of this quarry would be a complete environmental disaster!

We have PASSED the time to consider ANY action that might have any negative effect on our drinking water, this is COMMON SENSE!!!!! It is NOT about dollars and cents for TILCON!

Do not cross the line of protecting everyone's water and environment for the sake of profit for a business. There's plenty of that going on already!

We have one EARTH, and this is a small state. CT's environment need MORE protection NOT more destruction. Our state is has lost so many, many acres of good land, forest and wetland.

No expansion of TILCON! Let them invest in something CT residents WANT renewable energy. They would make a profit, residents would save money AND we wouldn't be destroying our natural resources. There IS a path but big business doesn't want to change.

Take a stand and say no!

Very Concerned residents. Robert & Debra Bologna Windsor, CT

strawberryrita@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rita Smith

<strawberryrita@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Sunday, April 08, 2018 2:51 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water

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Sincerely, Ms. Rita Smith PO Box 356 Northford, CT 06472-0356 strawberryrita@sbcglobal.net



jlsol@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janis Solomon

<jlsol@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Saturday, April 07, 2018 9:03 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

PA 16-61 – AAC An Environmental Study on a Change in Use of New Britain Water

Company Land

Dear CEQ Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the New Britain/Tilcon environmental study.

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I urge you to uphold the strong protections of Class I and II watershed land as required by the Connecticut General Statutes.

Sincerely, Prof. Janis Solomon 3 Northwood Rd Quaker Hill, CT 06375-1218 jlsol@conncoll.edu

Philip Puleo < PPuleo@mctz.com>

Sent:

Monday, April 09, 2018 12:19 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Public Act 61-61 / Tilcon strip mine proposal

**Attachments:** 

SKM\_C30818040912210.pdf

Dear Mr. Hearn,

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Sent:

Thursday, April 05, 2018 6:04 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Opposed to Tilcon's Land Swap

From: Peter McGahie [petelm@yahoo.com] Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:47 PM To: CT Water Planning Council; Wagener, Karl Subject: Opposed to Tilcon's Land Swap

I'm opposed to Tilcon's proposal. It's time to protect our watersheds, especially in this dense suburban area. Thank you.

Peter McGahie



Sent:

Sunday, April 08, 2018 6:30 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Protect our watersheds and reject the Tilcom proposal! Thanks. EndOfMessage

From: herrmann.peter.a@gmail.com [herrmann.peter.a@gmail.com] on behalf of Peter Herrmann

[PeterHerrmann@alum.rpi.edu]

Sent: Sunday, April 8, 2018 11:06 AM

To: CT Water Planning Council; Wagener, Karl

Subject: Protect our watersheds and reject the Tilcom proposal! Thanks. EndOfMessage

petek@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pete Klosterman

<petek@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 12:53 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

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Sincerely, Mr. Pete Klosterman 372 Central Park W Apt 12A New York, NY 10025-8209 petek@accesscom.com

phheller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Penelope Heller

<phheller@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Saturday, April 07, 2018 9:17 AM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

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Sincerely,
Ms Penelope Heller
61 E Pattagansett Rd Niantic, CT 06357-2324
phheller@sbcglobal.net

Sent:

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 11:25 AM

To:

Subject:

FW: Tilcon impacts

Frantz, Blair

----Original Message-----From: Wagener, Karl

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 5:36 PM To: Hearn, Peter < Peter. Hearn@ct.gov>

Subject: FW: Tilcon impacts

From: Paula Coughlin [paulacoughlin@charter.net]

Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 4:05 PM

To: Wagener, Karl Subject: Tilcon impacts

Dear Mr. Wagener,

We are Connecticut residents who are deeply concerned about the long term health of our state water supply. Water is a public trust resource, an irreplaceable requirement for all humans and wildlife.

We're sure you are aware of the recent environmental study which stated that the expansion of the Tilcon gravel mining operation would cause major habitat destruction and significant species loss in Class I and Class II watersheds. There will be more blasting, dust, and the loss of billions of gallons of filtered water from the mined area.

This would set a precedent for swapping our key watershed lands for corporate profits or municipal gain. Class I and II watersheds buffer our water from environmental contaminants and filter it for our aquifers. The recent State Water Plan draft lists protection of watershed land as one of its top ten priorities and re-states CT's dedication to preserving the highest quality drinking water in the nation.

Negative impact on Class I and II water does not represent a best practice for addressing New Britain's drinking water needs.

Sincerely, Paula and Daniel Coughlin Woodstock Valley, CT



Paul Baylock <vista158@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 8:24 AM

To:

CT Water Planning Council; Hearn, Peter

Subject:

Protect our Watershed comment

Hello Peter and company. I'm writing to express my **disapproval** to allowing Tilcon to mine the protected watersheds. I feel it would set a dangerous precedent. I also lament the potential loss of numerous species of wildlife as well as precious forest land, all for a future reservoir that may not be most practical. I'm for looking into how our present reservoirs could be maximized instead. Thank You.

Sincerely Paul Baylock New Britain

Sent:

Thursday, April 12, 2018 2:14 PM

To:

Hearn, Peter

Subject:

FW: Objections to the proposed Expansion of the Tilcon Mine

**Attachments:** 

Tilcon Response final Nicholson.docx

From: Nicholson, Barbara (Biology) [mailto:nicholsonb@ccsu.edu]

Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:23 PM To: Wagener, Karl < Karl. Wagener@ct.gov>

Cc: Judd, Richard (Biomolecular Sciences) <rljudd@ccsu.edu> Subject: Objections to the proposed Expansion of the Tilcon Mine

I am enclosing the objections of myself and Dr. Sylvia Halkin on the proposed expansion of the Tilcon mine in New Britain.

We are both faculty in the biology department at Central Connecticut State University.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barbara Nicholson **Biology Department** Central Connecticut State University 1615 Stanley St. New Britain, CT 06050-4010 Copernicus 340 860-832-2206 Nicholsonb@ccsu.edu

turboprog@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Rogers

<turboprog@everyactioncustom.com>

Sent:

Friday, April 06, 2018 2:00 PM

To:

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