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To Whom it may concern dealing with Kernen Construction on Glendale Drive.

Yes, the work Kernen Construction does is important, BUT it still needs to be done in accordance to the rules and regulations governing such companies. Kernen Construction needs to get all of the proper permits, including for the quarries, and have proper engineering done. Plus, it needs to have consideration for the neighbors and the environment.

We strongly feel Kernen construction Co. should not be working in the lower north yard. The work is being done in the drainage/floodplain of 2 endangered coho bearing streams. Noisy\No Name and Hall Creeks are tributaries of the Mad River which is the drinking water supply for the Humboldt Bay area. Kernen Construction is working very near the edge of Noisy Creek. The work has and is still possibly polluting our water and harmful to the endangered coho salmon, steelhead and all of the other wildlife that lives there. It has completely destroyed, in the north yard, the former wetland. Pictures show the natural and riparian habitat as late as 1956.

Also, the drainage area has periodic flooding. 1994 is an example of a 50 year flood. The area had worse flooding in the 1890's. We can expect more. A flood will wash all of the contaminants accumulated in the north yard and containment pond downstream. I feel the construction of the berms and added fill are making matters worse. It has already caused more flooding and sinking of Glendale Drive.

A New CUP needs to be issued that will address these problems. One that is Very specific about permits and hours of operation. Has an archeological site survey ever been done? And please mandate new courtesy beepers for all of the equipment that require safety beepers. The beeping gets very annoying very quickly and can go on for hours, even after normal operating hours. Dust is another problem especially during the summer and fall. Covering the load could be a solution. We feel very occasional and truly emergency work would be acceptable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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