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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]7130 Red Hills Road permit violations and planning meeting scheduled for 4/9/2020

This is in response to the upcoming Major Use Permit (UP 19-05) planning meeting regarding the bioenergy production facility. My main concern is the noise of the chipper used to grind the wood and potential air quality concerns. This commercial chipping operation has been going on for the last year without a business permit. Also, the wood logs being chipped are covered in black mold. The logs have been lying on the ground in all areas including extremely damp areas which causes mold. The logs are then transported to the chipping site, piled and placed into a large chipper. The large amount of dust produced by the chipper then goes into the air and follows the wind patterns. The wind generally blows from west to east causing the dust to spread over the properties to the east of the industrial site. The chips are expelled via a large conveyer belt which dumps them onto a pile. This conveyer belt also causes the wood dust and mold to be blown by the wind over where individuals live.

The noise is extremely loud from the extremely large chipper and I have audio of the noise coming from the commercial operation.

My concern up to this point, which I have shared with Mark Rogers and Andrew Williams is that the business does not have a valid permit to operate a commercial chipping operation. I have been listening to the noise and breathing the potentially toxic mold and dust for about a year. My wife, Maria Barnes, and I have

noticed more head aches and sinus problems since this operation commenced.

Another concern is if the permit is issued allowing a bioenergy operation, what will keep the operation from ignoring the permit and continuing to illegally operate a commercial chipping operation. Whoever is in charge of the chipping operation does not obey the legal standards set forth by the county or by the State of Caliofornia. What quarantines do we have that the new permit will be adhered to since the operation does not care what the laws are now.

This is a written correspondence delivered to the Lake County Planning Commission as required.

Thank you,

Mark Barnes  
Maria Barnes