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Subject: Re: Roblee Citation 10/24/2022

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I have not heard back from you as to where I may post a comment for this year's blasting violation of Roblee Farm, Inc. and Chet Mclellan Trucking.

Here is my comment. They have blasted 3 times since obtaining Act 250 permit series #1R0932. They have 3 violations for blasting, one for each event, which demonstrates a 100% failure rate. The first time they blasted the permit specifically stated that blasting was not allowed. An AOD issued in 2008 and signed by Roblee Farm, Inc. clearly listed the requirements to include blasting in the future as well as a fine/penalty for the unauthorized blast in 2007. The second blast in 2021 they failed to notify adjoining land owners as required in the revised 1R0932 permit. Multiple neighbors complained of rattled items on shelves and windows. The recent blast in 2022 nearly doubled the total weight allowed per blasting event although they did notify adjoining landowners this time. I did make mention in my complaint of the 2021 blast that the vibrations were excessive for the total weight allowed and if investigated would most likely show that the 2021 blast also exceeded the allowed maximum weight. Comparing the 2021 and 2022 blasts the 2021 blast appeared to have stronger vibrations. This year's citation carries a maximum penalty of \$1,500.00 for the violation. From a business standpoint it makes sense to exceed the maximum weight per blast as it costs less to produce more material per event. The \$1,500.00 fine is negligible when you're producing twice the amount of material for extraction as allowed by the permit conditions. Enforcement which does not result in providing a monetary deterrent to prevent future violations is "just the cost of doing business". How many times can Roblee Farm, Inc. violate the conditions of the permit and continue to operate?

Michael Wesko

On Thu, Oct 20, 2022 at 7:03 PM Michael Wesko <mjwconst@gmail.com> wrote:

Michaela, I went online to submit a comment on the blasting citation due by 10/24/2022 and it is no longer listed on your website. Please advise where I can comment before the deadline.

Thank you,
Mike Wesko