

Dear Dr. Sullivan,

I am very concerned about the proposed Cullion Concrete Plant, which I understand has applied for a permit to continue building their plant off Pontiac Ave. in Cranston. There is a river adjacent to the property that would be adversely affected by the Plant. My understanding is that it takes 200 gallons of water to hose down one concrete truck. Where is that runoff water going to end up - if not in the river?

The dust and noise are another factor and there are houses abutting the proposed site of the plant. Concrete trucks, which are very large and noisy, traveling back and forth on Pontiac Ave would only add dust and noise to this residential area. The Waterman Elementary School is located only a few blocks from the proposed site.

I can't imagine how this Concrete Plant could do anything except contribute pollution to the river and dust and noise to the residential neighborhood. Furthermore, it is my understanding that some of the dust particles contain a chemical that is hazardous. Certainly, polluting a river and polluting the air with dust isn't a healthy situation. Certainly, there must be a better location for such a plant rather than adjacent to a river and in a heavily populated residential neighborhood.

I urge the DEM to deny a permit to the Cullion Concrete Plant.

Thank you.

Bob

Dear Dr. Sullivan:

I am writing to ask that the DEM not grant the extension of the permit sought by the Cullion Concrete Corporation/Karleeter, LLC to construct its concrete plant in the heart of a residential/natural area of Cranston. I also ask that the company be required to reverse the damage it has already done and return that area to its natural state.

For many years my family lived on Pontiac Avenue, very near where this plant is in the process of construction. I am shocked that Cullion and the city of Cranston would even consider allowing the construction of this plant in that area.

Not only is it a residential area, with many children and elderly residents at risk from the pollution typical of such a plant, but the location is in the fragile ecosystem formed by the Pawtuxet and Pocasset rivers and associated wetlands. It's just beyond belief that this company, whose permit was rushed through just before Cranston instituted a city-wide ban on such plants, could be allowed to do this much damage to the ecosystem and nearby residents.

Sincerely,
Karen

W. Michael Sullivan, Ph.D
Director
Department of Environmental Protection
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RE: Karleetor, LLC/Cullon Concrete Corporation, Application No. 06-0557

Dear Dr. Sullivan:

As a Cranston resident, I demand you revoke the above Building Permit which Karleetor has modified and are requesting their 2nd permit application be accepted. My reasoning is simple, as a member of the Cranston Flood & Drainage Study Commission, I have been concerned about the failing infrastructure. The construction of this sort of industrial building that would significantly increase pollution and jeopardize a wetlands area where the Pawtuxet and Pocasset meet. The water they wash the trucks off with and water they pollute will eventually discharge into Narragansett Bay. Crystalline Silica is toxic. California has banned it from use and many other states have mandated rules protecting children/residents. I do not feel the abundance of runoff in an already under performing river (due to sediment/silt) buildup would provide me and my family with any positive outcome. This is a beautiful, precious site which should be utilized to benefit our children for years to come, not slowly pollute in every aspect - which is what they will do

I do not feel the former Building Inspector, Kerry Anderson had the opportunity to carefully survey the plans and determine the effects of this building and the negative magnitude it would have on our community. Clearly, a "one of it's kind deal" was struck after only 11 days - unheard of in this field and yet, only 3 days prior before an ordinance stating "new plants were banned citywide". Where is the outrage, hear my voice please.

My 3 year old daughter and most of her friends suffer from Asthma and this clearly would cause more damage to my family. There is NO positive benefit to my family with this sort of plant, not from a health, well being, future enjoyment of the rivers or from a fiscal tax standard - please ensure this company does not succeed.

I know you are obligated to weigh the many factors, both fairly and on behalf of the people. I therefore ask you to issue a cease and desist order, requiring Karleetor/Cullion to tear down the structures and please do not issue any additional new permit applications or modifications. This company has been deceitful in its representations of what it intends to do and is quickly trying to modify to get around the negative impacts it will clearly impose on me and my family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne

Glen View-Glen Woods

**DEM
235 Promenade St
Providence, RI 02908**

Re: Cranston Concrete Plant

Sir:

I add my voice to those who demand that the DEM intervene and stop this from being built.

My understanding is that no DEM permits were obtained, and that this proposed facility is next to and will drain into the Pocasset River.

It also poses a significant health hazard to any within a mile, which includes 3 elementary schools.

Please do the right thing and shut this down immediately.

Sincerely,

Alex

March 19, 2007

Mr. W. Michael Sullivan, PHD
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Dr. Sullivan,

We live within 1400 feet of the Karleetor/Cullion concrete batching plant currently under construction. We find the placement of this plant in our neighborhood deplorable on many grounds.

Concentrating exclusively on environmental reasons:

This plant is within approximately 400 feet of the Pocasset and 600 feet of the Pawtuxet River. These fragile rivers could not survive the assault this plant would present.

Each truck requires 200 gallons of water to clean out the tank *each* day. Where is this polluted water going to be held and eventually dispersed? Are they building retaining tanks? If so, when the rains come and the rivers rise, this sludge will eventually end up in our Narragansett Bay. I have seen pictures, and they are on record, with this specific Cullion location flooded to 5 feet above ground level. How are they going to hold back the floods? And if they claim they can, how are they going to prevent this and other pollutants from seeping into the ground water?

Cullion has been building and excavating on the property since at least April, 2006 without a valid DEM permit. How is this possible? For this reason alone, they should never be granted a permit! Has anyone from your office gone to this site and seen what they have constructed without your permit? I have. The enclosed photos were taken from the historic cemetery behind the Cullion property. What a mess down there.

Please consider the documented harm and damage a concrete plant can cause, including the emission of crystalline silica and other known carcinogens. This neighborhood contains schools, sports centers, and children's playing fields directly on the opposite shore of the Pocasset River. Consider the damage done by the recently exploded batching plant in Charlestown, MA in September of 2006. Those are not pictures we wish to see of our neighborhood. I bet those neighbors were assured this could not happen in *their* neighborhood.

- We ask you to reject the permit modification request.
- We ask you to issue a *cease and desist order* and require Karleetor/Cullion to tear down the structures.
- We ask that you hold public hearings before making any decision.

Respectfully,

Ramsey & Florence