

## **STOP SYAR EXPANSION**

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### **CANCER, TOXIC EMISSIONS MONITORING & TESTING**

Of the 58 counties in California, between 2008-2012, Napa County had the second highest invasive cancer rate in the State at 489 deaths/100,000 people, according to the California Cancer Registry. The invasive cancer rate for Napa County is 20% higher than the State Average. And, Napa County led the State in childhood cancer diagnoses between 2008-2012, based on statistics from the National Cancer Institute, the American Cancer Society, and the California Cancer Registry.

The County has the authority to require testing and monitoring of the uncontrolled emissions emanating from Syar Napa Quarry: cancer causing dust (quarry processing and operations), cancer causing black carbon (diesel exhaust), and cancer causing toxic air contaminants (asphalt plants). Although the public has expressed concern and wants monitoring to be done for good reason, the County by choice refuses to do so. To quote the County from Final EIR, Appendix B, June 2015:

*“Understanding that there are concerns about the existing levels of dust, the county could require air monitoring as a condition of project approval. However, ensuring that the monitoring generates meaningful results is problematic and costly. If monitoring were to be performed, then the test method would require upwind and downwind measurement; ... Such a monitoring program would be costly and subject to interpretation. Therefore, the county has chosen not to require monitoring of dust from the quarry.”*

We must ask costly and problematic for whom? Syar Napa Quarry is allowing toxic emissions to leave its property potentially adversely affecting the health of thousands of people. Syar must pay for monitoring and testing to make sure the public is being protected from Syar Napa Quarry operations. How many people have been harmed over the past 30 years? Syar Napa Quarry is creating the pollution and people have a right to know what they are being exposed to and in what quantities.

Syar Napa Quarry’s uncontrolled, toxic emissions are a public health threat. The decision whether or not to monitor emissions must be made in an objective, open public forum with participation from citizens, independent experts and governmental officials.

Call your County Supervisor and City Council person and demand Quarry perimeter and community monitoring, now! See the Links page on this website for contact information for our local government officials.