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**Subject:** Grandfathered slate quarries in VT. villages.

The Slate quarries use massive and loud and high maintenance equipment. Super size batteries oil spills Massive Tires grease and mango parts are discarded on site. The trucks that move the Slate from the quarries are massive also and loud I'm very slow cuz their loads are so heavy. So now we have demolition going on in our backyards and our highways are being torn up by these overweight oversized slow trucks pulling dirt sand and other debris from the Quarry site onto our highways including the drivers throwing their lunches and coffee cups out on the road they leave debris on the site the site itself becomes a target for people dumping rubbish dead deer carcasses from the hunting season and plastic bags just blowing all over the place it is it is a really sad place to visit a quarry seeing all this debris the waste from the Slate industry is very very high as compared to the product I think it's around which is typical to do any aggregate industry about 80% waste as to the product. That waste is piled up in huge Mounds and they last forever vegetation has a hard time growing on it it's doesn't get it doesn't get covered it doesn't become a pretty Hill it is forever Generations high-waist piles Birches do try to grow on the waste piles but their short-lived cuz there's no there is no strong toehold for the roots.

Along with massive equipment and trucks there is blasting, alot of blasting. Not done by a professional blasting company with rubber mats to contain the debris, but by company employees. I have heard a warning horn to alert employees. The warning is not for hikers, bikers, horseback riding or neighborhoods. I question the safety of company "in-house" blasting by employees. Are they trained and licensed? There is no public warning schedule. One quarry in town blasts often. The blasting and dumping of waste is very close to the D&H Rail Trail (Delaware & Hudson Rail) tourists have been shocked by the blasting. One home owner on the trail 2 miles away from the blasting believed she was experiencing an earthquake. Her family lives in an historical building.

I hope that you can see that I have concerns about unregulated quarrying