

Good morning.

My name is Katie Jessup. I have owned and run a business, Spring Hill Nursery and Gardens, at 1234 Nixon Road here in Mt. Shasta for 20 years. I also live at that address. The nursery employs 10 people seasonally. We are at the corner of Nixon Road and N. Old Stage Road across the street from the City Park. I would like to respond to the draft EIR for the Crystal Geyser plant.

It has been clear to those of us that live in this neighborhood that the area's sound pollution is above the **"maximum standards"** for noise set by the city. One cannot carry on a conversation out of doors when a train goes by it is so loud. Combine the train with the barriers dinging and the wheels screeching as the train goes around the corner it is impossible to hear anything. The document states that one of the Significant and Unavoidable Impacts stated by the County is "the Proposed Project would result in an increase in traffic along the segment of Mt. Shasta Boulevard between Ski Village Drive to Nixon Drive (south) that would cause a substantial increase in noise at sensitive receptors located along this roadway segment, at locations where ambient noise is already above City Standards (this impact would be a direct and cumulative impact)".

If an area that is already above "maximum standards" for noise, how in good conscience can a project be approved that "would cause a substantial increase in noise"?

What is meant by "cumulative impact"?

I understand that the new plant plans to have 100 truck trips per day passing by my home and business and be operating throughout the night....every night including weekends. My business and home will be severely affected. This plant is surrounded by homes which will also be affected by 24 hour operation and truck traffic. At the very least Crystal Geyser should be required to keep to regular business hours.

I have other concerns about the truck traffic than noise. When Danone had their plant we had "lost" trucks wandering all over this neighborhood. I had semis sleeping on Nixon Road outside my house with their refrigeration on all night. I had people coming into the nursery and even knocking on my door asking where the plant was.

Another concern is the intersection of the north end of Nixon Road and North Old Stage....there have been numerous accidents at this location. In addition to the people that live and work on Nixon Road and Ski Village Drive, the people that use this intersection on a daily basis are: High School students, Senior Citizens for the lunch program in the park, Meals on Wheels, dog walkers from the Humane society, skiers and hikers headed up the mountain, and tourists. Vehicles come off the freeway at high speeds....many of them are way above the posted limit by the time they enter this intersection. Adding 100 trucks a day would add significant risk. A cross walk would a warning light N of the intersection could help. The intersection is just past a curve as one heads south coming off of the freeway....very dangerous for foot traffic, and it is not marked.

Another concern is the care and upkeep of the road...is the City of Mt. Shasta responsible (thus the citizens) for the increased wear and tear on the road?

I believe in you as representatives of the citizens of Mt Shasta and your commitment to stand up for the citizens and it's businesses. You are our voice. We elected you. Our neighborhood needs you to defend our quality of life and our lively hood.

Thank you and best regards,

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