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То:	<grfeagins@deq.state.va.us></grfeagins@deq.state.va.us>			
Cc:	"Lou & Janet Zeller" <bredl@skybest.com></bredl@skybest.com>			
Sent:	Monday, June 23, 2003 1:09 PM			
Subject:	proposed asphalt plant relocation - Wythe Co.			

## BLUE RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE LEAGUE

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June 23, 2003

Rob Feagins Air Permit Manager Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality Southwest Regional Office 355 Deadmore St., P.O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Va. 24212 grfeagins@deq.state.va.us

Dear Mr Feagins:

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To:	"Mark Barker" <mebarker@rev.net></mebarker@rev.net>			
Sent:	Monday, June 23, 2003 3:16 PM			
Subject:	RE: proposed asphalt plant relocation - Wythe Co.			

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Sent:	Monday, June 30, 2003 10:25 AM			
Subject:	Re: proposed asphalt plant relocation - Wythe Co.			

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Mark E. Barker BREDL (540) 342-5580 mebarker@rev.net

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Sent:	Monday, July 07, 2003 2:31 AM			
Subject:	Proposed asphalt plant in Wythe Co.			

Hi,

Once again, just checking to see if there has been any notification from W&L Construction & Paving, Inc. regarding a proposed asphalt plant in Wythe Co. near Rural Retreat?

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To:	"Mark Barker" <mebarker@rev.net></mebarker@rev.net>			
Sent:	Monday, July 07, 2003 8:00 AM			
Subject:	RE: Proposed asphalt plant in Wythe Co.			

Mr. Barker:

As of this time, I have received no such notification.

**Rob Feagins** 

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- > From: Mark Barker [SMTP:mebarker@rev.net]
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To:	<fcparris@deq.state.va.us></fcparris@deq.state.va.us>
Sent:	Monday, July 07, 2003 2:28 AM
Attach:	FOIA070703.doc
Subject:	FOIA Request

Dear Ms. Parris:

Attached is a FOIA request.

Mark E. Barker BREDL 540-342-5580 BLUE RIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE LEAGUE

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> July 7, 2003 1828 Brandon Ave. SW Roanoke, VA 24015

Florence Parris Office Manager Southwest Regional Office Department of Environmental Quality 355 Deadmore St. P.O. Box 1688 Abingdon, VA 24212

Dear Ms. Parris:

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On behalf of the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League (BREDL), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, I am requesting information under the Virginia Freedom Of Information Act, Section 2.1-340.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting the air permit for W & L Construction & Paving, Inc., which contains the portable asphalt plant that was located in Smyth County during 1997 and possibly 1998 along Valley Road in the New Quarry section of Smyth County near Midway (between Saltville and Chilhowie).

An electronic version may be emailed to my address below or a paper version may be mailed to the Roanoke address above.

Thank you for your time and assistance on this matter.

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Sent:	Monday, July 07, 2003 1:41 PM
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Mr. Barker:

Today, when reviewing the file materials for W-L Construction's portable asphalt plant with DEQ registration number 11119, we found a DEQ letter dating to April 18, 2003, in which we acknowledge their request to relocate and did authorize relocation to the Rural Retreat Quarry. W-L's request was dated April 17, 2003. This may be the relocation "event" you have referenced in previous communications with me.

This matter was discovered when we were searching our files for the unspecified W-L permit you requested recently under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. We are in the process of extracting the permit and our FOIA coordinator will soon contact you about how to transmit this document.

This occurance emphasizes the importance of the public's ability to identify and access specific records under the Freedom of Information Act, rather than relying on an individual's recollection of general facts. I appologize for any inconvenience or confusion my oversight may have caused.

**Rob Feagins** 

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Cc:	"Lou & Janet Zeller" <bredl@skybest.com></bredl@skybest.com>				
Sent:	Tuesday, July 08, 2003 12:21 AM				
Attach:	FOIA070803.doc				
Subject:	REVISED FOIA request				

Dear Ms. Parris:

Attached is a FOIA request which is a revision of our FOIA request of July 7, 2003. It has been revised to reflect the discovery of correspondence that DEQ thought did not exist. I will be contacting you sometime Tuesday morning.

Mark E. Barker BREDL 540-342-5580

cc: Lou Zeller, BREDL

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Because of the circumstances involved with the discovery of the April letters, we respectfully request this information be emailed or faxed to us as soon as possible. I will be contacting the DEQ FOIA Manager on Tuesday morning, July 8, 2003 to check on this matter.

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Mark E. Barker BREDL SW Virginia Vice President (540) 342-5580 email: <u>mebarker@rev.net</u> <u>http://www.bredl.org</u> Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Southwest Regional Office P.O. Box 1688 Abingdon, VA 24212-1688 Phone: (276) 676-4800 Fax: (276) 676-4899

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#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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April 18, 2003

Director

Michael D. Overstreet Regional Director (276) 676-4800

Robert G. Burnley

Mr. Aaron Taylor Permit Administrator W-L Construction and Paving, Inc. P.O. Drawer 927 Chilhowie, VA 24319

Registration Number: 11119

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We have your letter of April 17, 2003, in which you propose relocation and operation of a portable drum mix asphalt plant from the Saltville Stone facility to your Rural Retreat Quarry in Wythe County, Virginia. In accordance with the terms of your October 18, 1991 permit, we hereby authorize temporary relocation and operation to the Rural Retreat Quarry.

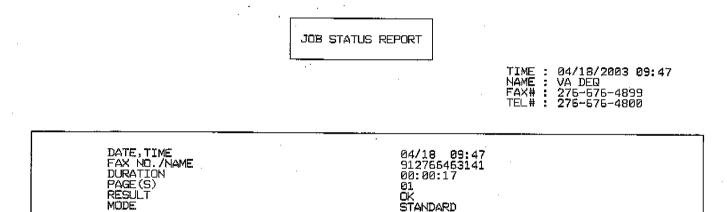
Operation at a single site is restricted to not more than 18 months. If you intend to operate the unit at its new site for more than eighteen months, you will need to request an extension prior to the end of the first 18-month period. Additionally, major source permitting may be required for a combination of units on contiguous property that emit a total 100 tons per year or more of a regulated criteria air pollutant. If you have any questions, you can call me at (276) 676-4835.

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Rob Feagins Engineering Manager, Air Permitting

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P.O. DRAWER 927 • 1484 HWY. 107 • CHILHOWIE, VIRGINIA 24319



April 17, 2003

Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 1688 Abingdon, Virginia 24212

Attn: Rob Feagins

Re: Relocation of our Drum Mix Plant - Registration Number -11119

Dear Mr. Feagins

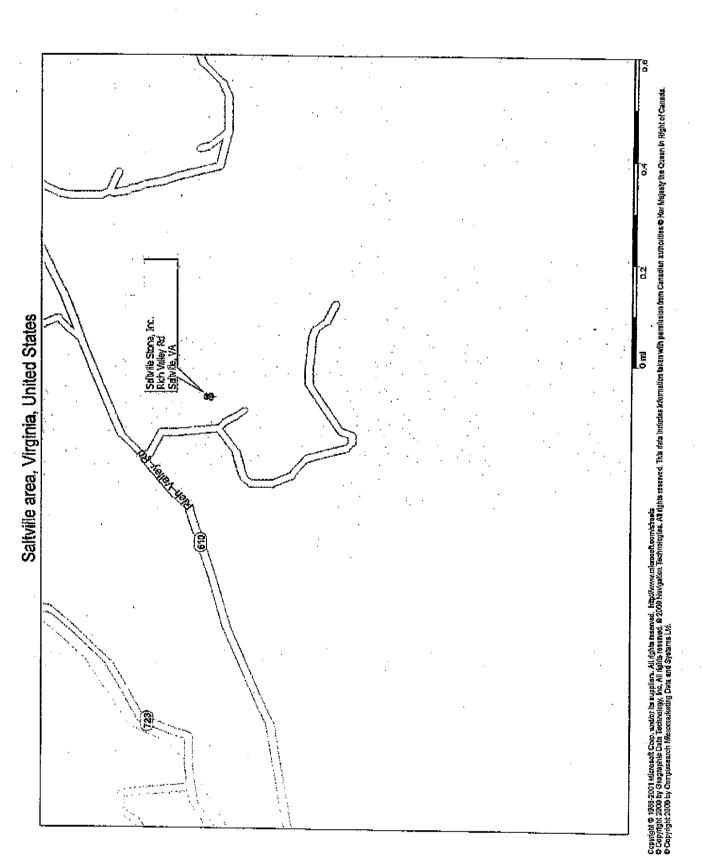
This is a letter to inform you that we are planning to move our portable drum mix asphalt plant which is currently located at Saltville Stone, Inc. to our Rural Retreat Quarry in Wythe Co. VA. We are planning to start the move on May 14, 2003 and hope to begin operation of the plant by June 1, 2003.

If you have any questions on this matter feel free to call our office.

Sincerely, lacos Aaron Taylor C

Permit Administrator

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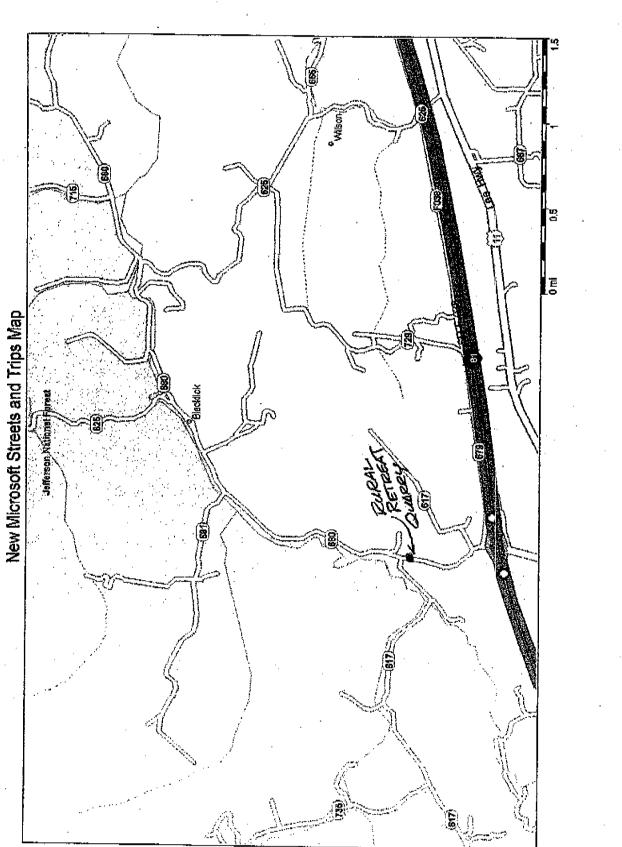
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SIGNATURE:	Any That V.P.	DATE:	4-17-03	
NAME:	JERRY ( SHORT			-
TITLE:	VICE PRESIDENT			
COMPANY:	W-L CONST. & PAVING,	INC.		
PHONE:	276-646-3804			
REGISTRATION	11119			

References: Virginia Regulations, 9 VAC 5-80-10.D.4. See reverse of this form for instructions.





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