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Martha's Vineyard Committee Members,

This seemingly unreasonable expansion that will come each time to regulate has once again put our neighborhood in turmoil.

I want to first point out we are in the wash plains of the island. We have not the benefit of hills to buffer us from the unending noise that comes from the MVRD property, which all of us can attest to. I now see further expansion to the rolloff drops, which the few we have, rock the neighborhood weekly.

A partial berm has been suggested in the plan. As I see documented this will be a partial 8' berm. Noise reduction criteria is that a berm: enoisecontrol.com

“ What is the best sound wall for outdoor use?

Answer: Most studies show that a sound wall needs to meet some requirements in order to be effective.

- Weighing more than 5.0 lbs/square foot
- Effectively designed to block the line-of-sight
- Being engineered with little or no air gaps (sound leaks)
- Inside surface of the wall should be absorptive

This partial berm recommended is substandard at best.

Just recently we have been again in jeopardy as our wells needed to be tested from the airport pollution, some of our neighbors have unfortunately tested positive for contaminants, and we are all being monitored-, Well monitoring from the MVRD property, when last asked, they couldn't provide the data to us.

We are also the evacuation route for upisland, despite this critical safety concern we are now further burdened with the expansion of the site.

The berm recommended is substandard at best. It needs to wrap around the full length of the expansion

We have been assured “there will never be a grinder on the property” I now question the lumber contractor area, Is a grinder now in that plan?

Historically, the MVRD operation has done the bare minimum to mitigate sounds, cleaning, create a living barrier to the road (their allotment was 500.00) noxious fumes, have never been addressed.

We need a full proper Berm around the complex to start to be able to retain an amount of peaceful enjoyment of are properties.

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