



Join Moms for Clean Air Say NO to the Proposed Dutra Asphalt Plant in Petaluma

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If we don't take a stand...

Dutra Group will build a new 38-acre asphalt plant located a few hundred feet from Shollenberger Park, within 2 miles of several residential areas, and within 2 miles of 22 schools and downtown Petaluma.

Dutra Group will build an asphalt plant which according to their own Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) will result in **significant and unavoidable** impacts to the air quality, noise and scenery in Petaluma.

Dutra Group will build an asphalt facility which will release hazardous pollutants into the air we breathe such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, benzene, formaldehyde, respirable particulate matter and many more. These contaminants have been linked to cancer, leukemia, Parkinsons and respiratory illnesses such as asthma and bronchitis.

Dutra Group's asphalt plant will include two 70-foot silos which will mar Petaluma's scenic corridor and also be visible from all of Shollenberger Park and many other Petaluma locations.

Housing values for homes nearby may drop by up to 56%. (According to the Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League.)

Dutra Group claims that their facility will be "green" and "good for the environment" saying they will be recycling asphalt and taking trucks off the roads. The asphalt they are recycling includes rubber and volatile organic compounds releasing toxic pollutants into the air. The trucks are only being rerouted to Petaluma and some will be replaced with diesel polluting barges on our waterways.

Dutra Group claims their facility will bring jobs and money to the community. Yes, 10 jobs according to their own EIR and tax revenues from the plant will go directly to the County, not Petaluma.

Dutra Group has said they were "good neighbors" to Petaluma receiving no complaints at their previous facility; however, contrary to this, a public records review indicated many complaints and air quality violations resulting in the permanent shut down of their previous much smaller Petaluma asphalt plant.

Dutra Group made promises and commitments to Marin County residents before they opened their San Rafael Rock Quarry, just as they have for this project. The Marin County residents believed them and have paid the price - resulting in broken promises, environmental devastation and nearly a decade long legal battle trying to get them to just keep their word.

The mayor of Petaluma and the entire City Council oppose Dutra Group's proposed asphalt plant.

If we don't come together and take a stand Dutra Group will build their asphalt plant and Petaluma will be left with poor air quality, unsightly views, noisy trucks and equipment, wildlife destruction and possibly lower housing values. What will Petaluma gain?

Dutra Group is a large multi-million dollar corporation and their EIR states that this region does not need a fourth asphalt plant.

Who are you going to believe? Mothers trying to protect their families and community or Dutra Group?

We need your help! Tell your neighbors, tell your friends! Tell the County Supervisors by the final vote on March 24th not to amend the general plan to allow the project to move forward. Tell them that your health and community is worth more and that you don't want this in your Petaluma.

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