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Dear residents

RE: Quarrying activity in Yaldhurst

In light of recent concerns raised by some residents, Environment Canterbury, Christchurch City Council, the Canterbury District Health Board, and the Canterbury Medical Officer of Health are working together to quantify the health risk related to dust from quarrying activity in Yaldhurst.

The councils and the Canterbury DHB take claims related to land use and residents' health and safety very seriously.

To date, quarry operators have taken measures to prevent dust leaving their boundaries, and both ECan and Council staff are monitoring Yaldhurst quarry sites daily to check for visible airborne dust.

If you do see dust leaving a quarry's boundary, please call ECan's Pollution Hotline: 0800 76 55 88.

Further information

Included with this letter is a list of questions and answers prepared by both councils and the Canterbury DHB.

This is intended to provide Yaldhurst residents with up-to-date information about the current situation, the work being done to understand any potential risks, and the next steps in the process.

In addition, you will find regular updates and links to further information on ECan's website at the following address: www.ecan.govt.nz/quarries

Both councils and the Canterbury DHB intend to organise a meeting with Yaldhurst residents in early June, where staff from each organisation and WorkSafe New Zealand will be available to provide the latest information and answer residents' questions. Further details about the timing and location of this meeting will be provided to you shortly.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone from either ECan, the Council or Canterbury DHB, please refer to the following contacts:

Environment Canterbury 353 9007 or 0800 324 636

Christchurch City Council 941 8999 or 0800 800 169 Canterbury DHB 378 6747

Yours sincerely,

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