

If it *were* only a nuisance -- This sequence of photos, snapped on May 3, 2006 by a Schoharie resident who lives on Rickard Hill Road, shows how some blasts in the CSP quarry result in the expulsion of dust clouds so thick that they obliterate the view of Terrace Mountain. Prevailing winds can blow the particulates well beyond the confines of the quarry itself.

The oft-presented CSP argument that “the quarry has always been there” loses credence when one compares the small size and nature of the mine when CSP bought it to the expanded operation they have engendered.

Since home rule in New York gives final authority regarding zoning issues to Town governments, it strikes SOS members as contradictory, costly, and wasteful that DEC does not consider zoning restrictions before acting on permit applications for a new quarry.

Adding to the confusion, such a consideration is afforded to several regions within the State. SOS has been working with NY legislators in an attempt to remove this inconsistency.

