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In the City of Arcadia

I'm here to urge you to vote NO on this zoning change.

As Floridians, we willingly live with natural threats to our homes and businesses —like flooding rains in the summer and direct hits from super hurricanes.

Although we have no control over the weather, we're always able to put things back together.

The question is, do we want to add to these, a threat we DO have some control over?

In the worst case, we WON'T be able to fix this.

The phosphate mining process is riddled with negative environmental impacts.

Catastrophes have happened over and over in the past.

Like, Berm breeches spilling acidic waste in Lakeland, Bartow and Tampa Bay. Caused by flooding rains, hurricanes, and sink holes.

Mosaic can't control them either.

The most prevalent may be the Mulberry core failure. Depositing 215 million gallons of radioactive water into the Florida aquifer.

I believe the track record of phosphate mining speaks to what we can expect in OUR future.

Over 851 MILLION dollars in fines have been levied by the EPA on Mosaic since 2000.

Mosaic has "NOT" done a great job of protecting the environment!

We have been living in fear of the Hardee County sludge stacks failing for years and that threat is far from over. We were only lucky that Irma missed them.

Remember, those acidic waste stacks contain many dangerous pollutants such as radium and uranium.

Pollution of the Peace River would be a nightmare not just for us but, for all of southwest Florida.

We pump about 15 million gallons of water a day to Sarasota and Manatee County.

Punta Gorda, Port Charlotte, and North Port also draw water from the Peace River and Horse Creek.

Yet, Mosaic is telling us that a 50 foot tall berm of dirt will stay intact and is sufficient to keep their toxic sludge contained.

"Mosaic pledges that we have nothing to worry about".

I ask you Mosaic, "How sound is your guarantee?"

During the droughts of winter, the dust from 200 foot high gypsum stacks can get airborne and cause respiratory issues for EVERYTHING that breathes—people, livestock and wildlife - Whichever way the wind blows, for miles and miles down wind, all will suffer.

These microscopic sized particles cause, at the very least COPD, and may be linked to lung cancer along with many other health issues.

That said, the mining operations are just too close to homes and farms.

Raising livestock, citrus, and watermelons have been the mainstay for this county for a really long time.

This zoning change does not help Desoto County residents, even a little bit.

It only benefits Mosaic.

Of course, then it will be too late.

The, "I told you so's", will have much to say.

The damage will have been done.

Mosaic will recover:

We will not.

Just because someone sold the mineral rights in the 60's, does not make it RIGHT for you to let them collect it at our expense.

Mosaic will gamble with OUR water, health and lives to exploit it.

The process is just too hazardous!

PLEASE...

Don't let MOSAIC kill OUR environment, OUR landscape, OUR way of life, OUR future, and our KIDS' futures for generations.

Remember, we have entrusted this Board with the power to stand up for OUR best interest-

DO not approve this zoning change-

Thank you

Subject: Speech doc

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Violation Tracker Parent Company Summary

Parent Company Name: Mosaic

Ownership Structure: publicly traded (ticker symbol MOS)

Headquartered in: Minnesota

Major Industry: chemicals

Specific Industry: chemicals

Penalty total since 2000: \$851,425,876

Number of records: 46

Top 10 Primary Offense Types	Penalty Total	Number of Records
environmental violation	\$851,067,413	13
workplace safety or health violation	\$261,417	21
railroad safety violation	\$69,500	9
wage and hour violation	\$13,986	2
labor relations violation	\$13,560	1

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE

- REGENERATION INTERNATIONAL regenerationinternational.org
- ORGANIC CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION organicconsumers.org
- RODALE INSTITUTE rodaleinstitute.org
- BROWN RANCH brownranch.us
- FIELD GUIDE TO A REGENERATIVE ECONOMY fieldguide.capitalinstitute.org
- LIVING WEB FARMS livingwebfarms.org
- KING GROVE ORGANIC FARM - Blueberries kinggrove.com

PHOSPHATE MINING

- CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY www.biologicaldiversity.org
- PEOPLE FOR PROTECTING PEACE RIVER protectpeacriver.org
- SUNCOAST WATERKEEPER www.suncoastwaterkeeper.com
- MANASOTA 88 www.manasota88.org
- FLORIDA MINES fmines.com
- SINKHOLE INFORMATION www.sinkhole.org
- OUR PHOSPHATE RISK www.thephosphaterisk.com
- SIERRA CLUB - FLORIDA CHAPTER www.sierraclub.org/florida
- EARTH JUSTICE www.earthjustice.org
- FRIENDS OF HORSE CREEK www.facebook.com/friendsofhorsecreek
- KISSENGEN SPRING ronrake.com/spring.html
- OUR MANATEE - UNOFFICIAL COUNTY SITE ourmanatee.com
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONFEDERATION OF SW FL www.ecoswf.org
- THE NATURE CONSERVANCY www.nature.org
- JELKS FAMILY FOUNDATION www.jelksfamilyfoundation.org
- CONSERVANCY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA www.conservancy.org