

Attached is a draft of MCA's Good Neighbor Policy for gravel pits.



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STATEMENT BY MONTANA CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION ON GRAVEL PIT RULINGS

The Montana Contractors' Association is encouraging all gravel operators that secure permits for new or expanded pits in populated areas to implement good neighbor polices by incorporating them into their legal permits.

We do not believe that firms seeking redress through the courts are attempting to skirt regulations or to make political end runs. The companies have been unfairly stalled and delayed by state agencies, and the courts are now agreeing with them. This in no way changes commitments of our members to be responsible, good neighbors.

We also remain committed to assisting the DEQ in securing additional funding during the 2009 legislature. We attempted to secure funding in both 2005 and 2007 but were stymied when county governments refused to help pay.

MCA is a Helena-based trade association representing commercial and industrial construction firms across Montana, and is a chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America.