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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT INVESTIGATES WATER FEARS

## 'No contamination' at pit

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
 Staff Writer

A claim that contaminated material is finding its way into another Whitchurch-Stouffville gravel pit prompted a call for the Ministry of the Environment to launch an investigation.

A ministry inspector visited the Warden Avenue gravel pit Thursday afternoon. Inspector Don Maitland

reported from the pit that he did not find any questionable material on the premises.

"I have visited the site (owned by Marie Brillinger) many times and never found any problem," said Maitland. "I carried out a site inspection today and have not found any contaminated material."

Gravel pits, however, are the main responsibility of the Ministry

of Natural Resources (MNR).

"The MNR has been notified of the situation and are getting involved. I will offer them assistance," said Maitland.

Residents from the area told local council Tuesday evening that questionable fill has been uncovered at the gravel pit and they fear for the safety of their water supplies.

"If we find contamination, we'll close it (gravel pit) up now," Ward 3 Councillor Peter Dobrich told an angry crowd.

Residents from the Bethesda area lined up to the microphone to make sure Whitchurch-Stouffville council understood their opposition to having more fill dumped in local gravel pits.

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## York Region won't ban trucks from its roads

Residents 'have to expect noise, traffic'

BY PATRICK CASEY  
 Staff Writer

Residents complaining about noise and traffic volume caused by trucks on nearby regional roads will just have to get used to it, according to York Region chairperson Bill Fisch.

"People have to appreciate that when they move into areas near regional roads, they have to expect noise and traffic," said Fisch in response to a bid by Markham Regional Councillor Gord Landon to have trucks banned from a road in his town.

"It's pretty difficult to ask trucks to come off the road; they are part of our economic vitality," said Fisch. "All we can do is see if alternative routes are available, then try to encourage and enforce it."

Landon has lobbied for a truck ban on the Ninth Line between Sixteenth Avenue and Hwy. 7 until the stretch of road is widened to four lanes by 2003.

At the transportation committee meeting last week, commissioner Kees Schipper also refused to endorse the ban in Markham or anywhere else in the region.

He insisted technical reviews should be conducted to determine if a ban would reduce the level of noise and create a safer environment for residential communities.

Alternative truck routes would

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### THE PIT OF CONCERN

Grant Norton looks on as a dump truck fills a pit west of Warden Avenue, just south of Bloomington Road on Thursday. Residents fear fill dumped at the pit is contaminating water in the area, but the province disagrees after inspecting the site on Thursday.

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