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Restrictions may undermine Martin Marietta

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A company that plans to mine for limestone within the restrictive easement of a military ammunitions terminal just north of Southport has hit a temporary barrier.

Martin Marietta Aggregates Inc. has come up dry in its search for a natural outlet where it can discharge wastewater from the site.

State permits are mandatory before the mine can operate, but company officials already face a three-month delay in their search for answers.

Residents opposed to the project say a setback may

buy more time to study its possible harmful effects on the environment.

Martin Marietta plans to dig for limestone on a large tract bordered by N. C. 87 and N. C. 133, three miles from the city limits and just north of Bethel Church Road. That site also lies between twin nuclear reactors operated by Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Brunswick nuclear plant and the nation's largest ammunitions seaport, Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point.

The quarry would sit within Sunny Point's restrictive easements where for safety reasons all building is prohibited, but it would locate outside of the Army terminal's explosive arc. Accidents are unlikely, but

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should one occur at Sunny Point mine workers at this location would be in no physical danger, an Army spokesman said.

Miners hit a snag recently when CP&L officials refused to let Martin Marietta use the power plant's discharge canal that empties into the Atlantic Ocean offshore from Caswell Beach.

"I thought we would already have it three months ago," said John Long, director of government affairs for Martin Marietta in Raleigh. "We haven't given up."

Water is drawn from the Cape Fear River along a 2.5-mile intake canal and used to cool CP&L's condensers. This water is discharged along a 5.5-mile canal which

includes concrete pipes under the Intracoastal Waterway to a pumping station on Oak Island. From the pumping station on Caswell Beach, water is discharged into the ocean through two 13-foot-diameter pipes extending 2,000 feet into the ocean where rapid mixing and flushing of the tides dissipates waste heat.

Martin Marietta also needs a convenient water source where it can discharge treated wastewater that leaves the limestone quarry. The wet-slurry mining operation is performed with water to reduce the amount of dust released into the air.

Company officials are "still working with land and environmental concerns" that are important for needed
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The royalty was here for the N. C. Fourth of July Festival. This year's event featured Nikki Byrd as Tiny Miss Fourth of July, "Matlock" co-star Brynn Thayer as Fourth of July Festival queen, and Kristen Ann Halcomb as Little Miss Fourth of July.

Clegg ousted, Carter named to LCFWSA

By Terry Pope
County Editor

The chairman of the Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority was removed from that board Tuesday night.

Brunswick County commissioners voted 3-2 to replace David Clegg with Billy Carter of Yaupon Beach.

Clegg, who resigned as county manager/attorney under political pressure in March, was serving out the remainder of his three-year term which expires in April, 1995.

Commissioner Wayland Vereen, who is a past member of the authority, made the motion to replace Clegg. Fellow Democratic members Tom Rabon and Don Warren also voted for the change.

"We just need someone who is more closely attached to us," said Vereen.

"David Clegg is much more familiar with it and much more knowledgeable. I feel he should stay on it."

Donald Shaw
County commissioner

Carter, a Democrat, served as county manager in the 1980s and ran unsuccessfully for the Brunswick County Board of Education in Vereen.
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County will assist industry with loan

A company that plans to open a plastics manufacturing plant in Leland will get help from the county.

Brunswick County commissioners voted Tuesday to seek \$50,000 from the state's Industrial Building Renovation Fund to help Premier Molded Plastics Inc. upgrade a building in the Leland Industrial Park.

The county is not held liable for repayment of the three-percent, low-interest loan, said Tom Monks, executive director of the Brunswick County Economic Development Commission. BB&T of Wilmington will provide another \$50,000 at eight-percent interest.

Co-owners Randolph J. Moore and George Millington plan to use what they learned while working at the former Siemens Energy and Automation Inc. plant in Wilmington to form their own company.

They will manufacture plastic components for electrical distribution, appliances, power tools and thermostats. Siemens closed in June, taking away approximately 150 jobs from the area.

Premier plans to hire 15 persons to start and expand to 42 in its
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Recycling comes up way short of goal

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Despite a 1991 state-mandated goal to reduce its waste stream 25 percent by June 30, 1993, Brunswick County has reduced its waste stream only about five percent over the past two years, said county recycling coordinator Mary McCarley.

McCarley blamed the shortfall on the "out of sight, out of mind attitude" of many people in the county.

"I've had people flat out tell me, 'I'm not going to recycle, lady. Why should I when it doesn't cost me a thing to throw it away,'" McCarley said. "It's been very discouraging."

No significant reduction in the waste stream can be expected until there's some kind of economic incentive, she concluded. Tipping fees and household charges are not popular, but McCarley said they are the only way to reduce waste at its primary source -- the home.

"Brunswick County is the last county in the state that has no tipping fees," she noted.

Virtually all of Brunswick County's waste stream reduction has taken place as a result of recycling, she said, while the amount of waste generated has remained about the same.

The state has outlined six means of waste reduction, in order of their desirability: waste reduction at the source, recycling and reuse, composting, incineration with energy

production, incineration for volume reduction, and disposal in landfills.

While counties are required to reduce the amount of trash generated, state agencies are required to establish recycling programs for office paper and look for markets for recyclables. Although more people are recycling, markets for recyclables are not being created at the same rate.

Brunswick County's next goal is to reduce its waste stream 40 percent by
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School board chairman

Baxter resides outside district

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

The chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Education no longer resides in the district she was elected to represent, but she doesn't think that is reason enough to step down because she plans to move back before the summer is over.

Donna Baxter said she sold her house on Forest Lane in Boiling Spring Lakes this spring after having it on the market for four years. "I had an opportunity and I took it," she said Tuesday. But that left her with no place to live so she found temporary residence in Long Beach.

She said the six-month lease on the house in which she currently resides expires in September and by that time she hopes to have purchased another home in Boiling Spring Lakes.

"I'm working on buying one in Boiling Spring Lakes right now," she said, explaining she is in the process of negotiating with the owner of a home of South Shore Drive.

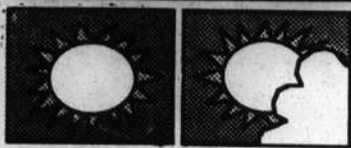
"I hope to be a resident of District 4 before the summer runs out," she said. "I miss Boiling Spring Lakes."

Baxter did acknowledge that because she is not currently living in District 4, which includes Boiling Spring Lakes and Town Creek, and runs along N. C. 211 from Supply to the Columbus County line, she could not file to run for the board of education if that seat were on the ballot now. However, she said she plans to be back in the district long before the filing period opens in January, 1994.

She also acknowledged that there have been some questions raised about her right to continue serving on the board of education

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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JULY 8	LOW
11:49 a.m.		5:39 a.m.
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	FRIDAY, JULY 9	
12:06 a.m.		6:19 a.m.
12:32 p.m.		6:32 p.m.
	SATURDAY, JULY 10	
12:43 a.m.		7:01 a.m.
1:14 p.m.		7:20 p.m.
	SUNDAY, JULY 11	
1:25 a.m.		7:46 a.m.
2:05 p.m.		8:13 p.m.
	MONDAY, JULY 12	
2:13 a.m.		8:34 a.m.
2:54 p.m.		9:12 p.m.
	TUESDAY, JULY 13	
3:03 a.m.		9:26 a.m.
3:47 p.m.		10:12 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, JULY 14	
4:02 a.m.		10:21 a.m.
4:42 p.m.		11:11 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly Inlet, high -22, low -8.

Forecast

The extended forecast Thursday through Saturday calls for partly cloudy skies and hot weather. Highs are expected in the mid-90s, with nighttime lows in the 70s.