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**To:** <TEXAS Commission on Environmental Quality>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 09, 2009 2:16 PM  
**Subject:** Aggregate Industries --WCR, Inc.

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TO TCEQ P.O.Box 13087 Austin Texas 78711-3087

Reference: Aggregate Industries -- WCR, Inc.  
Permit # 83755

Purpose:: Request a contested case hearing.

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AIR PERMITS DIVISION

We know a new Quarry would mean big business, more jobs and a local new industry would add more income and revenue to the state of Texas. But at who's expense? Perhaps not the states. A new quarry will surely depreciate our property values, create extinction of Golden Cheek Warbler, contaminate our lungs, destroy youth/adult's future health, & jeopardize safety on local roadways.

Brief information stating why we are taking the time to send you our message. After living in the area over twenty years, we know an endangered species (bird) lives in the area where the quarry permit is requested. Excuse me for not lining up all of the many reasons in chronological order.

I will merely list a few which might be classified as the most important.

Several cancer survivals live in the area. They can't handle breathing more dust from a new quarry. The quarry we already have within three miles of our homes proves that point instantly. Endangerment of children on school buses passing some of those 3 to 500 quarry loaded trucks on the road daily?

Daily blasting of the present quarry close by, when the earth shakes like an earthquake, windows, houses, driveways and sidewalks split eventually. There are visible damages on nearly all the properties in Shadow Hills which is just across the Road on Hwy 1863 from our Mission Valley Estates. We (sixty-five homeowners) may not have as many damages, but we can show you as many as you have time to view. Our driveway, for one, and cement steps for another!

My personal health is important to me. I, Melba Shaw, have various allergies. Clean air is one of my main reasons for enjoying this property in

Comal County. Sorry to state, I did not know the local quarry was already there in April, 1988. My mistake for not checking, but Century 21 didn't volunteer the information either.

We could state ten more reasons, but do not wish to over spend our time or

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yours. Any reason you see in question above, please be our guest any hour of the day. We will personally drive you around to view the facts in person. Any day M - F, spend all morning or all day and you can witness one of the tremors or earthshaking moments in our kitchen while you enjoy a cup of coffee. Stay for lunch if you like. No one is trying to upset you

or try to pull any wool over your eyes, that is except for Holcium Industries.

We are peaceful Texas citizens minding our own business, but the current granted request for an Air Permit and any future permits to open another quarry is our business!

We ~~sincerely~~ thank you for your time, and pray you do not issue future permit(s) to Aggregate Industries and reconsider the one previously granted.

Sincerely, James & Melba Shaw  
Mission Valley Estates  
139 Mittmann Circle  
New Branfels, TX 78132-3721  
830-620-0462

ps Melba Shaw is a member of SAFE. Prior to June, 2008, someone hired an impositor to attend all of our meetings. The individual entered as though he was hired by a local ranch to observe and protect their property. He even volunteered to be one of the main officers. At some point in time, one of the officers got suspicious. All of the SAFE attendees were good listerners. After investigating, and asking the person several questions at our next meeting, he had answers, but knew he failed to satisfy the group. He pulled a disappearing act so quickly, nobody knows where he is at present.

cc Senator Jeff Wentworth  
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