

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2 - Re: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number 87730L001

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Subject: Re: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number 87730L001

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>>> On 05/30/2009 at 3:54 PM, wrote:

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COUNTY: FALLS

PRINCIPAL NAME: CONNERS CONSTRUCTION INC

CN NUMBER: CN601463409

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NAME: Pamela Kelly

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
To: air
Date: 6/3/2009 11:06 AM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number 87730L001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-APD
Attachments: LetterTCEQRockCrushingCorrection.doc

Sorry for the mistake

>>> PUBCOMMENT-APD 6/2/2009 10:32 AM >>>
This email has no attached comment.

Thanks,

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May 30, 2009

The Honorable Buddy Garcia
Chair, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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MC – 105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Air Quality Permit Application for Conners Construction Inc.
dba Conners Crushed Stone & Materials, Co. – CN601463409
Tate Site, Marlin, Falls County, Texas

Dear Chairman Garcia:

On May 28, 2009 I electronically submitted a request for a “public hearing” for the above application and received an electronic response indicating it had been received by TCEQ.

I have since realized that my request should have been for a “public meeting.”

Please accept my apologies for any confusion. For clarity’s sake, please make a notation of this correction on my original comments since, at this point in time, I do not wish to request a contested case hearing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Pam Kelly
Falls County Landowner

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
To: air
Date: 5/29/2009 1:29 PM
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Tate Site, Marlin, Falls County, Texas

Dear Chairman Garcia:

I respectfully request that TCEQ hold a public hearing regarding this application.

I have concerns about emissions that this new operation will add to an area already affected by other rock operations. There are elderly and health-compromised residents within close proximity. I am worried about the effect that the pollutants – the same components as in acid rain -- may have in the long run on the tombstones of Blue Ridge and other historical cemeteries such as Kirk Memorial.

My ancestors came to the Blue Ridge area in 1834. Much of the land in my great, great, great grandfather's land grant lives on as working farms or ranches. Many descendants remain in the area. My ancestors are buried in the Blue Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery, which lies only a few thousand feet from the facilities proposed for the western side of CR 246.

Since its beginnings, Falls County has been dependant on agriculture. Most pioneers came here to farm the exceptional soil of the Brazos River watershed. Today many Falls County farmers raise fresh vegetables as a living.

Cattle raising is paramount to our economy. Many rural and urban residents have household gardens. They all depend on clean soil, water and air to produce products that consumers and their families can safely eat.

I am also concerned about what dust plumes might make their way over my farm, compromising the health of the soil, surface water, plants, the health of my own family and the economic health of my land. In my family since the 1870s, my farm lies within a couple of miles as the wind blows from the proposed rock crushing site on CR 246. It is leased for cow/calf operations and I actively preserve it as wildlife habitat.

My goal, of course, is to live there. I have been researching for some time the possibilities of different consumable ag products. At minimum, I will have a family garden and a water catchment system. Both assets are easily compromised by air-borne matter. With pending water shortages and economic challenges, each is becoming more and more a practical choice for Texans.

But this issue reaches much further than my farm or the small community of Blue Ridge. Upon their completion, coal-powered plants will completely surround Falls County. Winds can carry pollution on any given day onto the people and land of Falls County. Statistics indicate that the newer Robertson County plant will release more contaminants than all those recently axed plants added together.

My question is this: How much pollution can one area absorb and still be able to sustain suitable air, soil, water, health and quality of life for its present and future residents, as well as for those who produce agricultural products for public consumption? How soiled can an area become and still claim to be a healthy place to retire or invest a business? How can producers guarantee a healthy product for their customers?

Falls County lies directly beneath the Central Flyway, which holds unique economic potential for what traditionally has been one of the poorest counties in Texas. How can an area be marketed for birding or nature photography if its landscape is compromised by poor air quality? All of these activities can contribute to the economic health of the State of Texas.

Falls County's greatest asset is in its natural resources. I do not want to see this beautiful, still rural area become a place that polluting companies come because no one can stop them.

I understand that TCEQ has to address air quality alone in its review of this application. But in these economically troubled times,

every state entity in Texas has a responsibility to recognize, protect and encourage the potential economic assets of Texas communities. The health of an area's economy and the health of its environment are inseparable now. To ignore this is wasteful and foolish.

Again, I respectfully request that you provide a public hearing on this application. Barring any guarantee against negative consequences from their operation, I also request that you consider denying a permit for two more rock crushing plants in an already beleaguered area.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Pam Kelly
Falls County Landowner, Sixth Generation

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TCEQ Public Meeting Form

March 11, 2010

Conners Construction, Inc.
Proposes Air Quality Permit No. 87730L001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Pam Kelly

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Physical Address (if different): 208 Ward St.

City/State: Marlin Zip: 76661

This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act

Email: pamkKelly@aol.com

Phone Number: (254) 883-3372

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? Yes No

If yes, which one? W Blue Ridge group

Please add me to the mailing list.

I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.

I wish to provide formal *WRITTEN COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.
(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE
2010 MAR 15 AM 11:42
TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

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