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- Cc: Mr. Harvey Hilderbran, State Representative
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768-2910

RE: TCEQ APPLICATION #97199

This letter is a statement of concerns that the Mason County Historical Commission has over the proposed Katemcy, TX sand plant project to wit: Application #97199 in Mason County, Texas.

Besides the obvious impact that the sand plant will have on the air quality and the aquifer for this area's water supply, our interest also lies in the impact that this project will have on historic structures, cemeteries, historical sites and the water needed to sustain said in an appropriate manner for years to come.

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Of special concern is the use of explosives and the subsequent impact that use will have on the historic structures nearby (Bethel Chapel, established in 1876 and the Bethel Cemetery, the old Baptist Church, Peter's Prairie School as well as the Katecmy Park area where John O. Meusebach, famed German negotiator, negotiated the peace treaty with the Comanche Indians in 1847). See attached photos.

It is the Mason County Historical Commission's obligation, as mandated by the State of Texas, to protect historical sites and structures and the means to sustain them.

We understand the private property rights of the owners or leesee and their obligation to insure that their project does not adversely impact their neighbors.

Sincerely,



Jan Appleby

Chair, Mason County Historical Commission

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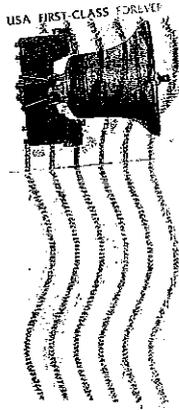
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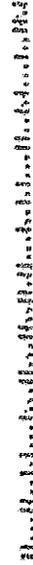
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Dear TCEQ;

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And I quote;

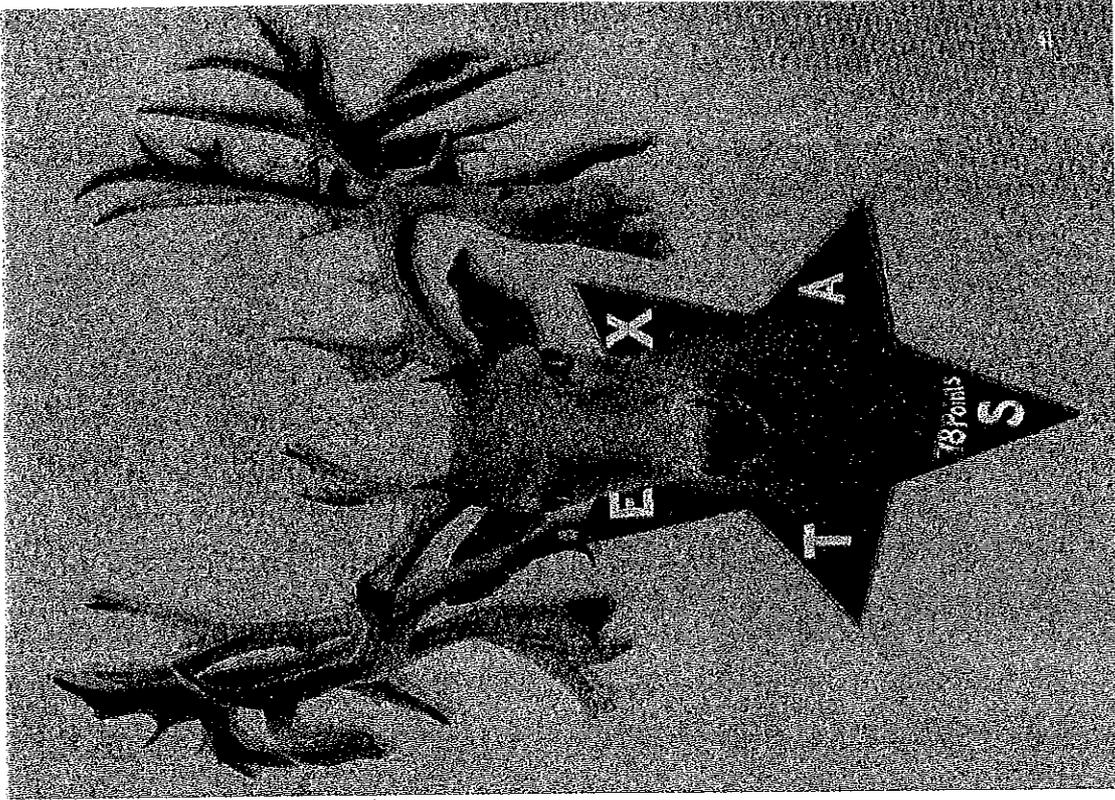
"IF we want to keep enjoying Texas, we need to make smart choices everyday to take care of Texas"

Please consider the bigger picture and "Take Care of Texas" by not allowing an Industrial Sand Plant in the precious Hill Country that will certainly compromise Air Quality and so much more.

Sincerely, Janna Blanchard

Janna Blanchard
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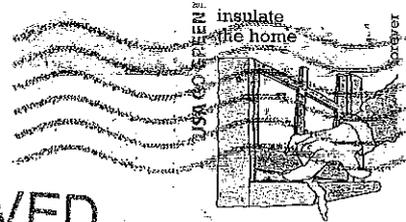
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Re: Application #97199
Sand Plant Project
Katemcy, Mason County, TX

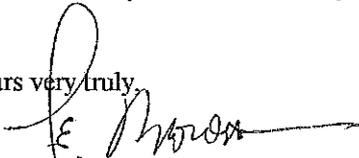
Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a resident and property owner in Mason County, Texas. I am writing to you to express to you my grave concerns about the potential adverse effects and impact the operation of the proposed sand plant could have on our county and communities. The air quality, water quality, water quantity and purity of our single source of water could well be adversely impacted. Additionally, as a member of the Mason County Historical Commission I have concerns about the potential damage to historical sites and buildings from blasting at the project.

I certainly realize that your agency is required to follow the laws and regulations covering the approval or disapproval of an application, with decisions based in part on the content and disclosures contained within the application. As my concerns are very real with respect to the possible harm to our health and possible contamination to air and water, I appeal to you personally and request a delay in any decision to approve the application. A reasonable delay will allow the citizens of Mason county the necessary time to develop additional information and documentation in support of the objection to the proposed project.

I wish to thank you in advance for your consideration of my concerns and request.

Yours very truly,



Leighton E. Brown
3657 Loeffler Lane
Mason, TX 76856

Phone No. 325-347-0221
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REGULATED ENTITY NAME KATEMICY SAND PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN106184195

PERMIT NUMBER: 97199

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: MASON

PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN603148750

FROM

NAME: Mary Calhoun

E-MAIL: everywalk321@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 13541 ROYAL FIFTH CT

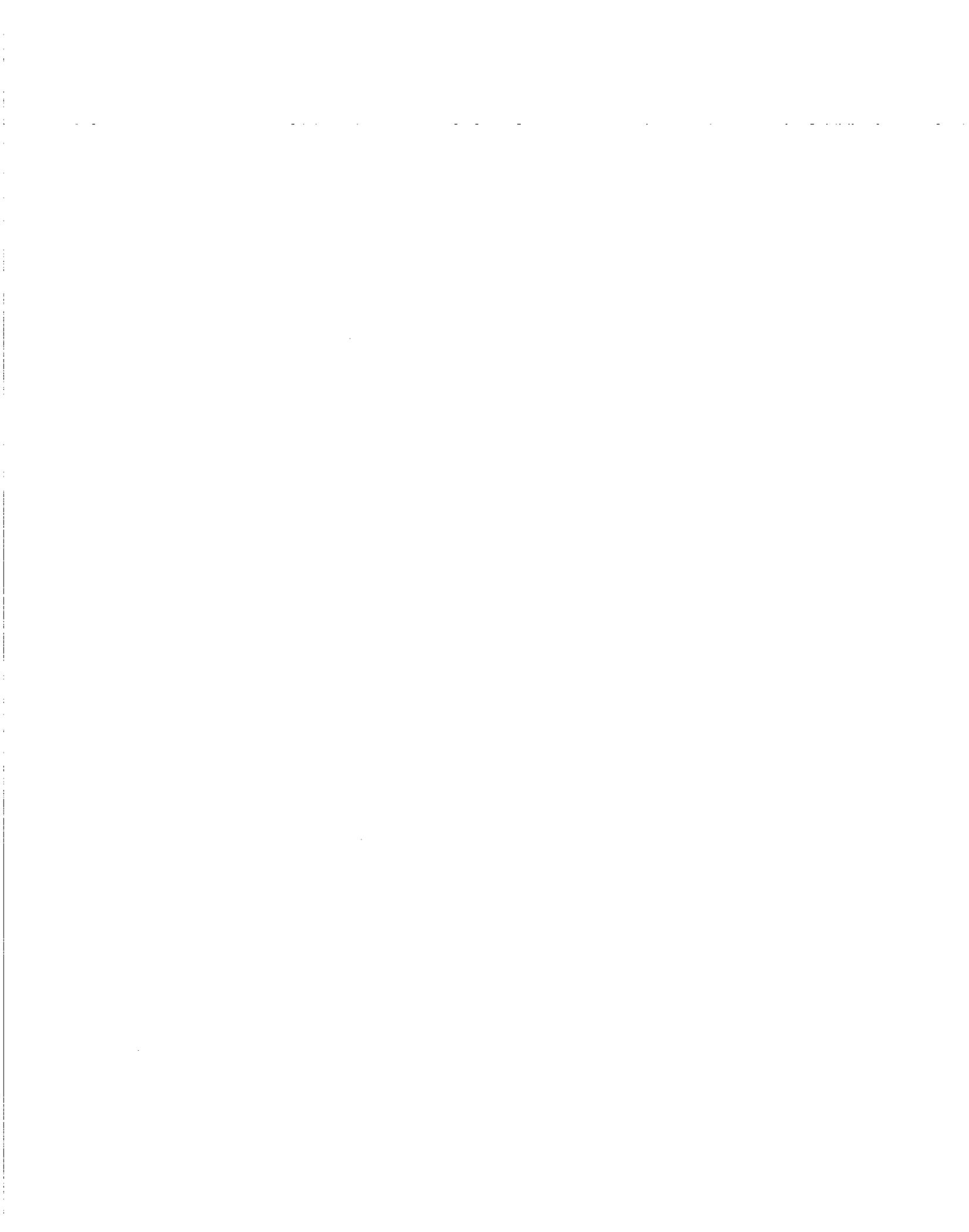
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PHONE: 3619493363

FAX:

COMMENTS: To: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Concerning : Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 97199 In response to the public notification of the request of air quality permit by Proppant Specialists for industrial sand plant to be located on Ranch Road 1222 near Katemcy, Texas in Mason County. Our family land and house is located approximately 2/10 mile from proposed site. We are very concerned that the silica dust that will be generated by this plant will harm, not only the environment for ranching and farming, including water tanks (stocked with fish), but also the effect it will have on our family members. My husband was burned as a child and has lung issues already. Both of my sons have issues with allergies, with one diagnosed with asthma at an early age. I also have grandchildren now, that have been diagnosed with asthma. This is one of the few places we can all gather without worry about air pollution and its effects. Mason county and this area are known for its beauty, wildlife-what will become of this, if the pollution that this plant will likely produce, comes to pass? What options do we as landowners, investors in local economy, family members-that were hoping for this land to be passed from generation to generation -What options do we have? To be covered in the white dust/particulates that we see coming from the other plants? To not be able to even visit for fear of sickness, not only from the "dust", but the exhaust fumes from machinery and diesel trucks constantly running. This is a 24/7 operation as I understand, and as I have seen at the other plants does not produce an even semi-healthy environment. Please consider that not only is this a health risk for humans, also the wildlife, and plant species (there are some specific flora in the granite hills located directly across from proposed plant site, that are on the endangered species list I believe.) All we are requesting is that someone, somewhere have proof that no harm will come from this plant being built in proposed area. From what I have been able to observe in the other areas these plants have been constructed I don't believe anyone can truthfully do this. Thank you for your time and helpful attention to this matter. Mary Calhoun email: everywalk321@yahoo.com





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PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC
CN NUMBER: CN603148750
FROM
NAME: Heidi Comey
E-MAIL: heidicomey@yahoo.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS: PO BOX 293
MASON TX 76856-0293
PHONE: 3253472341
FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Heidi Comey. I live on Sandy Lane which is about two miles from where the sand plant would be. My husband Cody and I have three children (13, 11, and 6) My youngest child Brody, has severe asthma and I am deeply concerned that this sand plant will effect his health. We bought eight acres and built a home to raise our children out in the country and now I am concerned that my youngest child will not even be able to play outside due to the emissions from the sand plant you are planning to build..I am deeply concerned for the health of all of my children but mostly my youngest...What can I do as a mother to make sure he will be ok and to know what will happen to the air if this sand plant is built. Please call or e-mail me and let me know what I can do regarding this issue....HEIDI COMEY

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FROM

NAME: Lanea Duncan

E-MAIL: laneadunc@mesh.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 7817 LLANO AVE

FORT WORTH TX 761.16-1461

PHONE: 8172441941

FAX:

COMMENTS: Our family property is in Mason County, every weekend and in the near future there will be someone on the property at all times. We have great concern for our ourselves, our family, our community, cattle, and crops. This Sand Plant will endanger our air quality severely, It is not fair for us to settle for air pollution when we didn't ask for it. You live in an environment with clean fresh air and a company buys property, and contaminates your air, where are the right of the people? We don't want to breathe their sand / emmissions / contaminates! Our children / elder / pets / cattle / crops / Wildlife Game Preservation, community, visitors, surrounding communities, None of us want this air contamination. NO SAND PLANT! Please!



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Subject: Proppant Specialists, LLC Air Quality Permit # 97199

This letter is in regards to our concerns about this air quality permit being issued and how the air quality emissions of this project may adversely affect our health, and the operations of our livestock program.

We live on 126 acres, located approximately one mile from the site of the proposed Proppant industrial sand plant. My mother and I both have health problems. I have severe allegery problems and asmathma and routinely have upper respiratory infections. My 81 year old mother has been diagnosed as a type 1 brittle diabetic and has COPD (Cronic Obstructive Pulomnary Disease). Already struggling to pay for our current medical bills and medications we can not afford any additional cost that may be generated due to degrading health conditions because of unlawful emissions of high levels of carcinogenic crystalline silica dust, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and other organic compounds.

If this plant starts operations, we fear that it will not be properly monitored and exceed the allowable levels of carcinogenic crystalline silica dust, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and other organic compounds. Part of the air quality hazards will be generated by the operation of 100 plus trucks a day that will be hauling the sand to the well sites.

We fear this will cause a great negative impact on the Camp Air/Katemcy/Peter's Prairie community and respectfully request the TCEQ to diligently review and monitor this air quality permit request.

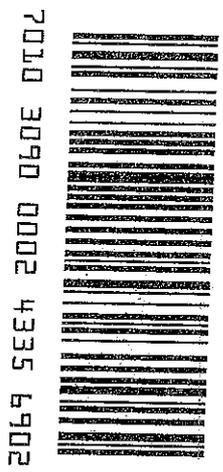
Respectfully;

Lorene and Greg Dunlap
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RE: Air Quality Permit No. 97199

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to voice my concern about the proposed sand mining operation in Katemcy, Texas. Sand mining operations such as this generate harmful amounts of pollutants into the air, only one of them being crystalline silica. Crystalline silica has been classified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the EPA and the CDC as a human lung carcinogen. This silica, along with other particulate matter and carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and organic compounds (as stated in the application) will not only severely affect those residents closest to the plant, but will affect people farther away, as the winds blow this harmful matter for miles. In addition to humans being harmed, livestock, wildlife, pets, and even vegetation will be adversely affected. This is a farming and ranching community and one of the top hunting areas in the state. All of this would be in jeopardy if sand mining pollutes our air. Elderly residents and people who have already existing respiratory problems could actually be forced to leave their homes in order to find clean air to breathe. The sand mine employees would be at greatest risk, as well as the truck drivers who haul the sand.

In my case, I am already exposed to the blowing pollutants from sand mining operations in Voca, Texas, just six miles away from my house. The Katemcy site is only four miles from my house, and would add even more.

In addition, there would be the added pollution caused by the hundreds of trips back and forth by the trucks hauling the sand out.

Please deny the permit.

Sincerely,

Dixie Feuerbacher

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P. O. Box 880
Mason, TX 76856

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CC: Mason County Commissioners Court
Stanley Toepich, Commissioner, Precinct 3

The Honorable Troy Fraser

Rep. Harvey Hilderbran

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I have lived in the same location for the past 80 years. It is within one mile of the proposed location for this sand plant.

I am bothered with severe sinus problems when we have a sand storm. If this plant goes in it would be a continual dust storm when I live. I had hoped to live out my life here, but it would be impossible with a plant this close.

No one else would buy my home for the same reason. My other family members will be effected in similar ways.

Its just not right.

Jerry Donel
1831 Katy Rd
Boody, TX 76825

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RE: Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 97199

This letter is in response to the public notification of the request for air quality permit by Proppant Specialists outlining their intention to build an industrial sand plant that is to be located on Ranch Road 1222 near Katemcy, Texas.

I have breathing problems and feel like this plant will affect my health issues.

Silica sand mining operations generate a great deal of dust. There is documented evidence that inhalation of this dust can cause respiratory problems, heart disease, worsening of asthma symptoms and, worst-case scenario, the life threatening and disabling lung disease silicosis. *Use quotes from the hand outs that were given in meeting*

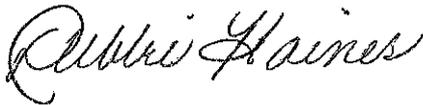
(Reminder: McCullough County has documented of the most alarming increase in cancer incidence in the state in past 8 years. How is it possible to eliminate this sand mining history and resultant air contaminants as a part of the problem?)

In our community, we are free of diesel and auto exhaust and urban related pollutants. Because of the massive truck traffic hauling this sand away, we will experience a tremendous increase in exhaust products from these trucks.

The County of Mason has no jurisdiction over these types of operations since a landowner may do what he wishes with the land.

Therefore, the only hope of protecting our homes, environment lies with the TCEQ.

Respectfully submitted,



Debbie Haines

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Regarding Permit application #97199

My name is John Haines. I have lived in the Camp Air and Katemcy community all my life. My farm is located approximately three miles from the proposed site of yet another sand mining operation. It is my belief that the result of such a mining operation will be the devastation of not only the land, air, and water, but a way of life that has existed for over 100 years.

The Peter's Prairie Community is nestled in a valley fed by Katemcy Creek and Dry Prong Creek. The proposed site is on Dry Prong Creek. Although there are many other issues involved, I am required to address the dust issue primarily. I have seen first-hand what sand plant dust can do. The trees get coated with a film of dust as does everything else. Then the constant truck traffic stirs the dust and disturbs the existing habitat. If you are anywhere close, it chokes you until the wind blows it by. On still days the dust hangs in the area until it settles, sometimes taking several minutes. With the constant truck traffic and continued mining, the air stays dusty. It is my understanding that mining operations are required to provide breathing protection for their employees. How are they going to provide for all the surrounding community and their livestock, not to mention the native wildlife? Even the water will be affected. When it rains, the settled dust will wash downstream infecting the fish and wildlife.

My wife and I have made plans to build our permanent residence on the property where I was raised. Dust will be in the air constantly. I already have lung damage from the dust off a lifetime of farming and ranching. That dust is not nearly as dangerous as what is to come if this mining operation is allowed. I am greatly concerned for my grandchildren and neighbors who have young ones. We have already lost a member of our community to the nearby sand mining operation. His lungs became so scarred that he could no longer breathe; he died at what I consider a young age. Not everything that makes money is worth the devastation that is to come.

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As I said, I was raised on and have worked the land in the area of this proposed site. The Peter's Prairie Community is an historic site of the peace treaty between early settlers and the Commanche. It was also where the soldiers from Fort Mason cut hay for their animals. My folks came here over 100 years ago. I think we have a community worth preserving. Should things be allowed to escalate, we will no longer be called "Peter's Prairie" but "Peter's Pit". Not only will I be forced to leave but so will many of my neighbors. Not one of us wants the quality of life associated with a sand plant in our community, especially if we are down wind from the constant dust, blasting, noise and traffic. I believe that it is important to have an environmental survey taken on the air, water and quality of life affected in the proposed area. Why do we have to be yet another community forced to sell out to the almighty dollar and the unending sprawl of such damaging industrial operations.

Please put a stop the air quality permit now!

John R. Haines

CC: Hickory Underground Water Conservation District – Larry Lehmborg
Mason County Commissioners' Court – Stanley Toepich

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Haines". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

*Haines
13216 N. US Hwy 87
Mesquite, TX 75048*

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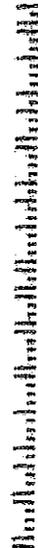
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Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number 97199
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REGULATED ENTY NAME KATEMCY SAND PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN106184195

PERMIT NUMBER: 97199

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: MASON

PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN603148750

FROM

NAME: Dan Hall

E-MAIL: dannpd@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 503 PR 643

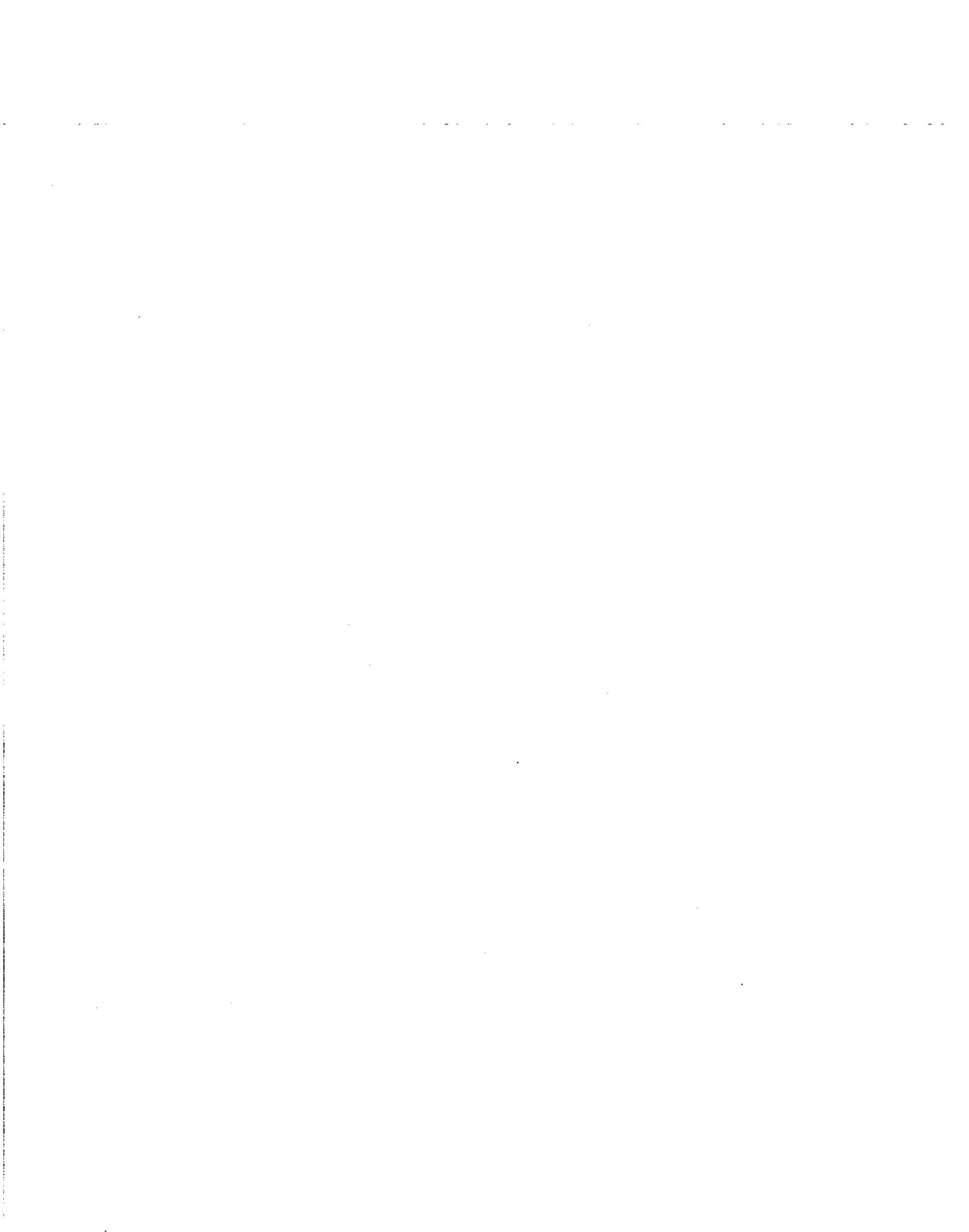
Brady TX 76825

PHONE: 5127512015

FAX:

COMMENTS: September 9, 2011 Dear sirs: My name is Dan Hall and I am writing you to voice my concern about a sand plant that has plans to open on the north side of Ranch Road 1222 near Katemcy, Mason county , Texas 76856. I am a 5th generation rancher and have a ranch which is 3 or 4 miles to the north west of the proposed site of this sand mining operation. There are several negative things that a sand mining operation brings to a community, but I am trying to only address the matter of air quality in this letter. Since the winds are primarily out of the south east my home and ranch are in the path of any particulate matter that this operation will generate. I have seen the obvious particulate fall out from other like mining operations in the area not to mention the particulate fall out that cant be seen with the human eye. Common sense says that this cant be beneficial, not only for people, but also for livestock and wildlife. I mention wildlife because I not only ranch here and raise cattle, but also have a whitetail deer breeding and hunting operation that provides lively hood for myself and my family. I was in the hospital at Seton Medical center in Austin in the first week of September with a pulmonary embolism (a blood clot in the lungs) which just makes me more concerned about the air that I breathe. With all of this said I will list some of my concerns. 1. Does the TCEQ have all of the information on what particulate matter that will be generated by such a mining operation? I know for a fact that many people that work in such a mining operation suffer from lung issues that come from breathing all of the different air pollutants in such a work environment. 2. I know that there are several steps in the process of mining frac sand. Has the TCEQ identified which steps generate the air born particulate matter and will proper steps be taken to limit this air pollution? What assurances will you offer that these steps have been taken? 3.Does the TCEQ have any idea what the particulate pollutants are? I am sure that some of the pollutants are more dangerous than others and I am sure that the pollutants are numerous. 4. Does the TCEQ know the level of air pollution generated by the tremendous increase in trucks hauling the sand from the mining operation will be not to mention the mining equipment that will be used to get the sand to the trucks that will be running through our community? 5.How does the TCEQ run tests to determine the level of particulate pollution that is being emitted by such a mining operation? Are such tests reliable? 6. How does the TCEQ determine the length of time that may have to pass before the health hazards manifest themselves in the surrounding community? I know that breathing pollutants in other types of industries doesn't show up right away. Examples are the petrochemical industry refineries on the gulf coast and coal mining in other parts of the country where it may be years before the effects are realized. These are just some of the concerns that I have today. I hope and pray that the TCEQ will consider not only what I have listed here, but all of the information that is available to you before issuing the permits required. I feel that this mining operation will have a negative impact on my health, the health of my wildlife, livestock, and my community. Sincerely, Dan Hall 503 PR 643 Brady, Texas 76825 512 897 1687

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PERMIT NUMBER: 97199

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: MASON

PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN603148750

FROM

NAME: Jack Ross Hays

E-MAIL: stormseas@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 169 N BAY DR

BULLARD TX 75757-9395

PHONE: 9032168295

FAX:

COMMENTS: The area for proposed AQ Permit 97199 is in an open area with a ridge to the north south of the San Saba River, a ridge to the west, south, and off to the east. As the heating of the day ends radiational cooling takes place and the surface winds decouple causing an inversion that can last 12 to 16 hours each night. During that time particulate matter becomes trapped with fallout around the immediate area. I am a meteorologist that studies low level winds. Planning to retire right across FM 1222 from this project is of great concern for my health and well being not to mention all the people of Katemcy. If there is a question of this weather instruments should be installed and a two year study carried out to obtain multiple data sets for each of the seasons.

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RE: Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 97199

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My family land and dwelling is located 8 tenths of a mile south of Ranch Road 1222 at 10001 N US Hwy 87.

The airborne silica dust that will be generated by this plant has the potential to harm our families, our livestock, our many 200 to 400 year old trees, wildlife and tanks stocked with fish. Many of us remember the dust bowl days several decades ago. Farmers and ranchers have managed their land to prevent this type of extreme air pollution by the continual coastal crop coverage of our fields. We are so close to this proposed sand mining operation that we will be continually coated with the white sand dust that I see over the lands adjacent to other mining operations. There is no way to keep this out of our homes, away from the livestock, out of the stock tanks etc. It is obvious that silica sand mining operations generate a great deal of dust. There is documented evidence that inhalation of this dust can cause respiratory problems, heart disease, worsening of asthma symptoms and the life threatening and disabling lung disease silicosis.

Our county judge, Jerry Bearden, noted in county commissioners meeting (August 22,2011) that his office has received numerous inquiries about county regulation of proposed sand mining facilities./ His response is that the county has no regulatory authority in the matter.

Therefore, the only hope of protecting the environment where we live lies with the TCEQ. Please know that, despite the rural nature of this area, we truly are a community of over a hundred individuals that will be negatively impacted by this operation.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C Jacques

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Land Owner

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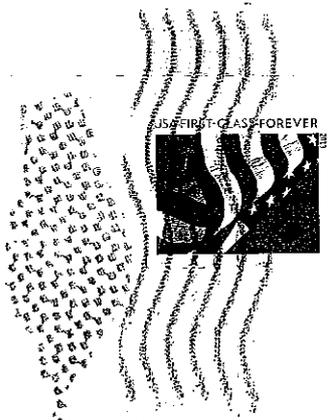
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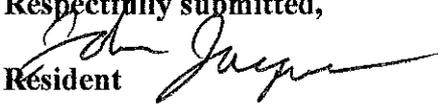
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Resident

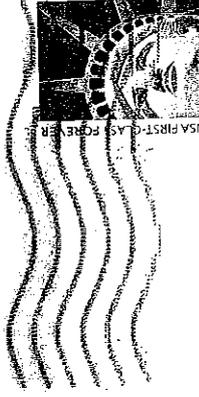


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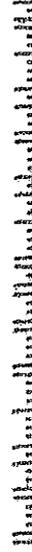
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RN NUMBER: RN106184195
PERMIT NUMBER: 97199
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY: MASON
PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC
CN NUMBER: CN603148750
FROM
NAME: Riley Kothmann
E-MAIL: rjmar@hctc.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS: PO BOX 1887
MASON TX 76856-1887
PHONE: 3252584624
FAX:

COMMENTS: My wife and I live approximately 6 miles ESE from the proposed sand plant. We have concerns about the affect this plant will have on dust and particulate matter in the air. There are other similar plants in the surrounding area and the vegetation in the immediate area of these plants typically has a coating of dust on them. Particulate matter can travel much farther and, as far as we know, there is no on or off site monitoring for these pollutants. We are worried about the respiratory impacts in this area.

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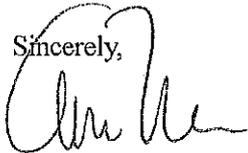
Regarding Permit Application #97199 and Permit yet to be applied for (Pontotoc)

As a land owner in close proximity, I would like to respectfully protest the building and operation of two new frac sand mines (one in Katemcy and one in Pontotoc), Mason County, Texas for the following reasons:

- 1) Crystalline silica has been classified by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the EPA and CDC as a human lung carcinogen. The mining and transportation of this sand will not only adversely affect the people who work in these plants but also the people of these communities, their pets, cattle, horses, birds, fish, deer, and vegetation in the area; contaminating the food and water of all living things nearby.
- 2) The tremendous amount of water use in sand mining is significant and greatly impacts the water supply and water quality needed for human use. Our precious commodity of fresh water in this particular area stands to be seriously, if not completely, depleted in a short period of time with the addition of more sand being mined in our immediate vicinity.
- 3) Noise and light pollution are other considerations when mining sand. Frac sand mining is a heavy industrial process that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year round without regard for anything or anybody.
- 4) Property devaluation is another huge concern for those owning real estate surrounding the mining operations. What was a profitable farm and ranch with beautiful vistas in every direction; more sand mining will forever change the landscape into a virtual wasteland with no water or resources and only massive holes in the ground.

Please contemplate these matters before issuing any and all sand plant permits in Mason County.

Sincerely,



Donna Nelson
P.O. Box 572
Mason, Texas 76856
325-347-7771 (cell)

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CC:

Senator Troy Fraser, 830-693-9603; Representative Harvey Hilderbran, 830-792-4289; Hickory Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 325-597-0133; Texas Department of Agriculture, 888-223-8861; Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 214-665-2118; Mason County Commissioners Court 325-347-6868

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COUNTY: MASON

PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN603148750

FROM

NAME: MRS Jessie Holt Nobles

E-MAIL: gay.nesloney@masonisd.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 736 SANDY LN

MASON TX 76856-4405

PHONE: 3252584453

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am an 84 year old woman with property half a mile from the sand plant location. I have breathing problem and I use oxygen all the time. My home is a mile and a half away on Sandy Lane, and I would have to deal with the air pollution from this plant. We already have too many sand plants in this area. People will not be able to live here. I wanted to spend the last days of my life in the home I have known for 70 plus years. This sand plant would destroy the air quality for all the people for miles around. You need to consider the health risk to this little community. Who will profit from a sand mine? Not any one who wants to stay here in Camp Air or Katemcy. I have had my children drive me by the plants that are near us. The dust is horrible. People and animals cannot live around that. What about the noise? There is more to think about hear than someone making big money. People should come first. Sincerely, Jessie Nobles. PS If you allow this I will be afraid for my children, grandchildren, great grandchildren to come visit or even come hunting during the season. It is just wrong to allow another sand plant.

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BH III & Julie Nobles
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RE: Permit Application # 971991

Sir/Madam:

This letter is in response to the public notification of the request for an air quality permit by Proppant Specialists LLC outlining their intention to build an industrial sand mining operation that is to be located in northern Mason County on Ranch Road 1222 between the communities of Peter's Prairie/CampAir and Katemcy.

We live 1.5 miles south west of the proposed mine and processing site. We both suffer with sinusitis and respiratory problems as do family and friends that visit and stay with us from time to time. There is documented evidence that air quality emissions of sand mines will adversely affect our health.

Silica sand mining operations generate a great deal of dust. And what is even worse is the fine particulate mater that cannot be seen, smelled or tasted, but is breathed in deeply and penetrate into the lung tissue. Documented evidence that inhalation of this dust can cause respiratory problems, worsening of asthma symptoms, heart disease, skin rashes, and worst-case scenario, the life threatening and disabling lung disease silicosis.

There is a number of sand mines in a concentrated area here between Voca and Erna and the addition of more mines is going to increase the exposure to the particulate matter of these mines. These are existing mines. There more mines in the development stages for Pontotoc, Voca, Field Creek and possibly Erna. This seems excessive to me.

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Plus, figure in the emissions from equipment, trucks, auto exhausts and we will be exposed to those pollutants. It is estimated 100 trucks alone, per day, come and go from one of these plants. That is a lot of diesel exhaust/fumes in the air that was not there before. I have no idea how much will come from the big equipment in the mine itself.

We are in a valley and dust settles in here. It takes a long time to clear. When they generate dust it is going to be a problem. It will spill over the hill and south towards Mason and they will suffer also. Clean air???? If sand plants keep popping up....clean air will be a thing of the past for northern Mason County!

It is up to us to try and protect ourselves since the County of Mason has no jurisdiction over these types of operations since it is a private property issue and the landowner has the right to do as he wishes with the land. Therefore, our hope lies in the TCEQ to protect our environment and inadvertently our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Nobles

B H Nobles III
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PERMIT NUMBER: 97199

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: MASON

PRINCIPAL NAME: PROPPANT SPECIALISTS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN603148750

FROM

NAME: Josef D. Pinter.

E-MAIL: amfortas@gmx.us

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1441

MASON TX 76856-1441

PHONE: 3253474084

FAX:

COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk MC-105 P O Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087
Re: Permit Application #97199 To whom it may concern, I have lived in the Camp Air area, in Northern Mason County, Texas, for 16 years. My Mother still lives there., approximately 1. mile sw of the proposed site. This operation will have severe negative impacts on her place, as well as on the County, in general. I have been to the Voca Sand Mine, driven by it many times. What a mess! To think of such a wasteland being constructed in my mother's "Neighborhood" is unconscionable. The Pit they intend to dig, to dump "wastewater" into will, I hear, be 100+ feet deep. My mom's well is 100'. Where is the hydrological study? Where is the impact study? on Air Quality? On Water Quality? This is a relatively Dry area, semidesert...water is a precious resource, even without the current severe drought. This bunch wants to pump an enormous amount of water from the aquifer we all share...and dump it in a hole. What is the likely effect on Environmental Quality? Is finding the answer to that question not in your Mandate?(it is in your name, at least) An additional concern, revealed in looking into this issue....why such short notice? Where were the notices, as required by law? What is the rush? Does this company's Bottom Line trump the Quality of Life, Property Values and Environmental Quality of the Actual People who live here? Please, Buck the Current Trend in Texas on such matters....err on the side of Flesh and Blood People...instead of Big Business. Deny the Relevant Permits. Thanks, Josef D. Pinter. Mason, Texas 325-347-4084

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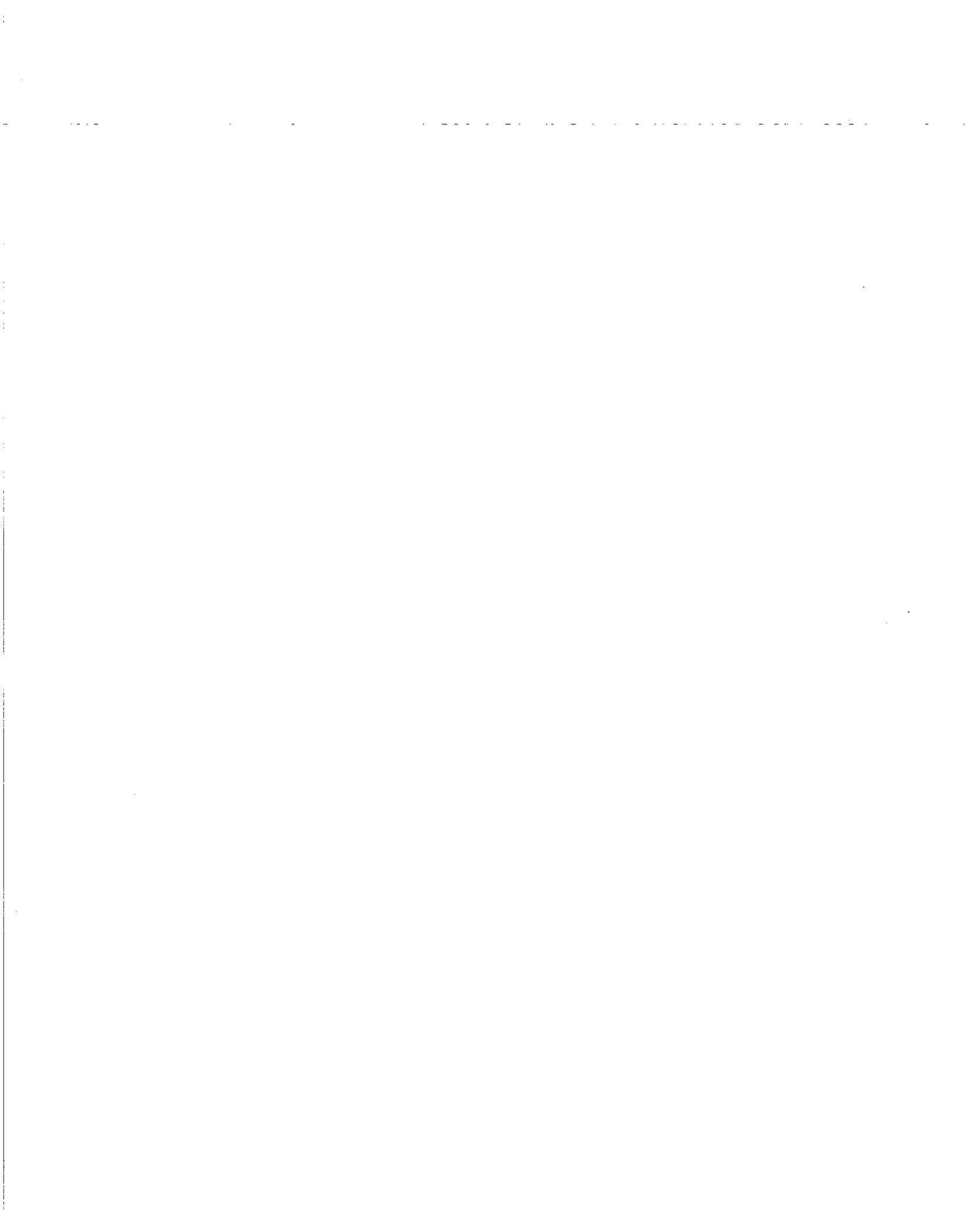
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COMMENTS: This letter is in response to the public notification of the request for air quality permit by Proppant Specialists outlining their intention to build an industrial sand plant that is to be located on Ranch Road 1222 near Katemcy, Texas. My family land and dwelling is located directly across Ranch Road 122. Our physical address (location) is listed as 483 FM 1222, Mason County. The entrance to our property is directly across FM 1222 from the proposed facility. This is less than 100 yards. Our house is located approximately 3 tenths of a mile south of FM 1222 from the location of the proposed plant. My sister and her husband have a small home that is approximately 2 tenths of a mile from the proposed plant. Silica sand mining operations generate a great deal of dust. The airborne silica dust that will be generated by this plant has the potential to harm our families, our livestock, wildlife, tanks stocked with fish. Many of us remember the dust bowl days several decades ago. Farmers and ranchers have managed their land to prevent this type of extreme air pollution by the continual costal or crop coverage of the fields. We are so close to this proposed sand mining operation that we will be continually coated with the white sand that I see over the lands adjacent to other mining operations. There is no way to keep this out of our homes, away from the livestock, out of the stock tanks, etc. There is documented evidence that inhalation of this dust can cause respiratory problems, heart disease, worsening of asthma symptoms and, worst-case scenario, the life threatening and disabling lung disease silicosis. (Reminder: McCullough County has documented of the most alarming increase in cancer incidence in the state in past 8 years. How is it possible to eliminate this sand mining history and resultant air contaminants as a part of the problem?) In addition, those who remember Katemcy peanut production history, will remember that (during combining season), the dust generated settled like a cloud in the valley that is this particular part of the county. The topography of this area creates this "bowl" and generation of large quantities of sand dust will hold this dust in air indefinitely. I work in Denton, Texas, and we maintain a home there also. The air quality in the DFW area is frequently listed as hazardous, orange and red alerts. On a personal level, I experience persistent cough that clears up when I come to stay here in our Mason County home. Here we are free of diesel and auto exhaust and urban related pollutants. Because of the massive truck traffic hauling this sand away, we will experience a tremendous increase in exhaust products from these trucks. As I know you are aware, this is a 24/7 operation and there will never be relief from the constant diesel truck traffic and corresponding exhaust products. Our county judge, Jerry Bearden, noted in county commissioners meeting (August 22, 2011) that his office had received numerous inquiries about county regulation of proposed sand mining facilities. His response is that the county has NO regulatory authority in the matter. Therefore, the only hope of protecting our homes, environment lies with the TCEQ. Please know that, despite the rural nature of this area, we truly are a community of over a hundred individuals that will be negatively impacted by this operation.



Gayle Smart
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RE: STATE AIR QUALITY Permit# 97199, submitted by Proppant Specialists, LLC, seeking authorization to construct an industrial sand plant in Mason County, Texas 76856.

Dear Chief Clerk,

I am a member of the informally organized group to be referred to as the Katemcy-Camp Air Residents' Association. Please add me to the mailing list for materials related to this permit number and send me information about the hearing process.

I am extremely against this industrial frac sand mining plant going into operation between Camp Air and Katemcy. The proposed plant would produce large volumes of air pollution from the "crystalline silica" due to the sand mining, processing, storing, and trucking and there will be adverse affects from the increased amounts of particulate matter and our house will be under this blanket of air pollution. The permitting of the proposed industrial frac sand plant represents a significant health risk to me, my family, my pets, my neighbors, and my visitors and would adversely affect all of our health and welfare.

Specifically, I/we would be adversely affected by this plant and its emissions in a way not common to the general public because I/we live on the corner of HWY 87 and Ranch Road 1222 (Ground Zero to me), less than the ¼ of a mile from the proposed plant site. I, my nine year old grandson, and my soon to be 86 year old dad live on this corner. My nine year old grandson has sinus problems that lead to sore throats/bronchitis/pharyngitis and he loves to play outside in the backyard with my three year old grandson that has allergies. I love to do yard work and my dad loves to tend to his pecan trees, goats, and garden. Point being, we all love to be outside. I have an uncle that likes to come visit us who has COPD. I do not want the health and welfare of those I love to be compromised by the quality of the air they breathe. Why does our health, lives, and lifestyle have to change just because an industrial frac sand plant will pose adverse conditions to the air quality? Is there no law governing the distance that an industrial sand plant has to be from people in order to build a plant site and become operational?

Proppant Specialists, LLC already has an industrial frac sand plant in operation. Why do they want to add to the air pollution by building yet another industrial frac sand plant over here in this area? Is there no end to the industrial frac sand plants that can be built in one area? What is the combined air pollution of all of these sand plants? Has any studies been done on this?

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I am opposed to the TCEQ permitting Proppant Specialists, LLC, Air Quality Permit# 97199 and do strongly feel that this industrial frac sand plant and all the air pollution that it will bring is hazardous to the health and welfare of the people, animals, and vegetation in the Katemcy-Camp Air community and request that the TCEQ diligently and carefully study and review the Air Permit request.

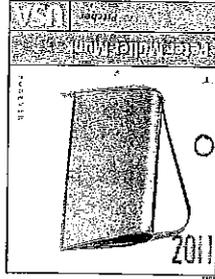
Respectfully Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gayle Smart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Gayle Smart

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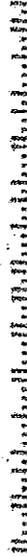
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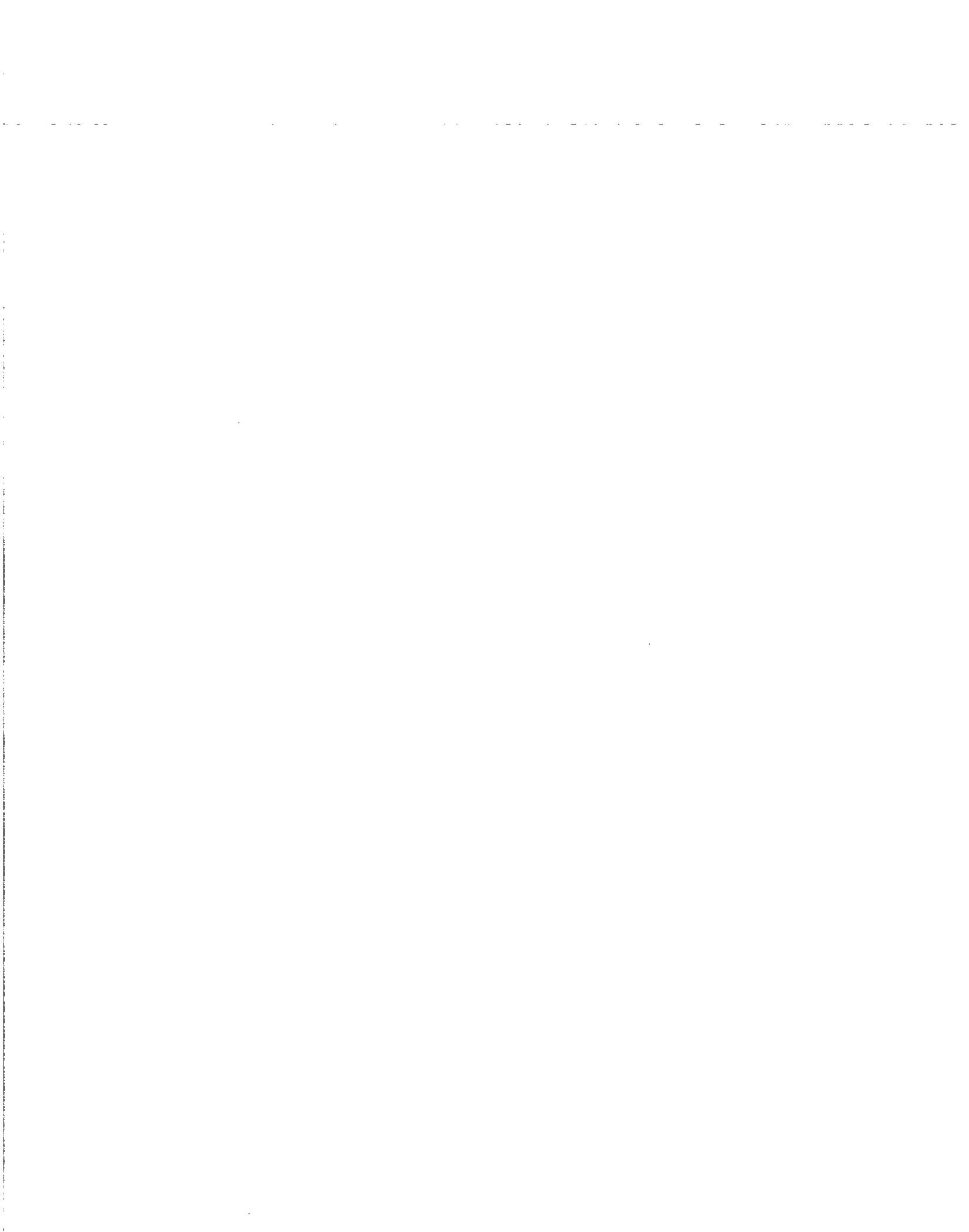
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Subject: Proppant Specialists, LLC Air Quality Permit # 97199

This letter is in regards to our concerns about this company and how the air quality emissions of this project may adversely affect our health, and the operations of our livestock and organic vegetable farming.

We are both retired State Employees and depend on the production of our livestock and organic vegetable farming to make a living. We live on and farm fifty –six acres located within three quarters of a mile from the proposed industrial sand plant. With our advancing age and health conditions we feel that the proposed industrial sand plant may pose adverse threatening conditions to the air quality of our residence and surrounding community. We frequently have visits and stays from our relatives, children, grandchildren and friends. Several of them have asthma and chronic sinusitis conditions that will be negatively impacted by the emissions of high levels of carcinogenic crystalline silica dust, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and other organic compounds.

Poor air quality conditions will adversely impact our livestock's health as well as the growth of our organic vegetable farming operations (corn, cantaloupes, peas, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, squash, zucchini, watermelons, etc.) by covering the plants with high levels of carcinogenic crystalline silica dust, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and other organic compounds. Such high levels may also kill or reduce the local bee populations. Such an impact will greatly affect plant growth, as the bee populations are the only means of pollination for the plants.

Our observations of the two existing industrial sand plants (Voca, Texas and Erna, Texas) shows that large areas around the plants are solidly covered with heavy layers of a light colored dust. We do not know if this "dust" contains any harmful or high levels of carcinogenic crystalline silica dust, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and other organic compounds, We feel that we will see similar or worse conditions if the Proppant operation is permitted to operate in the Camp Air/Katemcy/Peter's Prairie community and respectfully request the TECQ to diligently study, and review this Air Permit request.

Respectfully;

Rex and Connie Smith
P.O. Box 686
Mason, Texas 76856

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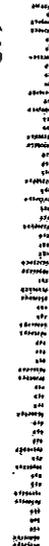
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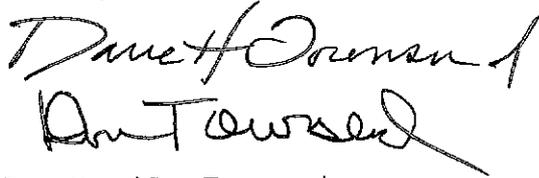
COMMENTS: I am opposed to the proposed sand plant because it will have an adverse effect on my grape vineyard, it has been scientifically proven that heavy particulate matter such as dust can cause serious problems in broad leaf plants such as grapes, one only has to observe the sand mines now in operation to know that alot of dust blows downwind from them, my vineyard will be down wind from the proposed site alot of the time, I now have 40 acres of grapes planted, Texas Dept. of Agriculture estimates the cost of establishing a vineyard somewhere above 15,000 dollars per acre not counting land cost, or about 660,000 dollars total value, I do not want to see my investment and 11 years of hard work ruined. It is also very obvious to me that TCEQ is ill equipped to monitor their operations. Drew Tallent

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I urge you to deny the requested permit for Proppant Specialists. Even if extreme measures were specified within any permitting to try to mitigate the known carcinogenic emissions, corporations will certainly cut corners for their bottom line, and this community will suffer the consequences. This is a fragile ecosystem at the western edge of the Hill Country. For generations, Texans have endeavored to protect and nurture this land. Proppant Specialists are not nurturers.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Dorrett and Don Townsend. The first signature is 'Dorrett' and the second is 'Don Townsend'.

Dorrett and Don Townsend

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