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AT PUBLIC MEETING

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
MC-105, P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Air Quality Permit 8996 and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX454M4

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I appreciate the important role of the Commission to our state's air quality and environmental protection, and respectfully request that you give careful consideration to Holcim's proposal.

Sincerely,

Joe Barton  
Member of Congress

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

November 12, 2014

The Honorable Joe Barton  
United States House of Representatives  
6001 Interstate 20 West, Suite 200  
Ronald Reagan Memorial Highway  
Arlington, Texas 76017

Dear Representative Barton:

Thank you for your letter submitted at the November 3, 2014 public meeting expressing interest regarding Holcim (Texas) Limited Partnership Air Quality Permits #8996 and PSDTX454M4. Please be assured a copy of your letter will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the permit application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application.

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Richard A. Hyde, P.E.  
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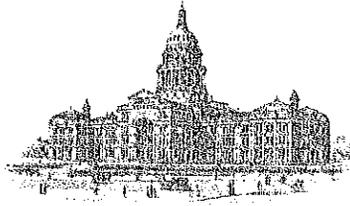
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BRIAN BIRDWELL

October 30, 2014

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Chief Clerk's Office  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg F  
Austin, TX 78753

Re: Amendment to State Air Quality Permit Number 8996, Modification to Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX454M4

As the State Senator representing District 22, I am writing to register my support for the Holcim Inc. cement plant as they proceed through the process of amending State Air Quality Permit No. 8996.

In accordance with federal guidelines, Holcim is planning to install air-pollution control technology so that they can continue to expand their operations, comply with state and federal air-quality standards, and be able to meet greater marketplace demand in the coming years.

As you know, three of the 10 largest cement plants in America call Midlothian home. It is encouraging to know that TCEQ stands ready to ensure the health and welfare of our citizens by supporting those policies which not only ensure compliance with federal regulation, but which also support the manufacturing and industrial enterprises which have caused the city of Midlothian and Ellis County to flourish.

For the benefit of the citizens of Ellis County and surrounding areas, both economically environmentally, I respectfully request that TCEQ give the most rapid disposition possible to this permit decision to ensure that the company can continue to grow. Holcim is planning to invest approximately \$28 million to build and install the EPA-approved equipment necessary to comply with the Clean Air Act as defined by the EPA in order to meet federal standards while continuing to function as an employer and provide its products nationwide. The state and federal governments should champion our industrial base while simultaneously maintaining environmental protection.

I respectfully request that the Commission give this application favorable and timely consideration.

Sincerely,

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Brian Birdwell  
Senate District 22

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The Senate of The State of Texas

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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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November 4, 2014

The Honorable Brian Birdwell  
Texas Senate  
P.O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Birdwell:

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As you may already know, a public meeting on the Holcim permits was held on Monday, November 3, 2014 in Midlothian, Texas. Approximately 25 citizens were in attendance and were given the opportunity to voice their concerns and interest in this permit application to both the applicant and TCEQ staff reviewing the application.

Again, thank you for your interest in environmental issues. If you have any questions regarding the permitting process, please feel free to contact me at (512) 239-1317 or Ms. Bridget C. Bohac at (512) 239-3300.

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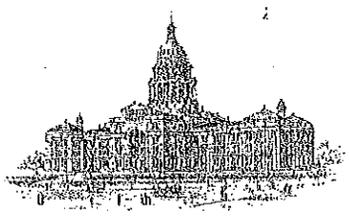
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# TCEQ Public Meeting Form

November 3, 2014

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## Holcim (Texas) Limited Partnership Proposed Air Quality Permits 8996 and PSDTX454M4

PLEASE PRINT

Name:

Lon Burnham

Mailing Address:

Physical Address (if different):

City/State:

Zip:

**\*\*E-mail addresses are subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act\*\***

Email:

Phone Number:

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

If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

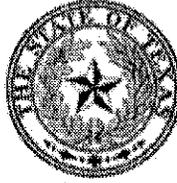
(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

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

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**Lon Burnam**  
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July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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Sincerely

*Lon Burnam*

Representative Lon Burnam, District 90

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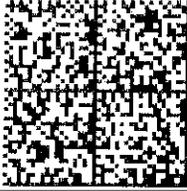
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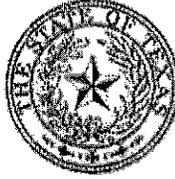
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cc: Chairman Bryan Shaw  
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**Bridget C. Bohac**

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**From:** John Montgomery <John.Montgomery@house.state.tx.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 11, 2014 3:55 PM  
**To:** Bridget C. Bohac  
**Cc:** Lon Burnam; Conor Kenny; Kathy Beyer-Moher; Penny Reynolds  
**Subject:** Rep. Lon Burnam; Permit Number 8996 Public Meeting Request  
**Attachments:** Burnam TCEQ Letter onHolcim Permit 7.11.2014.pdf

Chief Clerk Bohac,

On behalf of Representative Burnam and the constituents of District 90, please accept the attached request for a public meeting. This is regarding amendments on Permit Number 8996, submitted by Holcim US Inc. for the Midlothian cement plant. Please let our office know if you need any additional information, and we appreciate your assistance in this matter.

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Thank you,  
John Montgomery  
Policy Analyst - Rep. Lon Burnam  
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July 18, 2014

The Honorable Lon Burnam  
Texas House of Representatives  
P. O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768

Dear Representative Burnam:

Thank you for your letter requesting a public meeting regarding the application by Holcim (Texas) Limited Partnership for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 8996 and modification to Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX454M4 in Ellis County.

The proposed project was received on June 2, 2014 and is in the early stages of the technical review and the permitting process. The technical review will address items such as proposed controls, best available control technology requirements, proposed emissions, and a protectiveness review. We are in the process of developing a request for additional information in order to complete these reviews and ensure protectiveness is demonstrated.

We will work with your staff to schedule the public meeting at a time and location that is convenient for you and your constituents.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 239-3900 or Ms. Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk, at (512) 239-3300.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Hyde, P.E.  
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July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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JUL 11 2014

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Representative Lon Burnam, District 90

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Representative Jim Pitts

October 23, 2014

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Re: Amendment to State Air Quality Permit Number 8996, Modification to Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX454M4

I am writing to support the Holcim Texas cement plant permit modification application. As you know, manufacturing is an essential part of our state's economic engine and the Midlothian cement manufacturing sector is no exception.

I am excited to know that Holcim (US) Inc. is willing to install state of the art pollution control technology to meet the new federal air standards and remain in our community. The sole purpose of Holcim's permit application is to install the control technology to meet the newly established limit for total hydrocarbons (THC) of the Portland Cement Maximum Achievable Control Technology (PC-MACT) rule promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Holcim Texas is planning to invest approximately \$28 million to build and install the necessary equipment - -and making their businesses successful through the modernization of their existing cement facility. The state and federal governments should be supporting policies to support manufacturing renaissance while protecting the environment and health of our citizens

Holcim Texas has been a responsible operator and leader in the community and is important that the solicited permitted issued on a timely manner to ensure that the necessary time for design of construction of the devices is adequate to sustain a continuous operation of the vital commodity to our state's infrastructure.

I appreciate the important role of the Commission to our state's air quality and environmental protection, and respectfully request that you will give this application the fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Jim Pitts, District 10



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October 28, 2014

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Re: Amendment to State Air Quality Permit Number 8996, Modification to Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Permit Number PSDTX454M4

I am writing to support the Holcim Texas cement plant permit modification application. As you know, manufacturing is an essential part of our state's economic engine and the Midlothian cement manufacturing sector is no exception.

I am excited to know that Holcim (US) Inc. is willing to install state of the art pollution control technology to meet the new federal air standards and remain in our community. The sole purpose of Holcim's permit application is to install the control technology to meet the newly established limit for total hydrocarbons (THC) of the Portland Cement Maximum Achievable Control Technology (PC-MACT) rule promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Holcim Texas is planning to invest approximately \$28 million to build and install the necessary equipment - and making their businesses successful through the modernization of their existing cement facility. The state and federal governments should be supporting policies to support manufacturing renaissance while protecting the environment and health of our citizens.

Holcim Texas has been a responsible operator and leader in the community and is important that the solicited permit be issued on a timely manner to ensure that the necessary time for design of construction of the devices is adequate to sustain a continuous operation of the vital commodity to our state's infrastructure.

I appreciate the important role of the Commission to our state's air quality and environmental protection, and respectfully request that you will give this application the fullest consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Jim Pitts, District 10