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From: Thomas B. Barclay
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Ref: Coastal Ready Mix Proposed Concrete
Batch Plant Registration No. 123775
located 4.4 Miles North of Wheeler Rd.
on Hwy 69.

Dear Commissioners:

My property, which is my resident is located at 4911 Beaumont Dr. Kountze, Tx. approx. .5 Mile due South of the proposed plant location. I am concerned about several things in regard to this plant. One is air Quality. I have seen the white dust on the trees, ground, automobiles, and in the air that is around an existing plant, (Kvife River's plant located on Hwy 96 between Buna and Evadale Tx) I know when we get a North wind we will experience some of this. Not to mention possible lung problems I am afraid it will lower my property value.

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Two: I am concerned about water run off from this site. I have a drain ditch (Ellis Gully) that comes off Hwy 69 and divides my property in half. I'm not sure if normal drainage from this site is South, but I do know in a flood situation it does come South down Hwy 69's East ditch and into the ditch that runs through my property and empties into a pond on Lakewood Drive in Beaumont Colony Subdivision, and then into Village Creek. (Note people in Beaumont Colony use this pond for fishing and recreation.) I am not that familiar with the operation of a cement plant, but I do know that a great deal of water is used both in the process and wash down. I am concerned about this because I do not know what kind of deposit it will leave in the ditch and pond.

Three: I am also concerned about the depletion of ground water I do have a water well along with my neighbors. I have been told that the water table in this area has

dropped in the past several years.
If this plant uses a big volume
of water from its well I'm afraid
it will only drop the water table
even more.

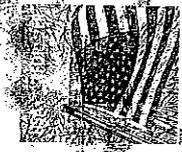
Thank you very much for your
consideration in this matter, and
please do not misunderstand me
I am not against economic
development, but I don't think it
should be in an area where it
will cause an adverse affect on
the surrounding community.

Sincerely yours
Thomas B. Barclay
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4911 Beaumont Dr
Kovntze Tx, 77625
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Thomas B. Barclay Jr.
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⑤ Vicki Gray gave formal oral comment

TCEQ Public Meeting Form
March 26, 2015

Coastal Ready Mix, Inc.
Air Quality Standard Permit
Registration Number 123775

PLEASE PRINT

Name: VICKI & Vickie GRAY

Mailing Address: 4582 Rosewood DR

Physical Address (if different): —

City/State: Kountze TX Zip: 77625

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

Email: VLG@SWBELL.NET ✓

Phone Number: 409 246-2561

- 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. ✓

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December 21, 2014

Office of the Chief Clerk
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Re: Proposed Air Quality Registration #123775

Since 1980, my family and I have lived at 4582 Rosewood Drive in Beaumont Colony Central. Even though I own underdeveloped property adjacent to the proposed cement batch site, my personal residence is only 560 feet from the property line of the site and would be adversely affected by such a facility in numerous ways.

After living in the south end of Beaumont, Texas for 32 years, my family and I decided to move away from the center of the oil refinery industry and move north to breath the clean air of the piney woods on the edge of the "Big Thicket". Even though I am now 66 years old with no known severe respiratory problems, I would like to keep it that way. I would also like my two grandchildren, who live across the street, to enjoy the same. It's no secret that "Silica" dust inhaled from such a facility would be detrimental to all who live in this area. In addition to the detrimental inhaling of such dust, the toxic water runoff from the site could possibly pollute our water wells, since most everyone in Beaumont Colony Central is on their own private water well system. These wells are expensive to place.

It is for the above mentioned reasons that I would strongly oppose the permit being granted for the business at this location. I feel this plant could be located farther away from a large residential area such as Beaumont Colony.

In conclusion, please place me on your mailing list for further information and updates.

Vick L Gray
4582 Rosewood Drive
Kountze, Texas 77625
(409) 246-2561
vlg@swbell.net ✓

Sincerely,

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Re: Proposed Air Quality Permit #123775

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Chairman Shaw

Hello, my name is Jason Greene and I'm a Hardin County resident. I have recently learned of an air permit application, specifically #123775 by Mr. Gary Whitman, owner and operator of Coastal Ready Mix with intentions to build a concrete batch plant on East 69 in Kountze, Texas in the Beaumont Colony area. This location is directly adjacent to my Father's property. My dad is 69 years old and has invested years of time and energy on his retirement home. To say this is an outrage to me personally is severely understated.

My dad has had 5 strokes, a triple bypass, was diagnosed with asbestosis and I am now witnessing him go through the stress of losing all he has worked for. Are you aware of the toxins that a Concrete plant will release into this neighborhood and literally his backyard? With a condition like, asbestosis the air you breathe is your lifeline. A concrete plant, according to The Environmental Protection Agency will release multiple metallic toxins including beryllium, cadmium and nickel as well as silica particles. This fine metallic dust is poison to breathe. It can cause many health problems including cancer and severely aggravate an existing condition such as asbestosis. So, if you were in my father's shoes do you lose your house because he cannot stay under these conditions or possibly your life if you chanced it? This permit should not even be a possibility. It is an obvious danger to my father as well as his neighbors and should be absolutely denied.

Mr. Shaw, respectfully I want to know if you are the actual decision maker on the possible approval of this permit. If it is not you, please provide me with the name of exactly who it is. I want to know who is not only responsible for the decision but accountable for it because someone will be held accountable.

I look forward to hearing back from you in writing,

Sincerely,



Jason Greene
278 Magnolia Trail
Lumberton, TX 77657



M. JASON GREENE
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LUMBERTON, TX 77657

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already made a preliminary decision to let Mr. Whitman create health issues for me, my family, and surrounding neighbors?

I request that a public meeting be held so that we can further discuss the environmental concerns that are associated with concrete batch plants. It would also be wonderful place for us to discuss the impacts that it will have on our community and why TCEQ has already reached a preliminary decision to grant the permit. I feel that a public meeting is necessary and will allow our community to express their concerns and ask TCEQ to consider denying this permit.

Sincerely,

Wanda Greene

3945 Leatherwood Drive

Kountze, Tx 77625

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W. Greene
3954 Leatherwood Dr.
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② *one formal oral comment*

**TCEQ Public Meeting Form
March 26, 2015**

**Coastal Ready Mix, Inc.
Air Quality Standard Permit
Registration Number 123775**

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Name: Charles Lawrence

Mailing Address: PO Box 1450 Kountze TX 77625

Physical Address (if different): 4297 Leatherwood Dr.

City/State: Kountze Texas Zip: 77625

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Email: b100pilot@att.net ✓

Phone Number: 409 246 4222

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Charles W. Lawrence
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AT PUBLIC MEETING

October 24, 2014

Office of the Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Reference: Proposed Air Quality Registration No. 123775
Published in the Hardin County News Oct 16, 2014

I live at 4297 Leatherwood Dr. in the Beaumont Colony Central subdivision. My residence is approximately 355 yards from the proposed batch plant site. I strenuously oppose the issuance of the permit for this plant. There is no good reason to allow a air and water polluting plant to be built next to a large, established community where hundreds of people live.

I have owned this property since 1971, and have lived here most of the time since then. One of the reasons I live here is the clean natural environment. Like many of the people who live in Beaumont Colony, I spend much of my time outdoors. This entire community would be exposed to airborne inhalable size (10 microns or less) and respirable size (2.5 microns or less) contaminants. This would certainly include particles of crystalline silica which according to OSHA is classified as a human lung carcinogen. Additionally, breathing crystalline silica dust can cause silicosis, which in severe cases can disabling, or even fatal. The respirable silica dust enters the lungs and causes the formation of scar tissue, thus reducing the lungs ability to take in oxygen. There is no cure for silicosis. Since silicosis affects lung function, it makes one more susceptible to lung infections like tuberculosis.

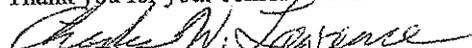
Most of the people who live in Beaumont Colony depend on wells for their water supply. The toxic runoff from the site would endanger that supply of water.

This application should be denied because it will endanger the health of the hundreds of people who live in the established community of Beaumont Colony. There are countless places in Hardin County where this plant could be located, that would not endanger the health of so many people.

Please place me on your mailing list for any information about this application at my mailing address.

Charles W. Lawrence
P.O. Box 1450
Kountze, Texas 77625

Thank you for your consideration.


Charles W. Lawrence



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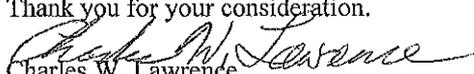
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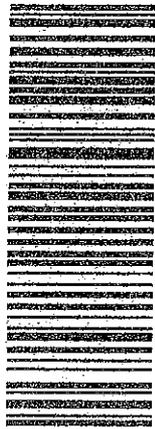
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4332 Leatherwood Drive
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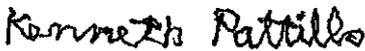
My name is Kenneth Pattillo and I am a Retiree from Mobil after 32 Years of service. I have been living at my current location, which is about 400 yards from the proposed concrete plant, for the last four years. We built a new house and have spent quite a bit of life savings to build our new home and move to our current location. We chose to build here because it is a quiet and family oriented neighborhood. I do not want to regret our decision to build at this location and strongly oppose the permitting and construction of the proposed concrete plant.

I was diagnosed with COPD about three years ago and shortly thereafter I had surgery at MD Anderson hospital due to brain cancer. I am still under care for the cancer and its related health issues. My overall quality of life is quite low and I am already inhibited from doing the things that I love. I believe that the construction of the proposed concrete plant will complicate my current condition and further prevent me from enjoying my life in this wonderful community. I am afraid that the airborne particles of cement dust will aggravate my COPD and further reduce my overall quality of life.

I have four grandchildren, two of which have asthma, that love being outdoors. We are concerned that the emissions from the concrete plant will prevent them from going outside and enjoying the things that kids love to do such as climbing trees and playing chase. We have worked our whole life and waited a long time to purchase land in this spacious and wonderful community. We will not stand aside and watch it be polluted by a cement plant and the associated health concerns associated with it.

We live in a world where everything has a price. What is the cost of building a concrete plant in the backyard of a growing and thriving community of caring families with children? At what cost would you consider denying the permit for this proposed plant? How many people's quality of life will have to suffer to pay for the installation of this plant? Are you willing to compensate our community and the families within it for the health impacts that are directly linked with and published about cement dust?

Thank you for your time,


Kenneth Pattillo
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4332 Leatherwood
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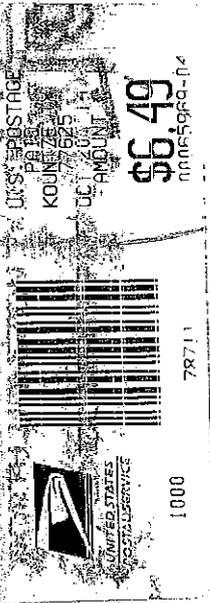
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
RE: Coastal Ready Mix Permit Number 123775

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I will begin by stating that I am a housewife. My husband, Kenneth Pattillo, and I live on social security and depend on what investments we currently have to enjoy what life we have left to live. My husband suffers from COPD and has emotional and physical problems dealing with the treatments associated with surviving stage four brain cancer. The mere proposal of a concrete plant next to our home is causing him emotional stress that he does not need and impedes his recovery.

We purchased the property in which we currently live in 2009. We chose this site because of the wonderful neighborhood, the spacious lots, and its proximity to health care. We built a 2200 square foot house on this property with the desire to live our lives comfortably and enjoy the outdoors. We moved here from Warren and wanted a suitable location with trees that we enjoy and depend on for our oxygen. We live in a neighborhood that is growing due to the many benefits associated with its location. It is within a close proximity of local shopping, healthcare, and restaurants. Property values are increasing and, in turn, raising county property tax revenue. The installation of the proposed plant will have an impact on property values and have a negative impact on our neighborhood. Explain to me, in detail, as to why it is a good idea to allow the construction plant next to an economically productive neighborhood that is growing and increasing the property values and revenue in Hardin County.

I have been dealing with several problems associated with severe allergies. The sometimes severe symptoms led me to seek the help of an ear, nose, and throat specialist in Beaumont that administered allergy treatments via injection for over three years. I am somewhat allergy free now and do not want to live the rest of my life dependent on injection therapy. It is my understanding that the emissions that are associated with concrete plants can cause respiratory inflammation and can stimulate and aggravate a persons existing allergies. These reactions can be severe enough to cause respiratory distress and have long reaching and long term effects. I ask you to deny this permit as it is in the interest of public health to do so.

I am an avid gardener. I grow my own vegetables so that I limit my exposure to many chemicals that growers use to maximize their crops. My methods are not entirely organic but limit my exposure to many pesticides and herbicides that are linked with cancer and other health related problems. I am concerned that the airborne contaminants and possible groundwater contamination that can be produced by a concrete plant will contaminate my soil and, in turn, contaminate the fruits and vegetables that I produce and eat. What environmental studies have you conducted that prove that my plants, groundwater, and overall health will not be affected by the environmental pollutants of this proposed concrete plant? Please provide me with all charts and satellite based information that indicates that wind drift of these pollutants will not harm my plants, my health, or become a nuisance to me or my surrounding neighbors.

We were contacted by several neighbors about the plant that is being proposed to be built next to our home. We subscribe to the Beaumont Enterprise and do not have a subscription to the Hardin County News. The Beaumont Enterprise is a larger distribution and has a larger presence in Hardin County. It includes information that is relevant to the greater area of Southeast Texas. We do not feel that we

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were properly notified by Mr. Whitman even though he adhered to TCEQ requirements. His publication was in the Hardin County News but is a low volume publication that does not get distributed to all residents of Hardin County. I feel that TCEQ needs to expand the requirements for posting and notifying the public of permits that will directly impact the environment and adversely affect public health. Why is an outdated media source such as newspaper used to inform the public? It would better serve the public interest if an updated media source such as television, internet, or cell phones were used. Research indicates that people are more likely to get their news and daily information through technology related sources in today's information age. In addition, I would like to see the requirements be expanded for all signage that is posted on the property. Perhaps, require all posted materials to be clearly readable from inside a vehicle on any public road near the proposed site. Why is the bar set so low to inform the public of permits that can potentially affect the lives of the people close to proposed sites? If it were not for the kindness and support of our neighbors, I would not have even known that something as potentially hazardous as a concrete plant was being built in my backyard.

I request that you schedule a public meeting so that we can address the above mentioned issues in detail.

Thank you,



Sandra Pattillo
4097821629

Mrs. Sandra Pettibon
4332 Leachwood Dr
Kountze, TX 77625



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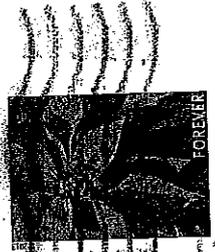
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accident happened in 1986, involved over a half million people, and is still being investigated for long term effects such as cancer.

I have several health conditions that are of concern. In 1954, at 22 years of age, I served in the ARMY as a Chemical, Biological, and Radiological warfare specialist. I wound up exposed to and contracted a severe case of infectious mononucleosis and lost an extreme amount of weight. That was the accident that upset my apple cart. It started the eventual and crazy and emotional rollercoaster that I would call my life. In 1977, I was in Paraguay and contracted paratyphoid, was unconscious for 2 days, and survived. I was one of 6 American workers that contracted the disease and, needless to say, was the only one to survive the ordeal. In 1987, I fell fourteen feet, broke five ribs, and collapsed a lung. After a long recovery, I survived another life threatening injury. In 1997, I was diagnosed with large cell B-type Lymphoma. I went through a year of cancer treatments that included chemotherapy and radiation. I have survived the ordeal but I have been left with a leaky heart valve.

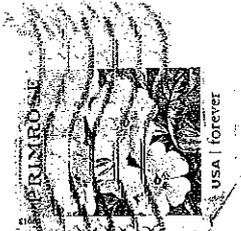
As you can see, I have several complicated health problems that impacted my capacity to thoroughly enjoy my golden years and forced me to look death in the face. I would like to live the rest of my life without the threat of airborne contaminants blowing onto my property and invading my airways. I want to live life the way it was intended. I am always willing to fight another battle with my health however, I would prefer that it be a natural occurrence and not one of human creation. I believe that it is in the best interest of public health to deny this permit and ask you to spare me from the contaminants that will reach my yard and my lungs. I request that a public meeting be held so that we can further discuss the many potential problems, short and long term, that will be created with the proposed plant.

Sincerely,

Bill Sturm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Sturm", written in a cursive style.

*W J Stearns
4169 Featherwood Ln.
Katy, TX, 77625-7118*



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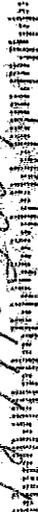
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Nora Sturm

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Kountze, TX 77625

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I am 79 years of age and grew up in a family with eight children. We were encouraged to be independent and speak our minds. We were also taught to fight for what we believe in. I believe this plant as proposed by Gary Whitman will impact our community, our health, and our right to be happy productive people. I believe that the preliminary decision made by TCEQ to allow the plant to be built is a hasty generalization about the emissions that the plant will emit. I also believe that the emissions from the plant will have an impact on our general health that is greater than what people are willing to admit.

I worked for 40 years as a nurse and had the opportunity to work in several different fields. I have worked as a surgical nurse, provided care at nursing homes, staffed emergency rooms, and cared for people at intensive care units. I have firsthand knowledge of pulmonary disease and its effects on public health. I have seen and cared for many people that have breathing disorders and some of them were so severe that they begged to die. I am not a doctor so I cannot attest to what caused the breathing problems but I can state that I have seen people suffer and that losing ones ability to breath is one of the worst and severe health problems that someone can have. If the human body cannot breath then it starves for oxygen. The lack of oxygen leads to painful and long term suffering. Please take the time to breathe through a small drinking straw for the next 48 hours. By doing so, you will have a small glimpse of what your life would be with pulmonary disease. Are you willing to subject the community of Beaumont Colony to the possibility of this disease or breathing problems by allowing this plant to be built?

It is my understanding that the proposed concrete plant will emit silica and other hazardous material that are breathable and can be inhaled into the lungs. Hazardous materials that enter the lungs cause permanent damage that cannot be reversed. I am 79 years old and cannot afford to be exposed to this. We live about 400 yards of the rear property line where the plant is to be built. Please show me your data that proves beyond a reasonable doubt that our property, our health, and our lung capacity will remain unharmed. I believe that we have the right to live our life the way we want to. That is, without

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the threat of inhaling hazardous contaminants. Please tell me that our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness will not be subject to the demands of capitalism, politics, and big business.

My primary reason for writing you this letter is to ensure that my husbands health will not impacted by the inhalation of emissions from the proposed concrete plant. This is not my only concern. I have several wonderful friends and neighbors, many of them retired, that live within Beaumont Colony. I am concerned that the plant will cause them undue stress in their lives and possibly cause them health issues that they cannot recover from. They cannot afford to stack the effects of inhaled particulate matter to their already existing conditions. How can the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, a government entity that is designed to protect public health, allow a business such as a concrete plant to be built so close to a residential community that has existing health problems and a growing population of seniors?

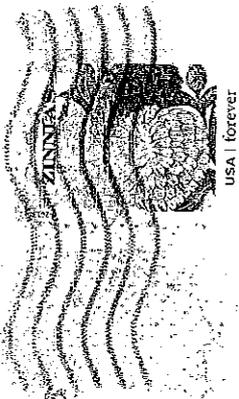
I oppose the permitting of this plant and ask you to deny it as well. I request that a public meeting be held so that we can allow my neighbors, many of which are uncomfortable writing their thoughts on paper, to voice their concerns about the proposed plant. In addition, I would like to be added to your mailing list so that I can be aware of this potential threat to my way of life and my right to breathe freely.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nora Sturm". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely".

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