

## Ellie Guerra

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**REGULATED ENTY NAME** LA CASA WIND FARM PROJECT

**RN NUMBER:** RN111810180

**PERMIT NUMBER:** 173973L002

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** STEPHENS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** GCC SUN CITY MATERIALS LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN605241686

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**COMMENTS:** I am requesting a public hearing for the concerns of a batch plant for the LaCasa Wind plant. I am totally opposed to the plant for the community mainly because of the proximity of my land and the church that is located on the FM road. Our family has been on this property for over 5 generations and we are trying to maintaining wildlife preservation. With the activity that this will produce on this small road this will certainly be impossible.

Dec. 27, 2024

Ms. Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk  
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Ms. Gharis:

My name is Stephen Wesley Dempsey, my address is PO Box 98, Ranger, TX 76470, and my phone number is (817) 980-5980.

I am requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision regarding, GCC Sun City Materials, LLC, Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plant Registration Number 173973L002.

I believe the decision should be reconsidered for the reasons discussed below:

Even though the Applicant may have met the statutory and regulatory requirements of applicable law, as interpreted by the TCEQ in a strictly technical sense, there are factors which must be considered regarding construction and operation of a concrete Batch Plant, in my opinion. Some times you have to look beyond the standard review process and look at how decisions can impact the entire community.

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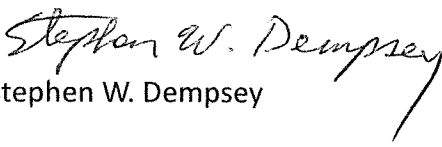
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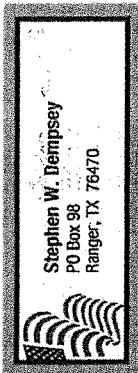
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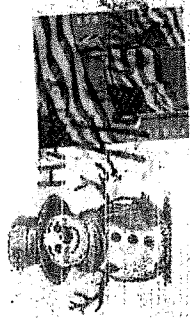
Sincerely,

  
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## Jennifer Cox

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## Additional Formal Comments Regarding a Proposed Concrete Batch Plant in Stephens County, TX, TCEQ Registration Number 173973L002

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Sep 19, 2024

# TCEQ Registration Form

September 17, 2024

GCC Sun City Materials, LLC  
Proposed Registration No. 173973L002

PLEASE PRINT

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Mailing Address: PO Box 98 Ranger, TX 76470

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: (       ) \_\_\_\_\_

• 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.

Formal Comments Regarding a Proposed Concrete Batch Plant in Stephens  
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AT PUBLIC MEETING

In accordance with guidance from the TCEQ, I am hereby submitting my formal comments below regarding the proposed construction of a Concrete Batch Plant in Stephens County, Texas, TCEQ Registration Number 173973L002.

Notice of this Air Permit Application was published (in English) in the May 22, 2024, edition of the *Breckenridge American* newspaper. There was no Spanish version of the Notice published that I could find. Isn't this required by the TCEQ? According to the last census, approximately 25% of the population of Stephens County is Hispanic, so it would appear prudent that the Application should also be published in Spanish.

Please require the applicant to give a detailed explanation as to the process by which the proposed location was selected. Were any other sites considered, and if so, why were they not selected?

I am concerned about the close proximity of this facility to the New Hope Baptist Church. The location map provided by the applicant in the permit application is not of sufficient detail so that I can tell exactly how close it is to the church. It looks to be within maybe 900 yards of the church property. The applicant must provide a more detailed location map.

I have major concerns about the negative impacts to the health and safety of those of us that attend this church as well as folks that live nearby. Many in our church family are elderly and/or have health issues already, so I am really concerned about the increased dust and traffic on CR 128, in addition to all of that material that could be ejected from the Plant that we would be inhaling. The prevailing winds in this area are primarily from the south and since the Batch Plant is located south of the church, any material released into the air will be blowing toward the church most of the time.

There are also young children playing outside at times while visiting the church and I am concerned about their health and safety. What provisions has the applicant made to protect these children? I fear that high speed truck traffic coming off FM 717 onto CR 128 enroute to the Batch Plant will endanger these children, as well as everyone else that will be parking at the church. Will the applicant have sufficient traffic controls and flaggers, complying with TXDOT standards, in place at the times that the church is open for services on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and other special occasions? Has a Traffic Control Plan that would address this and other issues, been submitted and approved by TXDOT and Stephens County?

On certain special occasions like weddings, funerals, baptisms, community gatherings, etc., there are some fairly large crowds that gather at the church. This increased traffic on CR 128, caused by the Plant, will certainly have a negative impact on the people attending and could

result in a dangerous situation. How will the applicant assure their safety? Has the applicant sought input from Church officials? This would seem to be a logical step in the site evaluation process. I have shared a picture which shows just how close CR 128 is to the church.

Did the applicant investigate mixing the concrete at another location in a Batch Plant that is currently in operation and then trucking the concrete in to Lacasa?

What are the sources that the applicant proposes to use for the aggregate and other materials for the concrete that will be needed for the project? Have rigorous tests such as sieve analysis, specific gravity, soundness, abrasion, density, strength, hardness, water absorption, etc., been performed on these materials to assure that the materials are of sufficient quality to make for high quality concrete?

What is the source for the water that will be used at this Batch Plant? Water wells in this area are shallow, notoriously weak and insufficient for a project of this size. The only rural water suppliers in the general area, the Staff Water Supply Corporation and the Stephens County Water Co-op have major issues already with low water pressure and often insufficient water volumes for many of the current meter owners in this area. I have spoken with Board members of both of these water suppliers and they are not aware of any requests from the applicant for water for this batch plant.

Does the applicant intend to use onsite water wells to provide water for this project? Existing wells or new wells? Has any testing been done? Like I said earlier, these water wells out here are very weak and don't produce a lot of water. Where are the locations for any new proposed wells? Has the applicant been in contact with the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or the Railroad Commission? Will the applicant be following State guidelines for drilling and completing any new water wells? Will there be consideration of less water usage when we are in a drought? Will the applicant be metering and documenting the amount of groundwater pumped from these wells?

The amount of water required for operations at this Batch Plant is staggering. I've conservatively estimated that it will require a minimum of 2 million gallons and probably more, maybe much more. Where will the water come from?

FYI, my water well at my house is only 31 feet deep, and barely provides sufficient water to run my household, so I am concerned about potential impacts to our existing water wells out here if new water wells are drilled for this project or existing water wells are used. Has the applicant coordinated any planned new water wells or the use of existing wells for this project with the TCEQ, the Texas Water Development Board, the EPA, the Railroad Commission, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and other applicable Federal and State Agencies? Please require the applicant to provide such information and correspondence from these Agencies and others. Or will water be trucked in, creating even more significant dust and traffic congestion and dangerous interactions with the public?

The applicant must provide a detailed site map to scale showing locations of all facilities at this Batch Plant, including staging areas, storage areas/trailers, parking areas, erosion control features, light poles and standards, office buildings/trailers, shop buildings, restroom facilities, perimeter fencing, dust control fencing, fuel and oil storage and dispensing facilities, pesticide/herbicide storage facilities, battery storage facilities, traffic flow diagrams and controls, material storage silos, aggregate storage bins, auxiliary storage tanks, conveyors, weigh hoppers, mixers, etc., so that the citizens of the Lacasa community can fully comprehend the scope and magnitude of this project.

Has the applicant investigated impacts to Golden Cheeked Warblers, American Bald Eagles, Texas Horned Toads and other endangered and threatened species at this proposed location? Has the applicant reached out to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and discussed this proposed project and location with them? Please require the applicant to provide this information. FYI, NextEra Energy adjusted their wind farm project footprint and made some changes to the locations of certain wind turbines in this area, in coordination with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, due to negative impacts to the Golden Cheeked Warbler.

What dust control measures does the applicant propose to use in and around this facility and along CR 128 in order to minimize impacts to the area, particularly the church and its patrons? Has a Dust Control Plan, including dust control fencing, been prepared and approved? Again, has the applicant sought input from Church officials, and also from TXDOT and Stephens County officials?

What plans does the applicant propose to control surface water runoff from the project site? Has the applicant prepared and filed a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the project? Has the applicant prepared, coordinated, submitted and got approval for it in accordance with EPA and TCEQ requirements?

Will the applicant be preparing a separate Erosion Control Plan which includes Best Management Practices?

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In accordance with guidance from the TCEQ, I am hereby submitting my formal comments below regarding the proposed construction of a Concrete Batch Plant in Stephens County, Texas, TCEQ Registration Number 173973L002.

Notice of this Air Permit Application was published (in English) in the May 22, 2024, edition of the *Breckenridge American* newspaper. There was no Spanish version of the Notice published that I could find. Isn't this required by the TCEQ? According to the last census, approximately 25% of the population of Stephens County is Hispanic, so it would appear prudent that the Application should also be published in Spanish.

Please require the applicant to give a detailed explanation as to the process by which the proposed location was selected. Were any other sites considered, and if so, why were they not selected?

I am concerned about the close proximity of this facility to the New Hope Baptist Church. The location map provided by the applicant in the permit application is not of sufficient detail so that I can tell exactly how close it is to the church. It looks to be within maybe 900 yards of the church property. The applicant must provide a more detailed location map.

I have major concerns about the negative impacts to the health and safety of those of us that attend this church as well as folks that live nearby. Many in our church family are elderly and/or have health issues already, so I am really concerned about the increased dust and traffic on CR 128, in addition to all of that material that could be ejected from the Plant that we would be inhaling. The prevailing winds in this area are primarily from the south and since the Batch Plant is located south of the church, any material released into the air will be blowing toward the church most of the time.

There are also young children playing outside at times while visiting the church and I am concerned about their health and safety. What provisions has the applicant made to protect these children? I fear that high speed truck traffic coming off FM 717 onto CR 128 enroute to the Batch Plant will endanger these children, as well as everyone else that will be parking at the church. Will the applicant have sufficient traffic controls and flaggers, complying with TXDOT standards, in place at the times that the church is open for services on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and other special occasions? Has a Traffic Control Plan that would address this and other issues, been submitted and approved by TXDOT and Stephens County?

On certain special occasions like weddings, funerals, baptisms, community gatherings, etc., there are some fairly large crowds that gather at the church. This increased traffic on CR 128, caused by the Plant, will certainly have a negative impact on the people attending and could

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Did the applicant investigate mixing the concrete at another location in a Batch Plant that is currently in operation and then trucking the concrete in to Lacasa?

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What is the source for the water that will be used at this Batch Plant? Water wells in this area are shallow, notoriously weak and insufficient for a project of this size. The only rural water suppliers in the general area, the Staff Water Supply Corporation and the Stephens County Water Co-op have major issues already with low water pressure and often insufficient water volumes for many of the current meter owners in this area. I have spoken with Board members of both of these water suppliers and they are not aware of any requests from the applicant for water for this batch plant.

Does the applicant intend to use onsite water wells to provide water for this project? Existing wells or new wells? Has any testing been done? Like I said earlier, these water wells out here are very weak and don't produce a lot of water. Where are the locations for any new proposed wells? Has the applicant been in contact with the Texas Water Development Board, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality or the Railroad Commission? Will the applicant be following State guidelines for drilling and completing any new water wells? Will there be consideration of less water usage when we are in a drought? Will the applicant be metering and documenting the amount of groundwater pumped from these wells?

The amount of water required for operations at this Batch Plant is staggering. I've conservatively estimated that it will require a minimum of 2 million gallons and probably more, maybe much more. Where will the water come from?

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**COMMENTS:** January 10, 2025 Ms. Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk TCEQ, MC-105 PO Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087 Ms. Gharis, My name is Zola Loyd George and my address is 336 Private Road 2074, Ranger, Texas, 76470. My phone number is (903) 780-3937 and my email address is [zlgeorge@suddenlink.net](mailto:zlgeorge@suddenlink.net). After reviewing the TCEQ's Executive Director's Response to Public Comment, I am requesting a Contested Case Hearing AND also requesting a Reconsideration of the Executive Directors Decision related to the Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Registration No. 173973L002. My retirement home is located 1.1 miles southeast of the proposed plant and a couple of miles west of the crushed rock "materials pit", that will supply base materials for the concrete to be made at the plant. Stated purpose of the concrete plant is to build the La Casa Wind Farm. My location is near the center of the 54 wind turbine project. My family's home, retirement, wildlife valuation for tax exemption, life style, health, property value and economic wellbeing will be negatively impacted and at risk if this GCC Sun City Materials, LLC operated batch plant is allowed to operate at its proposed location. Please see maps for home and plant locations contained in the presentation materials I submitted in person at the Breckenridge Public Meeting held on September, 17, 2024. And please also re-review those materials for background and "affected person" status determination and to see that the reasons for my decision to contest this permit and request for reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision is based on issues brought up during the referenced "comment period". As for your request to tie my requests to Executive Director responses, and set "issues to be referred to hearing" please see the following: 1. Bold letters at top of your TCEQ letter....."This decision does not authorize construction or operation of any proposed facilities." I have a question about this being a wrong claim or mis-statement, because on page 1 title BACKGROUND, of the Executuve Director's Response to Public Comment (RTC) which states..."This will authorize the construction of a new facility that will emit air contaminants". Which is it? My take is your permit approval will facilitate the building of this batch plant in a very ill advised and dangerous location and ultimately facilitate the construction of the La Casa Wind Farm that will decimate my families land use and inherent property value. Could cost me close to a \$ 1 million dollars in property value. And that's on a small half section family legacy farm that was established 5 family generations or so ago in 1907. 2. COMMENT 1: RESPONSE1: "extensive protectiveness review" relies on very general conditions AND plant compliance and is not site specific. The Standard Permit protection for citizens is based on a "state wide" model and is not site specific. State wide conditions and EPA compliance. Standard permit protects but only if EPA NAAQS criteria and limits are complied with. Compliance can't be guaranteed by the applicant and therefore the existing health risk to the George residence and New Hope Baptist Church and other landowners is NOT a risk you should be willing to take. Especially if a denial of this permit would very likely result in the applicant reapplying for a permit at a more reasonable and safer location. 3. COMMENT 2: RESPONSE 2: "When a company operates in compliance with the Standard Permit, they should not cause or contribute to a violation of the NAAQS and are (therefore) protective of human health and that environment". The significant risk is that this operator will operate and not be in compliance or that there will be accidents or issues. The health and

safety risk is real, substantial and present (for the George's, New Hope Baptist Church, the nearby community) and it doesn't matter what is claimed by the applicant in the permit. The health and safety risk is high and too great for TCEQ, or anyone, to accept especially since Sun City should withdraw, regroup and revisit a better site location. "While nuisance conditions are not expected IF the facility is operated in compliance with the terms of the permit operators much also comply with 30 TAC Sec. 101.4, which prohibits a person from creating or maintaining a condition of nuisance that interferes with a landowner's use and enjoyment of a property." Really? The location of this batch plant will interfere with New Hope Baptist's Church parishioners and land owners (George's, Leonard's, ect. ect.) use and enjoyment of their properties. Particulate emissions, light plant and noise aside, if daily, hundreds of large trucks using a barely two lane wide dirt county road with no shoulders that the church sits next to isn't a nuisance, I wouldn't know what one is. Simple solution it seems is to force them (Sun City), by denial of this permit, to simply pick a different batch plant site. How about right next to the house of one of the two major lessors leased to NextEra the operator of the proposed wind farm? Maybe that major landowner or lessor would be willing to take the health risk, or put up with the big truck traffic on the farm to market road next to his house. 4. COMMENT 3: RESPONSE 3: The batch plant is located in an area where there are endangered species. Again operations "should not", your words "cause an exceedance of the NAAQS,". That states "should not" but not "will not". Why risk it and before granting has or will TCEQ check with applicant to see if it has received TPWD and USFWS "additional authorizations". Also, under COMMENT 4: Water Quality, we asked at the Public Meeting that your representatives and meeting attendees notify your water quality division and alert them about this batch plant seeing if they would inquire about the source of their required water. Have you (they) done so? 5. RESPONSE 8: "TCEQ doesn't have the jurisdiction to consider plant location choices made by an applicant". The applicant is now, especially after the public meeting, 100% aware of the safety, health and quality of life, and property value issues. TCEQ apparently doesn't have the jurisdiction to intervene in plant location choices, BUT based on risk to the church alone, should deny this permit realizing that the likely outcome is that Sun City can and will likely select a more suitable safer location. TCEQ rules prohibit anyone from causing a traffic hazard. "Anyone" will be the Sun City Materials applicant and this plant will create a traffic hazard of epic proportions and interfere with "normal", for this community, road use. 6. COMMENT 10: RESPONSE 10: "Regional Office may perform investigations of the plant as required. Given the less than zero risk to at risk parishioners of the church why isn't this "will perform"? 7. COMMENT 14: RESPONSE 14: "Multiple commenters ask the Applicant why they chose the specific location of the proposed plant" "These specific questions or concerns are outside the scope of the air permit review and are therefore included for completeness, but not addressed by the Executive Director." Have or has the TCEQ, in the interest of the community and the citizens you serve and protect, asked Sun City if they would consider submitting a permit at another location? If you haven't then it seems like the right thing to do, and if you won't or can't then deny this permit at this location due to elevated health and safety risk and let Sun City figure this out for themselves. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully Yours, Zola George

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**COMMENTS:** January 10, 2025 Ms. Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk TCEQ, MC-105 PO Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087 Ms. Gharis, My name is Zola Loyd George and my address is 336 Private Road 2074, Ranger, Texas, 76470. My phone number is (903) 780-3937 and my email address is [zlgeorge@suddenlink.net](mailto:zlgeorge@suddenlink.net). After reviewing the TCEQ's Executive Director's Response to Public Comment, I am requesting a Contested Case Hearing AND also requesting a Reconsideration of the Executive Directors Decision related to the Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants Registration No. 173973L002. My retirement home is located 1.1 miles southeast of the proposed plant and a couple of miles west of the crushed rock "materials pit", that will supply base materials for the concrete to be made at the plant. Stated purpose of the concrete plant is to build the La Casa Wind Farm. My location is near the center of the 54 wind turbine project. My family's home, retirement, wildlife valuation for tax exemption, life style, health, property value and economic wellbeing will be negatively impacted and at risk if this GCC Sun City Materials, LLC operated batch plant is allowed to operate at its proposed location. Please see maps for home and plant locations contained in the presentation materials I submitted in person at the Breckenridge Public Meeting held on September, 17, 2024. And please also re-review those materials for background and "affected person" status determination and to see that the reasons for my decision to contest this permit and request for reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision is based on issues brought up during the referenced "comment period". As for your request to tie my requests to Executive Director responses, and set "issues to be referred to hearing" please see the following: 1. Bold letters at top of your TCEQ letter....."This decision does not authorize construction or operation of any proposed facilities." I have a question about this being a wrong claim or mis-statement, because on page 1 title BACKGROUND, of the Exectutive Director's Response to Public Comment (RTC) which states..."This will authorize the construction of a new facility that will emit air contaminants". Which is it? My take is your permit approval will facilitate the building of this batch plant in a very ill advised and dangerous location and ultimately facilitate the construction of the La Casa Wind Farm that will decimate my families land use and inherent property value. Could cost me close to a \$ 1 million dollars in property value. And that's on a small half section family legacy farm that was established 5 family generations or so ago in 1907. 2. COMMENT 1: RESPONSE1: "extensive protectiveness review" relies on very general conditions AND plant compliance and is not site specific. The Standard Permit protection for citizens is based on a "state wide" model and is not site specific. State wide conditions and EPA compliance. Standard permit protects but only if EPA NAAQS criteria and limits are complied with. Compliance can't be guaranteed by the applicant and therefore the existing health risk to the George residence and New Hope Baptist Church and other landowners is NOT a risk you should be willing to take. Especially if a denial of this permit would very likely result in the applicant reapplying for a permit at a more reasonable and safer location. 3. COMMENT 2: RESPONSE 2: "When a company operates in compliance with the Standard Permit, they should not cause or contribute to a violation of the NAAQS and are (therefore) protective of human health and that environment". The significant risk is that this operator will operate and not be in compliance or that there will be accidents or issues. The health and safety risk is real, substantial and present (for the George's, New Hope Baptist Church, the nearby community) and it doesn't matter what is claimed by the applicant in the permit. The health and safety risk is high and too great for TCEQ, or anyone, to accept especially since Sun City should withdraw, regroup and revisit a better site location. "While nuisance conditions are not expected IF the facility is operated in compliance with the terms of the permit operators much also comply with 30 TAC Sec. 101.4, which prohibits a person from creating or maintaining a condition of nuisance that interferes with a landowner's use and enjoyment of a property." Really? The location of this batch plant will interfere with New Hope Baptist's Church parishioners and land owners (George's, Leonard's, ect. ect.) use and enjoyment of their properties. Particulate emissions, light plant and noise aside, if daily, hundreds of

large trucks using a barely two lane wide dirt county road with no shoulders that the church sits next to isn't a nuisance, I wouldn't know what one is. Simple solution it seems is to force them (Sun City), by denial of this permit, to simply pick a different batch plant site. How about right next to the house of one of the two major lessors leased to NextEra the operator of the proposed wind farm? Maybe that major landowner or lessor would be willing to take the health risk, or put up with the big truck traffic on the farm to market road next to his house. 4. COMMENT 3: RESPONSE 3: The batch plant is located in an area where there are endangered species. Again operations "should not", your words "cause an exceedance of the NAAQS,". That states "should not" but not "will not". Why risk it and before granting has or will TCEQ check with applicant to see if it has received TPWD and USFWS "additional authorizations". Also, under COMMENT 4: Water Quality, we asked at the Public Meeting that your representatives and meeting attendees notify your water quality division and alert them about this batch plant seeing if they would inquire about the source of their required water. Have you (they) done so? 5. RESPONSE 8: "TCEQ doesn't have the jurisdiction to consider plant location choices made by an applicant". The applicant is now, especially after the public meeting, 100% aware of the safety, health and quality of life, and property value issues. TCEQ apparently doesn't have the jurisdiction to intervene in plant location choices, BUT based on risk to the church alone, should deny this permit realizing that the likely outcome is that Sun City can and will likely select a more suitable safer location. TCEQ rules prohibit anyone from causing a traffic hazard. "Anyone" will be the Sun City Materials applicant and this plant will create a traffic hazard of epic proportions and interfere with "normal", for this community, road use. 6. COMMENT 10: RESPONSE 10: "Regional Office may perform investigations of the plant as required. Given the less than zero risk to at risk parishioners of the church why isn't this "will perform"? 7. COMMENT 14: RESPONSE 14: "Multiple commenters ask the Applicant why they chose the specific location of the proposed plant" "These specific questions or concerns are outside the scope of the air permit review and are therefore included for completeness, but not addressed by the Executive Director." Have or has the TCEQ, in the interest of the community and the citizens you serve and protect, asked Sun City if they would consider submitting a permit at another location? If you haven't then it seems like the right thing to do, and if you won't or can't then deny this permit at this location due to elevated health and safety risk and let Sun City figure this out for themselves. Thank you for your time and consideration. Respectfully Yours, Zola George

## Ellie Guerra

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 5, 2024 5:14 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number 173973L002  
**Attachments:** Concrete Batch Plant Application\_TCEQ.pdf

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**PERMIT NUMBER:** 173973L002

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** STEPHENS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** GCC SUN CITY MATERIALS LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN605241686

**NAME:** Zola George

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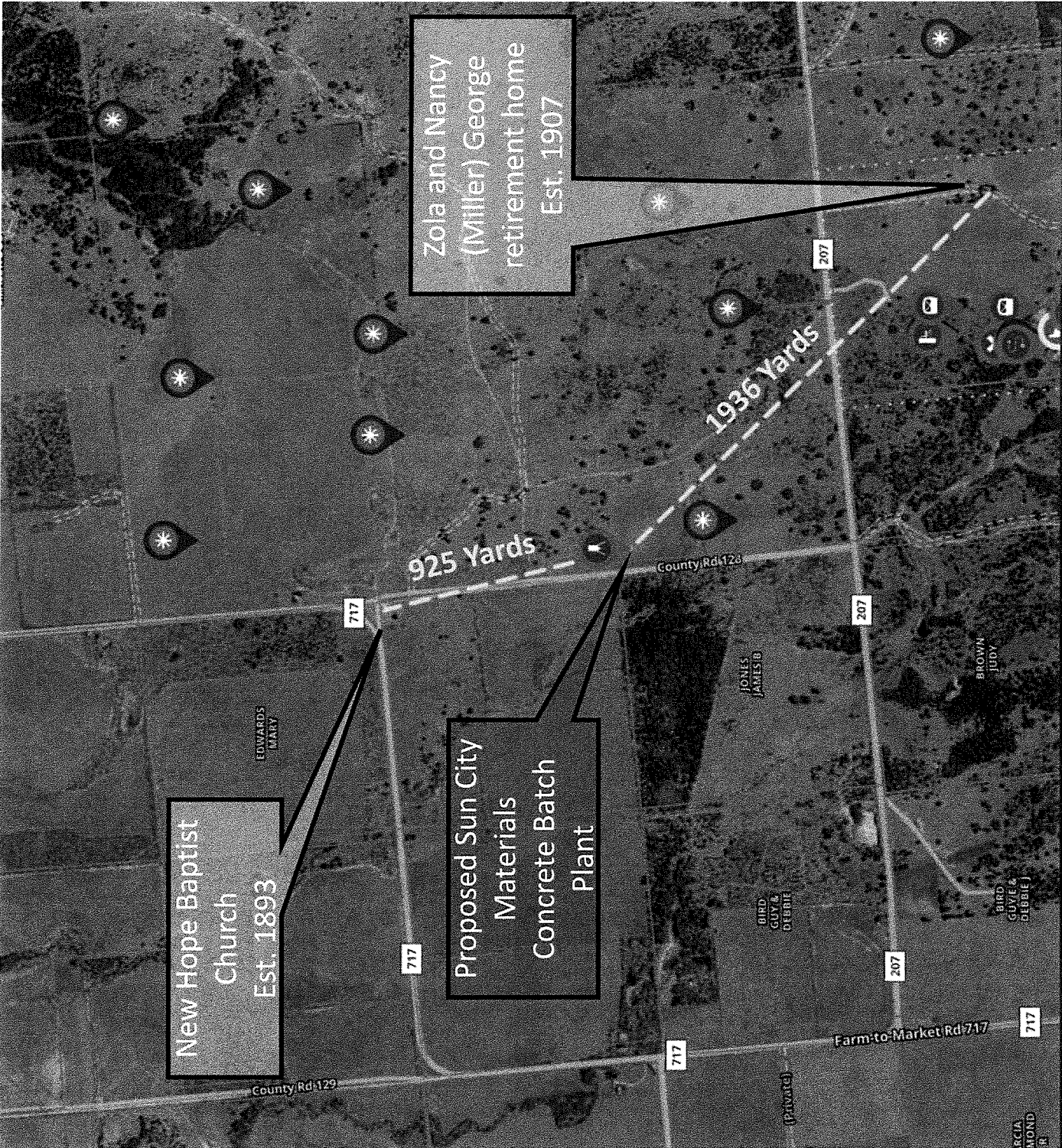
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**COMMENTS:** I am seeking information and requesting that a public meeting be held, at a minimum, and, better yet, asking for action by the TCEQ to deny the final approval of an Air Permit Application by Sun City Materials that will enable this applicant to install and operate a Concrete Batch Plant in Southeastern Stephens County, Texas. This all in reference to TCEQ Registration Number 173973L002. The denial on the part of TCEQ, I respectfully submit and believe, should be based on the following: 1.) My local church home is New Hope Baptist Church, established and active since 1893, that is located only approximately 925 yards north of the proposed location for the "batch plant" (see attached map, pg. 1). My concern is that the, often strong and prevailing, south winds will blow particulate matter from the plant and large volumes of road dust from large tractor trailer trucks onto church grounds causing potential health problems for parishioners and church members, many of which already have existing health issues. The church is located right off of CR 128, as is the proposed plant, which is a dusty narrow two lane dirt road with no shoulders. The traffic increase along these seldom traveled farm to market and county roads will be significant and will also increase the likelihood of traffic accidents in the area. At a minimum, significant health issues and risk aside, the proposed plant will likely disrupt or detract from many of the activities, worship and gatherings that are routinely held at this historic church (see attachment pg. 2). 2.) My retirement home is located 1.1 miles southeast of the proposed plant (see map pg. 1) and a couple of miles west, down FM 207, of a "materials pit", the source of crushed rock that will be a likely base material for the concrete to be made at the plant. This concrete will undoubtedly be used for the pads for the 54 wind turbines being planning to be installed by NextEra Energy. All a part of the proposed La Casa Wind Farm project. I am opposed to the building of this "batch plant", as well as opposed to the La Casa Wind Farm project in general. I am not the only one, 116, the vast majority, 80%, of my good neighbors are also opposed to this wind farm project, (see map on pg. 3) which is the unstated purpose of this industrial concrete batch plant. When the northwest wind blows, dust and particulate matter, may also be blow onto my property. Noise maybe heard, and lights, if night operations are being conducted, will likely also be visible from my place. I will also see a significant increase in traffic along FM 207 that borders my property on the north if this plant is established at the proposed site. There are only two main large landowners that signed with NextEra that want wind turbines. Those 2 landowners represent over 71% of the leases that have signed with the wind farm (see map on pg. 3). One of them, who doesn't live near the wind farm, owns the materials pit and the land where the "concrete plant" is proposed to be installed. There are other locations farther from the church and from my home that could have been chosen, still on said owners property. I wonder why this landowner didn't agree to put the concrete batch plant in next to his home. 3.) I am the current Vice President of Staff Water Supply Corp, SWSC, which supplies water via a pipeline system to the rural residents of Lacasa, the general location of the community that will be affected by this proposed "batch plant". I am a customer of Staff Water Supply and I also currently serve as a member of the Board of Directors of that organization. To date SWSC has not been officially contacted for a water meter install or has not received a formal request by Sun City Materials to be connected the SWSC system. As a result, I am going to assume that the plant will utilize well water in order to make concrete? What water supply demands will the plant require? The existing SWSC pipe and pumps may not be able to handle such a large new customer and any new and resulting additional significant water volume demands. Also, the shallow water wells that are some of the Lacasa residences and homes ONLY water source, are very shallow, some at 30 foot depth or less, and often weak at best. Those water wells that many residences and homes depend on, may dry up or diminish if a new very large demand is placed on the shallow aquifers that supply these wells. Please do not grant this permit without asking additional questions of



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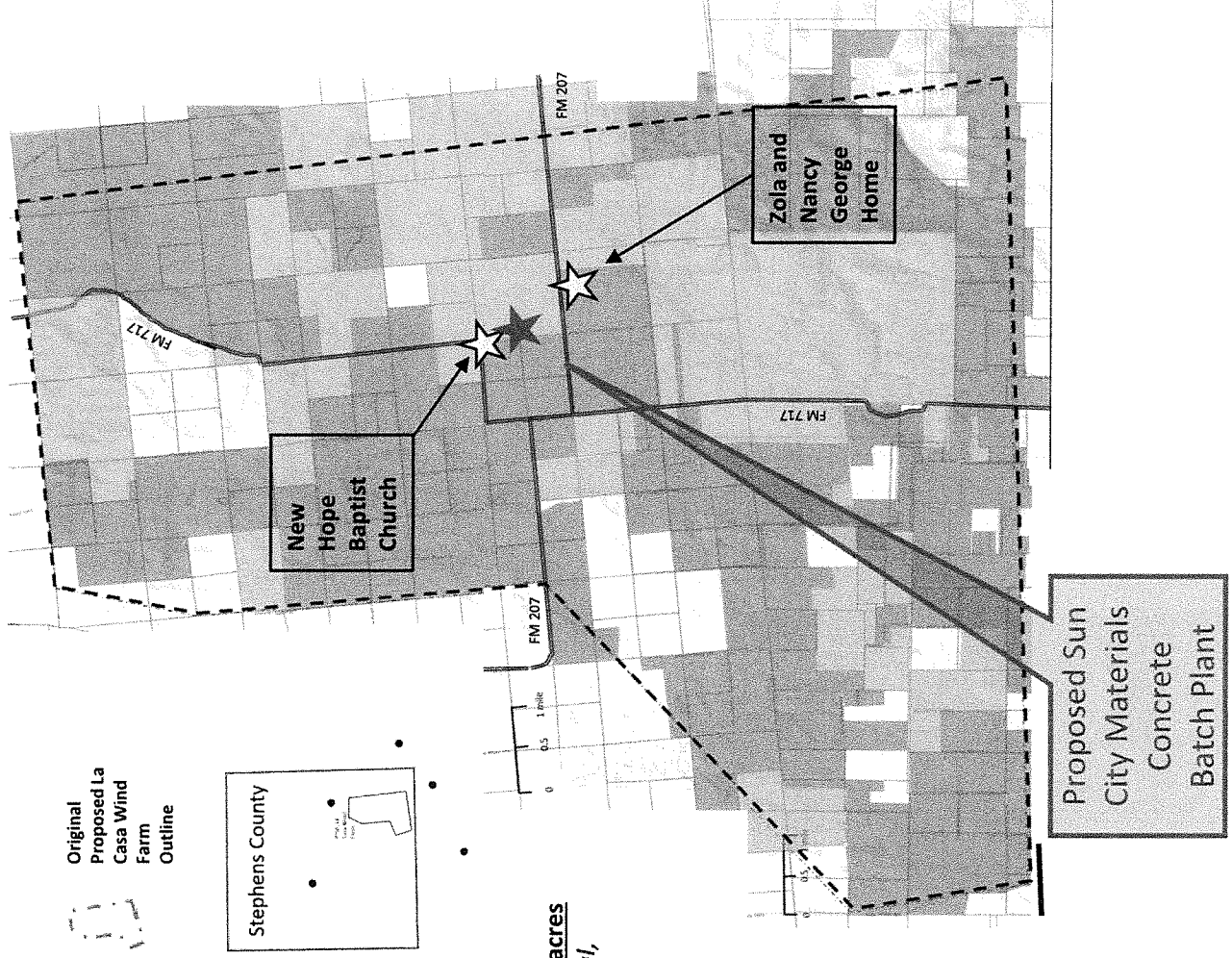
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**Jennifer Cox**

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parishioners of New Hope Baptist Church would know and be able to tell if, and to what degree, they would fall within a particulate matter or dust plume and with detail describing an area of exposure in and around the plant and the church grounds. It seems like this would depend on local wind patterns, and should be understood in order to assess the risk of exposure to Batch Plant PM and to develop practices to prevent such exposure to even low levels of pollutants. The health of many of the elderly and children at the church may depend on this. 2. Given the issues with the church and stated health issues of surrounding residences, should Sun City Materials be asked to complete and qualify for an Enhanced Permit? Did they make any misrepresentations in attempting to qualify for the Standard Permit they have applied for? 3. If a permit is issued, and the plant becomes operational, how will compliance be monitored, assured and documented? 4. Will there be active dust collection devices at the perimeter of the site? (specifically important at night when dust plumes aren't visible) 5. Where will waste water and waste product, generated at the plant, go? Please add these comments and questions to the list of formal comments previously submitted by Zola George in person at the meeting on 9/17/24. Thank You for your time and consideration. Zola George 336 Private Road 2074 Ranger, Texas 76470 (903) 780-3937 [zlgeorge@suddenlink.net](mailto:zlgeorge@suddenlink.net)

# TCEQ Registration Form

September 17, 2024

## GCC Sun City Materials, LLC Proposed Registration No. 173973L002

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Zda George

Mailing Address: 336 Private Road 2074, Ranger, TX

Physical Address (if different): A/A

City/State: Ranger Texas Zip: 76470

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

Email: z1george@suddenlink.net

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- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
If yes, which one? LACTLOC La Casa Texas Landowner Coalition

☒ Please add me to the mailing list.

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

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

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

# **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

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**To discuss and consider Sun City Materials, LLC's Air  
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**Authorizing Construction of a Concrete Batch Plant Facility**

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AT PUBLIC MEETING



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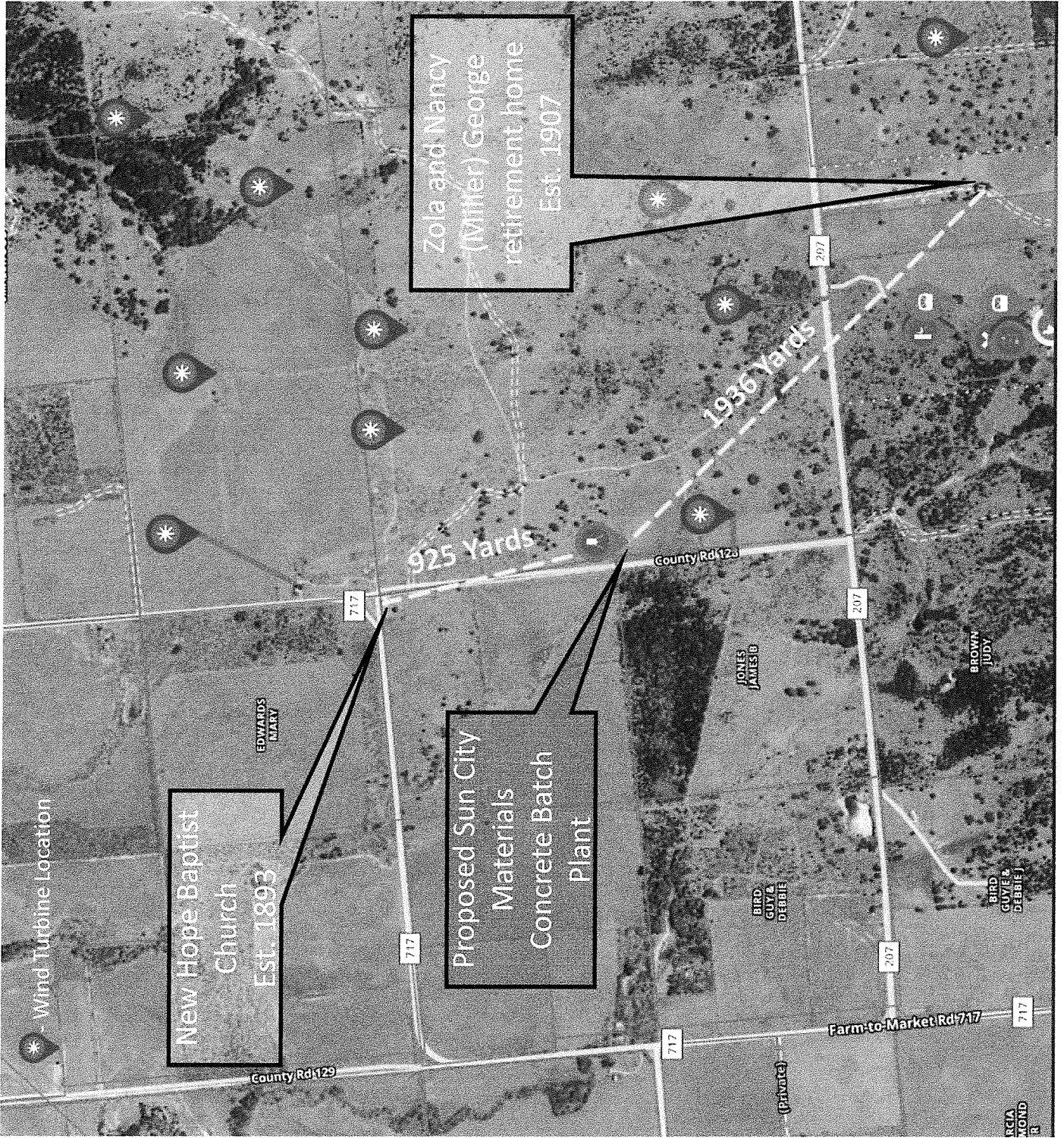
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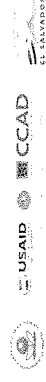
- Exposure to particle pollution is a public health hazard
- When inhaled, particle pollution can travel deep into the lungs and cause or aggravate heart and lung diseases
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*Overview of Particle Air Pollution  
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




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Of significant concern, is the shallow water wells that are some of the Lacasa residences and homes ONLY water source. They are very shallow, some at 30 foot depth or less, and often weak at best. Those water wells that many residences and homes depend and rely on, may dry up or diminish if a new very large demand is placed on the shallow aquifers that supply these wells. Please do not grant this permit without asking additional questions of the applicant and without a detailed study and oversight of the expected water demand and proposed water supply source.

Maybe even more important, and under TCEQ jurisdiction, would be to evaluate and understand what effects the building of the La Casa Wind Farm will have on our precious water resources in the southeast portion of Stephens County. With the turbine concrete pads potentially extending 50 feet into the substrate, what is the potential and risk for ground water pollution and contamination or risk of recharge and filling disruption occurring that could adversely affect or destroy the shallow and fragile aquifers that feed the areas shallow water wells. If those wells are diminished, compromised or ruined, I imagine there will be hell to pay.

In summary, this application should be carefully considered and evaluated, and the land owner and parishioner questions and concerns voiced today should be answered and addressed and incorporated in your decision making.

And, based on the reasons cited, the plant site location is unacceptable. I would again respectfully ask that the TCEQ deny the application for and approval of the Air Permit as submitted. Hopefully that will result in the moving of the plant to a more suitable site location away from "unleased" anti-turbine landowners, affected homes and church, or better yet result in this locally unwanted "industry" moving on to a location where resources are more plentiful and a majority of landowners are more receptive. I would respectfully submit, as a proud Texan, somewhere up in Oklahoma would be fine.

Thank You again for your time and consideration,

Zola George

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## Tammy Johnson

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**RN NUMBER:** RN111810180

**PERMIT NUMBER:** 173973L002

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** STEPHENS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** GCC SUN CITY MATERIALS LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN605241686

**NAME:** Coy David Leonard

**EMAIL:** [dleonard424@verizon.net](mailto:dleonard424@verizon.net)

**COMPANY:**

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**PHONE:** 4699646006

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**COMMENTS:** TCEQ RE: GCC Sun City Materials, LLC Registration No. 173973L002 Coy David Leonard 826 FM 3201 Breckenridge, TX 76424 Cell Phone 469-964-6006 Email [dleonard424@verizon.net](mailto:dleonard424@verizon.net) I am submitting for a formal contested case hearing for the proposed Cement Plant located on CR 128 in Stephens County. I am an Affected Person for this permit. I own the property across the road from the proposed cement batch plant. If this plant is permitted, it will generate dust and chemical debris that will blow over to our land. Our land is currently used for cattle grazing, but plans in the future include agricultural development. The current proposed road, CR 128, is not capable of carrying the heavy trucks and will destroy the road. Thank You Coy David Leonard

# TCEQ Registration Form

September 17, 2024

GCC Sun City Materials, LLC  
Proposed Registration No. 173973L002

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Coy DAVID LEONARD

Mailing Address: 849 FM 3201

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: Breckinridge Tx Zip: 79424

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

Email: leonard424@verizon.net

Phone Number: (469) 964-6006

- 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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AT PUBLIC MEETING

Good evening, my name is Coy David Leonard.

Thank you for the opportunity to state our opinion of the proposed cement plant on CR 128.

My present residence is 849 FM 3201 in Breckenridge, Texas. I am, the current, and 5<sup>th</sup> generation owner of the property on FM 717 across CR 128 from the proposed cement production site. I hold certifications from OSHA as a Certified Safety and Health Official and a Safety Health and Environmental Professional.

I am representing Kellie Huff, Leslie White, Judy Brown, Ruby Leonard and myself who are all descendants of the Bargsley family who originally settled this community. If you stop and read the historical marker in front of New Hope Baptist Church number 3, you will note my great grand parents donated the site for that house of worship.

We are all strongly opposed to placement of this cement production facility on CR 128 since this will affect us economically. Our land is a source of income for game hunters and cattle production. Placement of this facility will, in our opinion, cause irreparable harm to our ability to secure hunters due to the loss of game. In previous years, we hunted the land for deer, dove, quail and turkey. This plant will produce noise, dust and traffic that will drive the deer and other game away from our property.

We also know CR 128 will not sustain heavy traffic, especially after measurable rainfall that is common during seasons of the year. This road was never designed to carry heavy equipment. I have already observed large trucks with trailers on the road, traveling at unsafe speeds. The noise and dust of the heavy trucks will have an adverse effect on any activities at the church. These trucks will use all the available space on the road and cause any local traffic to divert or detour to a different route.

We are also of the opinion that this plant will generate dust and chemical debris that will blow over to our land. Our land is currently used for cattle grazing, but plans in the future include agricultural development. This land has been in our family since the 1870s and we do not want to jeopardize the land for NextEra's profits. Our ancestors fought wars, toiled in the seasons, clashed with rustlers, and Comanches to keep this land and raise their families. They did not accomplish those things to see the land become an environmental disaster and unusable.

In our opinion, this is not the best site for the proposed plant. This facility will cause financial and environmental damage to our family's property and income. If this commission is truly responsible for the environment, this permit will be denied and moved away from CR 128.

## Tammy Johnson

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**COUNTY:** STEPHENS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** GCC SUN CITY MATERIALS LLC

**CN NUMBER:** CN605241686

**NAME:** Michael Rudd

**EMAIL:** [mjrudd1@msn.com](mailto:mjrudd1@msn.com)

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Springtown, TX 76082

**PHONE:** 8633036793

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** Please reconsider the approval of permits. The applicant has many thousands of acres in which to place the batch plant. Jeopardizing the physical, mental and emotional health of nearby residents and church attendees is unnecessary. Thank you.

**Ellie Guerra**

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
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**NAME:** MR Michael James Rudd

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SPRINGTOWN TX 76082-2708

**PHONE:** 8633036793

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** I would like a public hearing about the proposed batch plant location. The proposed location could be located in a less obnoxious location, because the project owner has leased large properties where the batch plant would not harm the citizens to the degree of this location. My concerns include: 1. water consumption in the area which is notoriously short of ground water, as it is well known that over usage can dry up nearby wells 2. air contamination by harmful dust and chemical particulates 3. ground water contamination by spills 4. noise pollution to the residential and agricultural area, which has no industrial plants at this time 5. light pollution if the plant is illuminated and/or in operation at night Please hold a public hearing where these issues can be addressed. Thank you for your consideration.  
Michael Rudd



## Jennifer Cox

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**NAME:** MS MICHAEL JAMES RUDD

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