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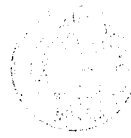
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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, December 13, 2024 9:05 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Sen. Miles Letter to TCEQ on Verti Crete Concrete Batch Plant
Attachments: 12.12.2024 - Sen Miles Letter to TCEQ on Verti-Crete Concrete Batch Plant.pdf

From: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 3:50 PM
To: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>; Deanna Avalos <Deanna.Avalos@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Dennise Braeutigam <Dennise.Braeutigam@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Sen. Miles Letter to TCEQ on Verti Crete Concrete Batch Plant

Please see attached from Senator Miles.

Best,
Clay

Clay Kelley

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From: Justin Concepcion <Justin.Concepcion@senate.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2024 3:14 PM
To: Cameron Poursoltan <Cameron.Poursoltan@tceq.texas.gov>; Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: CJ Roell <CJ.Roell@senate.texas.gov>
Subject: Sen. Miles Letter to TCEQ on Verti Crete Concrete Batch Plant

Good afternoon,
Please see the letter from Senator Miles regarding the Verti Crete Concrete Batch Plant.

Regards,
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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, July 24, 2024 5:14 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Miles PM Request (176289)
Attachments: Request for Public Meeting for Concrete Batch Plant Permit Number 176289.docx

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From: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 23, 2024 5:29 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Miles PM Request (176289)

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From: Cameron Poursoltan <Cameron.Poursoltan@tceq.texas.gov>
Date: July 23, 2024 at 1:58:47 PM CDT
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All,

Please see the attached request for a public meeting from Senator Miles.

Best,

Cameron

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July 22, 2024

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RE: Request for Public Meeting, Concrete Batch Plant Permit #176289

To Whom It May Concern,

As the State Senator for the site of Verti-Crete Concrete Batch Plant Permit No. 176289, I am requesting a public meeting on this permit. This permit would allow Verti-Crete Houston, LLC. to operate their concrete batch plant near multiple schools, a place of worship, and several neighborhoods. This site is located at 953 Pheasant Valley Drive Missouri City, Texas 77489, which is located within District 13. I am requesting an in-person public meeting.

We will work with both our community and TCEQ to find an appropriate meeting place and time that can accommodate all who would like to attend.

I look forward to working with your agency to set this meeting up. Thank you for your attention to my meeting request.

Sincerely,

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