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Kenmore residents that live in the path of emissions from the asphalt plant, cement company, have suffered for years with asthma, bronchitis, COPD, headaches, dizziness, stroke, cognitive impairment, and cancer likely from hydro sulfide , petroleum and particulate matter, from hot mix asphalt , cement , and 522 highway. Even those strolling or biking by the Burke Gilman trail for a few minutes complaint of symptoms of nausea, skin irritation, headaches, fatigue, gritty mouth and sore throat.

The concerns are only allowed to be reported as odor nuisances by stationary building. These toxins can be lethal. There is strong evidence that the particulate matter contains benzene, VOCs, PAHs, known Carcinogens by DOH and the EPA, which pose a health hazard to the general public and workers. These poisons are also deposited in our air, water, land, trees and wildlife. We desperately need compliance that relays more than on the owners or operators monitoring. We need all the agency required inspections to be performed. We need enforcement of all violators by agencies. We need requirements for cleaner processes that do little harm to public safety and our environment to be followed and enforced by penalties. We hope that Dept of Ecology will be the entity to take the opportunity of the climate commitment act to make a huge difference to require stronger standards that apply to new plants to apply to all violators and existing plants that no discharge of filterable particulate in excess of .04, performance test in accordance with 40cRF 60.8, penalize for any use of hot mix asphalt with petroleum binders, and add all air polluting plants to burn ban days. For the health and safety of our residents and climate action, we need actions to conserve and protect our ambient air, our waterways,our trees, our ecosystems and all living species now. Thank you for consideration.