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Permit Programs Manager  
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Hello:

This week we became aware that Roper Construction, Inc., P.O. Box 969, Alto, NM plans to construct a concrete production plant on Highway 220 in Alto, Lincoln County, NM, directly across the entrance to our subdivision, Legacy Estates (Lane). We were told of this by a neighbor who had been told by an acquaintance. There is an 8-1/2"x14" notice posted on the property 58' from the highway center-line. It is hardly noticeable from our subdivision entrance, much less for anyone driving by on the highway. This property has housing on its north and south sides, and an RV park, a residence, and a landscape business on its west side.

We are very concerned over this and raise the following issues.

1. Air Quality – While the levels Roper proposes may not violate NM air standards, it will negatively impact the levels we currently enjoy. The majority of our neighborhood residents are retired and deteriorating air quality is a major concern. There are many older/retired persons in the neighborhood north of the proposed site (Enchanted Forrest), a higher density development that Legacy, and downwind from the prevalent wind direction. This plant represents a threat to the health of nearby residents.
2. Noise – The proposed hours of operation allows them to begin at 4 AM and continues until 9 PM for 9 months of the year, and from 5 AM until 7 PM for 3 months. This is totally incompatible with the surrounding properties since most people do not rise by these times, and may need to sleep before 9 PM. The plant noise and truck traffic at these times of early morning and night are a major issue.
3. Water – This plant will certainly require a commercial level water permit for its operation. Homes in Legacy and the surrounding areas are serviced by domestic wells. A commercial draw on the water supply could/would likely be devastating, causing many wells to go dry. Neighboring subdivisions are already reporting this happening due to the unprecedented drought conditions that exist in Lincoln County. If this occurs, the plant will simply relocate and the current residents will have to hope they can obtain water to continue living on their properties.

There will be no public hearings on this matter since they are not required by Lincoln County. So we ask that these issues be addressed before issuing a permit for this business to operate given the largely residential area in which it will be located.

There will likely be more letters forthcoming on this matter once we can spread the word to neighboring property owners. A copy of this letter will be sent to the New Mexico State Engineering Office and to the Lincoln County Commissioners.

Respectfully,

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