

## Pete Gnatkowski

Construction of the Roper concrete batch plant will provide benefits to the very people who are opposing the construction. It will provide a service that is much closer, easier to access and more economical than the current plant in Carrizozo. Transportation costs will be greatly reduced to construction sites in the Alto/Ruidoso area. I am not aware of any concerns, i.e. groundwater degradation, air pollution, noise pollution, etc., associated with the Carrizozo plant that are being cited by residents in the Alto area as being reasons to not build the plant. It is my understanding NMED closely monitors effects on environmental quality and groundwater on industrial sites. To my knowledge the current plant has not been in violation of any NMED regulation. I have no reason to believe that the proposed plant would be any different. If the plant is built, I foresee no adverse effects to the residents of the Alto area. The proposed plant will provide employment opportunities to Lincoln county residents and provide a more economical, accessible product for construction in the southern part of the county.