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I am writing to address the proposed concrete batch plant planned for construction on Rt 220 in Lincoln County. My family has owned property one mile from the proposed facility for 15 years. We lived in Harris County TX for 17 years and we came to Alto, Lincoln County to escape the population (air, light and noise) that we experienced in Houston. Our home in Alto overlooks route 220 (picture attached) and we wake up every morning amazed at living in such a treasured environment. Mr. Roper's concrete batch plant will negatively impact our property and our property rights in every conceivable way. We strongly oppose the Roper Alto Concrete Batch Plant. The area is predominantly residential with a wide range of income levels and a diverse demographic. By Mr. Roper placing his concrete plant in a primarily residential, scenic and peaceful area, he is, at best, ignoring, and at worst, treating with contempt the beauty of the area with complete disregard to the property rights of others. Please consider continuing to deny the air quality permit needed to build this plant.

I have copied excerpts from a piece written that describes living with concrete plants in unincorporated Harris Country. I recommend you read the whole article and discuss how to protect Ruidoso and Alto from this level of pollution and intrusion into all the gorgeous residential scenic areas of our community.

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"...unincorporated Harris County between Loop 610, Beltway 8, Highway 290 and the Eastex Freeway, tell him that the dust that blows from concrete batch plants covers their roofs, their cars, their barbecue pits. They can't go outside. They can't have friends over."

".....heavy diesel trucks line up as early as 2 a.m. to idle noisily on local streets, waiting to pick up as many as 150 loads every day, emitting even more pollutants like black carbon and nitrogen dioxide. These trucks, Walle says, tear up yards, drainage ditches and other infrastructure governments have to repair. Even attempts to water down the dust end up creating an ugly muddy slurry that tracks all over the community."

<https://onebreathou.org/newsroom/2020/08/concrete-batch-plants-health-impacts-permitting-texas/>.

Attachments area

