Michael Budd

Please deny the Roper Cement Batch Plant appeal. To not do so would result in a dramatic, negative impact on the air quality and health in the area through fugitive dust emissions from the proposed batch plant. In spite of what may be said, the technology does not exist to capture the crystalline silica dust which occurs during the process of making cement. It is inappropriate and, more so, wrong to introduce fugitive dust emissions to a residential and recreational area consisting of residents, golf courses, RV parks, a children's church camp, a landscape nursery, the White Mountain Wilderness Area, the Lincoln National Forest, and the Fort Stanton Snowy River National Conservation Area. The air quality and health of every single one of these would be negatively impacted by an operating batch plant.

The use of meteorological and topographical conditions unique to Holloman AFB in an attempt to demonstrate the possibility of mitigating emissions from the proposed batch plant fails to accurately represent the wind, weather and terrain of the Alto area. It is a real case of trying to compare apples and oranges. I am reminded that while everyone is entitled to their own opinion, they are not entitled to their own facts.

Please make the right decision and deny the appeal. Thank you.