

A concrete batch plant may be helpful to the economic interests of Lincoln County. However, the public interest is not served when the environmental impact on the community is not properly assessed. What the public lacks is the lack of economic/environmental planning (safeguards) from the Lincoln County Commissioners.

The environment impact in the local community should require a community assessment of factors such as'

Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) can affect breathing and may aggravate existing respiratory and cardiovascular disease. Sensitive populations include asthmatics, individuals with bronchitis or emphysema, children, and the elderly.

Truck traffic and truck emissions.

Noise is an issue from the plant and trucks.

The threat of 24-hour operations.

There exists a subdivision right across from the entrance to the concrete batch plant.

There will be an impact of wildlife in the area (silicon dust).

There are residential homes in the pollution radius (5 miles) of the concrete batch plant.

The answer is to reject the concrete batch plant and to find a location with the least environmental impact within Lincoln County.

The public interest is not considered in the application process and should have been included from the beginning. A rejection of the concrete batch plant at that environmentally sensitive location would require a new exploration as to here to erect a concrete batch plant that has the best interests of the community and the least environmental impact.