

Carol Empson

I, Carol Empson, live at 115 Bull Elk Court, Alto, New Mexico 88312. Once again, I am submitting my objections to Roper Construction being issued air quality permits to build a Concrete Batch Plant on Highway 220 in Alto, New Mexico.

As has been stated multiple times this plant will pollute the air as well as use scarce water in our scenic Alto that combines residential areas and state and national parks including the Billy the Kid Scenic Highway, White Mountain Wilderness and Snowy River Cave. While he states that he intends to use "wet dust suppression", there will still be respirable silica dust in the air which will scar lung tissue. How will he manage to haul enough water to manage this feat? The trucks needed to haul so much water will also add to air pollution and to the degradation of the roads.

From my back deck I look out at the site for the Concrete Batch Plant which is about a mile away. For twenty years I have enjoyed waking to beautiful sunrises and silence. Instead, I will be waking to noise and pollution. Coffee and lunch on my back deck will no longer be pleasant. I suffer from allergies which will most certainly be aggravated by silica dust. My partner has both heart and lung problems. Silica dust can only cause more harm.

My favorite activities which include hiking, bird watching, golfing and pickleball will be adversely affected by the extra pollution in the air created by the Concrete Batch Plant.

Please continue to refuse this permit for the Roper Concrete Batch Plant.
Sincerely,

Carol Empson