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I am a cancer survivor. We moved to this home 22 years ago because we were attracted by the bucolic nature of the area and its lack of industrial activity. We are located just over 1/2 mile from the proposed site, downwind from it.

I cannot object strenuously enough to placing an industrial polluter into this area because there aren't local resources to support such activity, the noise from the operation of the plant will introduce unneeded stress to all the residents in the area, and the components in the fugitive dust from the plant, such as respirable airborne silica which causes inoperable silicosis, are fatally harmful to residents and wildlife. Because Roper has stated it is his intention to use water to suppress fugitive dust, the runoff from that activity will contaminate the groundwater and likely will render my private domestic well unusable.

I know for a fact that the extent of "monitoring" of such facilities by NMED consists of recording the receipt of monthly reports from plant operators without verifying the information submitted and that Roper's Carrizozo facility has never been monitored, audited or inspected by NMED according to their own records.

Therefore, I do not believe NMED Air Quality Bureau has acted in this case any more than all the others, as Secretary Kenney states, to fulfill the mission "... to PROTECT and restore the environment and to foster a healthy and prosperous New Mexico for present and future generations." (ref. <https://www.nm.gov/departments-and-agencies/environment-department/> )

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