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Re: Public Comments on 2023 Amendment to the Concrete Batch Plant Standard Permit; Concrete Batch Plant Standard Permit 2023 - RPN 2022-033-OTH-NR

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments to the Commission regarding this amendment to the Concrete Batch Plant Permit. The City of Houston supports The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) efforts to further ensure that air quality and human health are protected. We believe that the additional setbacks, limitations on production, and updated best management practices will help to serve that purpose. We are encouraged by these changes but would like more details on how they will be regulated.

Because the Air Quality Analysis (AQA) is currently a process that encompasses multiple separate undertakings, we believe that the public would benefit from the creation of a comprehensive document. In addition to the suggestions above, we would like to see an expansion of the ability of a party to contest a permit as well as inclusion of others that may be affected by the operations of the permittee but not currently in this group.

Thank you again for your consideration of these comments by the Houston Health Department. Should you, please contact Dr. Loren Hopkins at 832-393-5155 or by email at loren.hopkins@houstontx.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen L. Williams".

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