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To Whom It May Concern,

I am concerned that the proposed list of Best Management Practices for Aggregate Production Operations is grossly inadequate. For starters, they do not address practices to minimize water consumption, noise, and light pollution, as was directed to by the Texas Legislature. The BMPs for the areas they do address — dust and water storage — also warrant serious improvement.

There are several quarries in my county, Comal. Like many Hill Country counties, we are concerned about water availability and water quality. Our counties are growing at a rapid pace, threatening our water, air, wildlife, and overall well-being. It is therefore necessary that BMPS be as comprehensive and adequate as possible. Environmental Quality should mean something.

The TCEQ should further develop their list of BMPs, making sure to thoroughly address all of the issues that the Legislature directed them to address.

Sincerely,

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