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To whom it may concern,

I am the Executive Director for the San Marcos River Foundation, and we are seeing more and more permit requests for rock quarries and gravel mines in our watershed. Unfortunately the public meeting process typically has no real positive outcome for local residents, so the BMP's are critical to improving outcomes for both local residents and the environment.

The proposed list of BMPs for Aggregate Production Operations is grossly inadequate. For starters, they do not address practices to minimize water consumption in an area already stressed for sources of water. They also do not address noise and light pollution. The legislature directed that all three be addressed in the BMPs. The BMPs surrounding dust and water storage also need serious improvement.

We are concerned about the pollutants used in the Aggregate Production Operations and the long-term impacts to local water resources and the environment. We are also concerned that self-reporting is limited in its effectiveness and protections and would like to see improvements made on that front as well.

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

Sincerely,

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