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To the TCEQ,

As a current resident of Round Mountain, and former life-long resident of the Galveston Bay community, I believe that the TCEQ does valuable and effective work. Currently, however, your draft for Best Management Practices for Aggregate Production Operations are in need of revision to strengthen the best outcomes. The Texas Legislature has provided guidelines for you. The Hill Country Alliance is speaking up as well to ask you to improve your draft of BMPs. I urge you to recognize that our natural resources of water and dark skies are not considered in the BMPs. Minimization of water use and its storage, noise, light pollution, air quality, dust and other airborne particulate, increased traffic may be addressed, but, really need to be revisited and strengthened to ensure a strong plan for environmental quality.

You are the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality. The very name implies that quality, not degradation of the environment, is the goal. Management practices are designated as "best". What you are submitting is not the best. Please make significant and strong statements to set a very high standard with high expectations for improving mining industry practices. When policy makers and industry leaders and members of the community recognize TCEQ's high expectations, we can hope that your comments will be influential in the future decisions made within the mining industry. Our quality of life depends on how we prepare for and address expected outcomes. Many people don't realize how to be heard. I hope that you are hearing from many of us on this issue. The TCEQ can be strong and make a difference.

Best regards,  
Terry Duncan