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I, Shawn Troxell, am deeply concerned that the proposed list of Best Management Practices for Aggregate Production Operations is grossly inadequate. They do not address practices to minimize water consumption, noise, and light pollution, as was directed to by the Texas Legislature (a rare positive move for them!). The BMPs for the areas they do address, dust and water storage, also need very serious improvement.

I chose to live in Comal County because of its beautiful rivers. I have friends and former students who live near quarries, or quarries about to be open. Their concerns are mine, not so much the noise, although it would be horrible to hear it all while kayaking down the Guadalupe, but I live down river, and I don't want quarry sludge in my rivers. I don't want it seeping down into our aquifers. I don't want them polluting the habitat of our local wildlife. As a fast growing community, we don't want those dangers to ruin the beautiful landscape and waters. My friends' and former students' concerns have been squashed by rulings that put greed over people and our land, waters, and sky.

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

This is a matter of life or death: our lands, waters, our sky, and all the wildlife **MUST** be protected. The good of the many is far more important than the greed of a few.