

# Travis Simmons

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.

As a family physician in the area, it is my duty to care for the health of the residents of Comal County and surrounding counties, where we have several APOs. My chief concerns are: the effects of such mining operations on water quality (for drinking, recreation, wildlife) and degradation of air quality.

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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