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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.

I have close friends whose acreage was within a mile of a proposed quarry just outside of Bulverde. They fought for years to stop this quarry due to concerns about air quality and water quality since they were on a well. They said that the quarry ruined their retirement because they spent so much time trying to fight it from going forward. Exhausted, they finally gave up, sold their property and moved out of state. If only TCEQ had required this proposed quarry to adhere to Best Management Practices our friends would have been able to trust that their concerns about the quarry were being addressed. It is simple. To protect Texas citizens, quarries need to adhere to all BMPs.

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. Thank you for your attention to this matter.