

To Whom It May Concern:

I live in Cupertino's Oak Valley within a few miles of the Lehigh plant. Local residents in Cupertino and surrounding cities are becoming increasingly aware, speaking out and standing up to the plant, the City of Cupertino and the county Board of Supervisors which appears to be reluctant to take action concerning the numerous violations made by the plant over the years. The plant employs former Cupertino council members and provides tax revenue. The Board of Supervisors has repeatedly resisted Cupertino Council Member Barry Chang's attempts to discuss Lehigh at previous Board meetings.

However it is polluting our environment and threatening the health of Cupertino and other bay area residents. As we learn more about the nature of Lehigh's emissions e.g. quarrying of high mercury content limestone and the reality that we do not know the whole impact of these emissions nor the extent of them, it is increasing concern. Cars and dust that gathers in our homes clearly contains cement. It sticks. What is it doing to our lungs?

Apparently other cement plants like Lehigh in the US are located far from residential neighborhoods. It is time to close or relocate this plant to a safer spot. It is time to put the public's health ahead of tax revenue and the continued operation of the plant. It should not be allowed to continue just because it has been there for a long time. Now we have the knowledge about this plant's emissions, violations, activities which negatively impact our community in so many ways, it is the responsible thing to limit or end the plant's activities.

Thank you

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