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Ms. Thu Bui
Senior Air Quality Engineer
Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis St.
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Ms. Bui,

I received a notice inviting comment on the Lehigh Southwest Cement Company in Cupertino, California.

Having lived in Cupertino for 11 years, I have seen the amount of visible pollutants released into the air several times per week. My kitchen/dining room faces the beautiful Santa Cruz mountains and I love looking out there. It is painful to see what is being done to them and to the air around them. I know that Lehigh/Hanson/Permanente have been in place long before houses began encroaching on the foothills, but I think it is time for the obvious defacement of the terrain, and the polluting of the air, to stop. The vapor released by the plant, whether harmless or not, can be seen for miles and miles, not just by local neighbors like me.

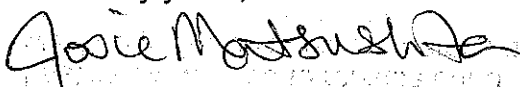
Last week, we had to replace our driveway, which was ridiculously more expensive than we thought it would be. I understand that cement pricing has gone up significantly in recent years, which probably affected the cost of our concrete driveway replacement. Closing this plant may cause cement/concrete pricing (at least in the bay area) to increase even more. But I don't care; I would rather have a beautiful mountain to look at, and fresh air to breathe, than have a little more money in my pocket.

Another issue is noise pollution. When my window is open at night, I can hear the constant hum from the plant. And, every few days we have the pleasure of hearing what sounds like an air raid siren coming from Lehigh. Not pleasant!

Please consider not renewing Lehigh's permit and permanently shutting down this plant.

I hope that you will take my letter, my thoughts, feelings and comments into consideration as Lehigh attempts to get a renewal of its permit.

Sincerely yours,



Josie Matsushita