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Sent: Thursday, October 01, 2009 2:30 PM
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Subject: Comments Received on Lehigh's Title V Permit Renewal

Ms. Bui:

These comments were sent to the City of Cupertino on Lehigh's Title V Permit Renewal, and it appears that BAAQMD is the primary respondent. Please see the email message below.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Yew [mailto:ken_yew@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2009 10:16 AM
To: Cupertino City Manager's Office
Cc: City of Cupertino Planning Dept.
Subject: potential increase in trucks, pollution. Comment period ends Oct 1

Dear Mr. Knapp:

Lehigh Southwest Cement Company has applied to renew its Title V permit with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). There are several items that I thought might interest you in this permit.

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/Divisions/Engineering/Title-V-Permit-Programs/Title-V-Permits/Santa-Clara/A0017/Lehigh-Southwest-Cement-Company.aspx>

1. Lehigh is seeking permits for two storage piles near the entrance. (Statement of Basis, page 107). These piles are both near residents homes and will increase dust emissions. In addition, runoff into Permanete Creek is likely to occur. Statement of Basis, page 107 states "However, over time, the storage piles located outside became drier. Lehigh did not want to over-water the fuel material storage piles for fear that the run off water might flow into Permanete Creek, and the wet fuels and raw materials may result in use of more energy." During the rainy season there is no reasons to believe that runoff will not occur. A complete EIR with alternatives to the project must be done.

2. Lehigh is seeking an increase in fuel usage from 20 tons/hour of petroleum coke to 29 tons/hour of coal (Statement of Basis page 89, Proposed Permit pages 116, 140, and 163).

This will increase emissions from the cement kiln and well as increased emissions from coal delivery trucks or rail cars. Of note, there is nothing in the permit requiring fuel be transported by truck or rail.

3. There continues to be no limits on any other trucks besides cement trucks. According to the proposed permit, page 339 "The owner/operator ... shall not load out more than its percent maximum throughput of current trucks, a maximum of 70,000 cement trucks loaded to capacities." There is no limit on the number of aggregate trucks. This number has the potential to increase substantially as they mine areas less rich in limestone. As the limestone percentage decreases, the portion of aggregates may increase. There needs to be a limit on the total number of trucks transporting ALL materials. Furthermore, if the increase in coal above is approved, there will be even more trucks/rail cars running through our city.

Comments are due tomorrow, Oct 1 if the City decides to submit any. Thanks for all your help.

Karen Del Compare-Yew

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