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From: Susan Sievert [susan@montavistadesign.com]
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To: Thu Bui
Subject: Lehigh Southwest Cement Company
Dear Ms. Thu Bui,

First, I apologize for not meeting the October 1st deadline to comment on the Lehigh Southwest Cement Company plant in Cupertino, and do not request special consideration, but I would be remiss if I did not share my family's long history of living with the plant (under about 3 different owners).

My family has lived in Cupertino about 1.6 miles as the crow flies from the plant since 1949. The past few months, I have not heard the cement plant like I am used to; a very loud, machine grinding sound that would sometimes wake me up at night. Therefore, I am concerned they may be altering/softening their behavior while the renewal of their permit is being considered.

I won't take sides, and can only pray the air is not poisoning us like so many fear. However, the lack of noise is truly deafening and very suspicious. I simply do not like to be lied to, and now I am afraid that is what is happening. The question is, why? Should I now be concerned that the noises I was hearing all these years was illegal? If it's perfectly okay, then why on earth have they stopped -- and I mean stopped completely -- what they have been doing all the 50 years of my life?

The other behavior is they usually ramp up the output at night, or on a foggy day. We can see the cloud of smoke, or whatever it is, over the horizon, even at night.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment, and I hope it is helpful to you. If not now, perhaps in the future.

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