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Ms. Laura Yoshii  
Acting Regional Administrator  
EPA Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Yoshii,

We are a group of residents of Santa Clara County who are very troubled by the BAAQMD lax monitoring of the Lehigh Southwest Quarry and Cement Plant.

You currently have under review the new Proposed 5 Year Title V Permit for the facility sent to the Region by the BAAQMD on November 24, 2009. Although there was a Public Hearing September 17 and extensive formal Public Comments submitted none are reflected in the Proposed Permit you are processing for approval. This is a travesty only you can correct.

In our Public comments submitted October 1<sup>st</sup> (Attached) we called out the lack of adequate periodic monitoring in the Permit to insure compliance with emphasis on the fugitive Dust currently covering the area. As recently as December 3rd Mr. Bateman speaking for the BAAQMD on Television said the Lehigh operation was in "Full Compliance". Due to this passive attitude we have been forced to conduct our own testing although we are the least qualified to do so.

The initial test results are very alarming (Attached). They show Arsenic levels as high as 50 times greater than the California Health Screening Level for Arsenic in soil. They are off the charts for the Air level as the dust swirls around cars and pedestrians as they pass.

We are under resourced amateurs in sampling and testing. We appeal to you to immediately take over this effort and provide the community the monitoring the Clean Air Act mandates.

William J. Almon  
For the Members