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Concrete Crusher Air Quality Standard Permit # 146263

Background: East First Recycling, LLC, 5956 Sherry Lane, Ste 1810, Dallas, TX 75225 has filed an Air Quality Standard Permit to install a permanent Rock Crushing / Concrete Crushing operation at 5317 East First Street -- the same property where an effort was made to rezone the land for such usage last year, which many of us on this side of town protested actively. The engineer working on this application is Mr. Christopher Dick, Senior Air Quality Engineer, Halff Assoc., 214-346-6240. The notice directs people wanting more information to contact Mr. Dick.

Some of the reasons we opposed this activity at this location last year included:

1. The City of Fort Worth's future land use map shows this area being used for Private Open Spaces and Single Family Residential.
2. This is across the street from Gateway Park - -the part that will be built soon. and could devalue the investment in this critical asset for East Fort Worth.
3. This would require the rock haulers to drive over the Trinity Trail, leaving debris on the trail, which would be unsafe for cyclists.
4. Our strong concern for added degradation of the environment air quality in and around our communities.

A Cooks Children's Hospital Study of the city of Fort Worth, identified three areas where the rates of hospitalizations of children with asthma were significantly higher than other parts of the city. Two of these areas were around two existing concrete crushing operations. The third area was in the 76103 zip code. While there isn't a concrete plant operating in this area, it already has the highest rate for hospitalizations for children with asthma in the city. This should add to our concern, that such an operation should become operational. (Note, we have a high concentration of gas wells in the 76103 area.)

This study also makes note that a child growing up in Fort Worth has a 20% chance of developing asthma by the ages from 9 to 11. That represents one in five children.

Action: Please join us for an informational meeting with representatives from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on Thursday, July 13, from 6 to 8p.m. at Nolan Catholic High School. TCEQ will share information on how the Air Standard Quality Permit application and review is done. This is to educate us on what goes into the review of an application, and what TCEQ can consider when conducting the review, and they will answer questions posed during the meeting.

Please note:

1. Verbal comments made at this meeting will not be entered into the public record, and are intended for information only. The TCEQ Clerk will coordinate who is allowed to speak when, and only people who have registered to speak will be allowed to do so.
2. Written comments submitted to the TCEQ clerk at the meeting will be entered. You may bring your letters of opposition and turn them in at this meeting. Please include your name, address, and the permit number 146263.
3. Please bring any questions you have in writing. Also, during the presentation, write down any additional questions you have. We will collect and organize your questions into categories to help assure we cover the most areas of concern possible.
4. Both City and State officials plan to attend this meeting. This is an opportunity to publicly represent East Fort Worth residents as being positive, well informed, and unified.