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Your Comments or Concerns

I support community health programs in Third Ward, Fifth Ward, and the Kashmere Gardens and Trinity Gardens neighborhoods. TCEQ must make environmental justice a priority consideration.

Systemic racism has led to harmful conditions for communities long denied by local and state governments full protections under the law. I am concerned about concrete batch plant sites near vulnerable communities and the lack of enforcement and penalties when there are violations and chemical disasters.

Your Proposed Solution

Stronger permits are needed around concrete batch plants. The accumulation of diesel exhaust from trucks and soot from plants in close proximity present unequal health risks and nuisances in communities. Increased enforcement and stronger penalties are needed due to the lack of enforcement of clean air laws and infrequent inspections of facilities leave surrounding communities exposed. Additionally, state communications tend to be in highly technical English, preventing all Texans from participating in public processes and protecting themselves. Please provide additional communications in both English and Spanish.

My Comments Will Be Made Public

Yes