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Say NO to Particulate Matter pollution in YOUR neighborhood!

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## AIR PERMIT RENEWAL:

CONCRETE PROS READY MIX INC. - Concrete Batch Plant

*Located at: 4005 Swingle Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77047*

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### What is being decided?

- Concrete Pros Ready Mix Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew an air quality permit for the permanent concrete batch plant at 4005 Swingle Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77047. The facility manufactures concrete by mixing materials like sand, aggregate, cement, and water. It is authorized to operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- TCEQ can approve, amend, or reject the permit renewal. The company must have an air permit to operate the facility.
- Hundreds of community members have expressed opposition to the facility since its proposal in 2015. This permit renewal is an opportunity to make your voice heard by TCEQ.

### What pollutants are emitted by concrete batch plants?

- Particulate Matter 2.5 (super-fine particles of soot, dust, silica, etc.)
  - When inhaled, it can enter the lung tissue and the bloodstream, triggering asthma attacks and adverse cardiovascular outcomes for vulnerable persons.
- Carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides.
  - Long term exposure to these air pollutants is hazardous to health and well-being.
- Noise and light pollution affect the mental well-being of residents near the facility.

### What are the specific concerns about the Concrete Pros Ready Mix Inc. facility?

- More than **3,200 households** are within a 1-mile radius of the facility.
- Aggregate facilities like this one are disproportionately located in working-class communities of color, placing an undue environmental and health burden on these communities. The community within 1 mile of the proposed facility is comprised of:
  - 98% people of color
    - 75% identifying as Black
    - 19% identifying as Hispanic or Latino
  - 32% low-income households
  - 20% Spanish-speaking households

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- The proposed facility would also be close to 3 schools, 4 child care facilities, 1 nursing home, 6 places of worship, 3 parks, among other sensitive use areas:

Schools:

- James H. Law Elementary School
- Rêve Preparatory Charter School
- Bloom Academy Charter School

Places of Worship:

- Cullen Baptist Church
- Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church
- Bethel Church UCC
- Cloverland Church of Christ
- Pathway Christian Fellowship Baptist Church
- Real Life Christian Church

Child Care Facilities:

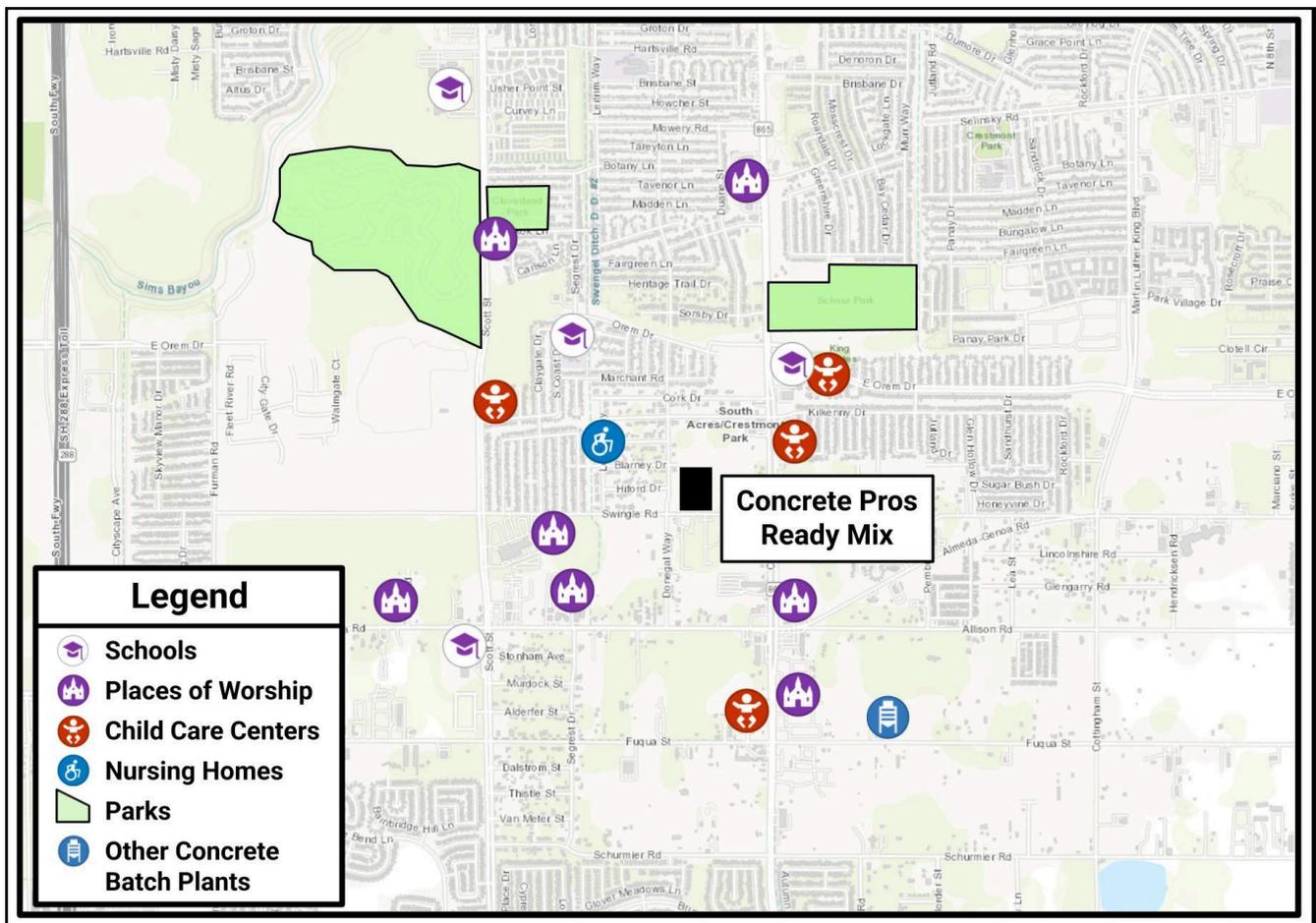
- Next Generation Academy
- All Beautiful Children Enrichment Learning Center
- Magical Childhood Learning Center
- Mary's Little Lamb Academy

Parks and Natural Areas:

- Gwala Park
- Cloverland Park
- Sims Greenway

Nursing Home:

- Heavenly Manor Assisted Living



The map above shows the proposed facility's **proximity to sensitive areas** in the nearby community. These sites are especially vulnerable to air pollution, as they are centers of community where vulnerable individuals spend much of their time.

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## What should TCEQ do about the permit application?

- TCEQ should deny the permit renewal and say “no” to the environmental and health harms posed by concrete batch plants like this one. They release too much air pollution to be located in residential areas.
- Barring a permit denial, TCEQ must strengthen the permit and enforce Best Pollution Control Practices to reduce the plant’s pollution.
- TCEQ should require fenceline monitoring to ensure community members know the amount of pollution being emitted.

## What can I do to slow, stop, or strengthen this permit?

- **If you live within 440 yards (0.25 miles) of the facility, request a Contested Case Hearing. For guidance on how to do so, [click here](#).**
- Type up your comments and submit them to TCEQ online. To submit written comments, go to: <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. Type “131789” in the Permit Number box. You will be taken to an online form where you can type in your comments or attach a document. The form requires you to provide contact information. **See the next page for a sample comment.**
- Contact your elected officials (listed below) and voice your concerns about this concrete batch plant, which would contribute to the air pollution in your community. Ask them to attend the public meeting and submit a public comment opposing the facility.
  - **State Senator:** Borris Miles, 281-261-2360
  - **State Representative:** Alma Allen 713-776-0505

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## COPY AND PASTE THESE SAMPLE COMMENTS

I live near the Concrete Pros Ready Mix concrete batch plant at 4005 Swingle Road and oppose granting this permit renewal.

Aggregate facilities emit health-harming pollutants including:

- Particulate Matter 2.5, which, when inhaled, can enter into lung tissue and the bloodstream, triggering asthma attacks and adverse cardiovascular outcomes for vulnerable persons.
- Carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen oxides: all hazardous air pollutants.
- Noise and light pollution, impacting the mental well-being of residents around the facility.

More than 3,200 households are within one mile of the proposed facility. It would also be close to 3 schools, 4 child care facilities, 1 nursing home, 6 places of worship, 3 parks, among other sensitive use areas.

I understand that this facility is a major source of hazardous air pollution, including Particulate Matter, which has been linked to respiratory, cardiovascular, and cancer illnesses. I am writing this to prioritize my health and that of my community. I urge you to take this opportunity to protect the well-being of your fellow Texans—time and time again, TCEQ has failed in doing so.

**ADD YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY HERE: This can be about your health, your quality of life as affected by this facility, or others, etc.**

I want TCEQ to prioritize the community's health, as they have the power to stop this concrete batch plant from exposing me and my neighborhood to continued air pollution and all of its negative health and quality of life impacts. Reject this permit!

## END OF SAMPLE COMMENTS

**For additional information, contact Air Alliance Houston at (713) 528-3779.**

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