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Say NO to Particulate Matter pollution in YOUR neighborhood!

NEW AIR PERMIT:

E Z WASTE INC. – Concrete Crushing Facility

Located at (approximately): 10217 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX 77013

What is being decided?

- E Z Waste Inc. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an air quality permit for a new permanent concrete crusher at approximately 10217 Wallisville Rd, Houston, TX 77013 (for exact location, refer to this [link](#)). The facility would break down large chunks of concrete.
- TCEQ can approve, amend, or reject the permit. The company must have an air permit to construct the facility.

What pollutants are emitted by rock and concrete crushers?

- 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
- Noise and light pollution: These impact the mental well-being of residents around the facility.

What are the specific concerns about the Houston Crushed Concrete facility?

- More than 1200 households are within a 1.5-mile radius of the proposed facility.
- The proposed crusher would also be close to 4 schools, 2 child care facilities, 8 places of worship, 1 nursing home, and 3 parks/natural areas, among other sensitive use areas:

Schools:

- JW Oates Elementary
- Furr High School
- Houston Community College Northeast Campus
- BC Elmore Elementary

Child Care Facilities:

- Tiny Tots Childcare Center
- As We Grow Learning Center

Parks:

- Brown Hermann Park
- Hunting Bayou Greenway
- Hobart Taylor Park

Places of Worship:

- St. Phillip of Jesus Catholic Church
- Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church
- The Hope Churches
- Iglesia de Dios Genezareth
- Abundantly Blessed Church
- Fellowship Missionary Baptist
- Groveland Missionary Baptist
- Greater New Mount Pleasant Baptist Church

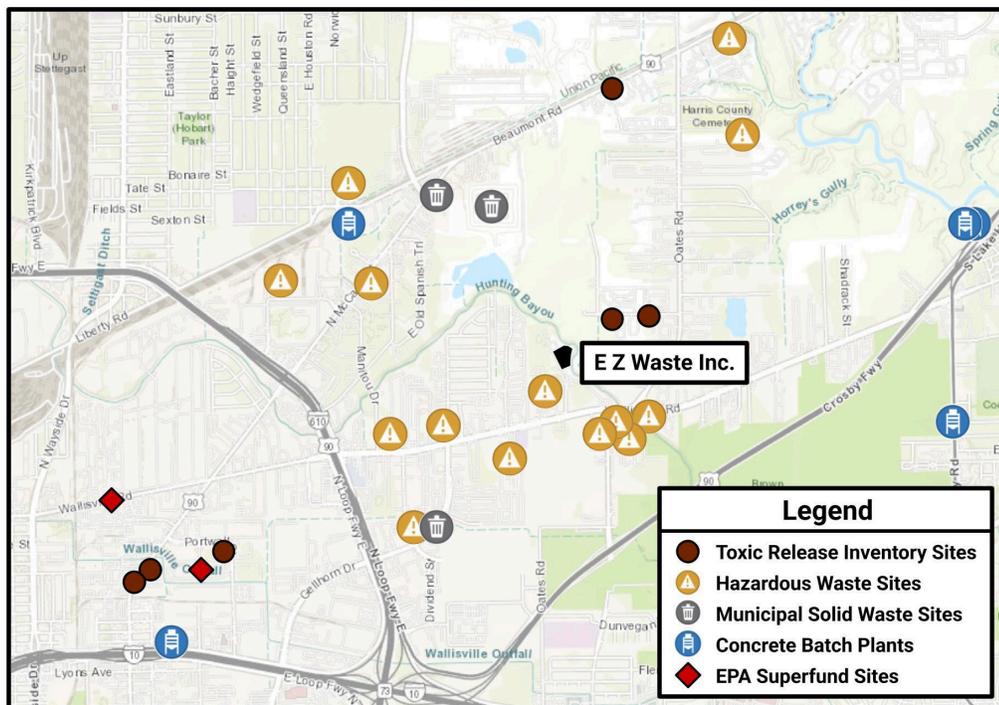
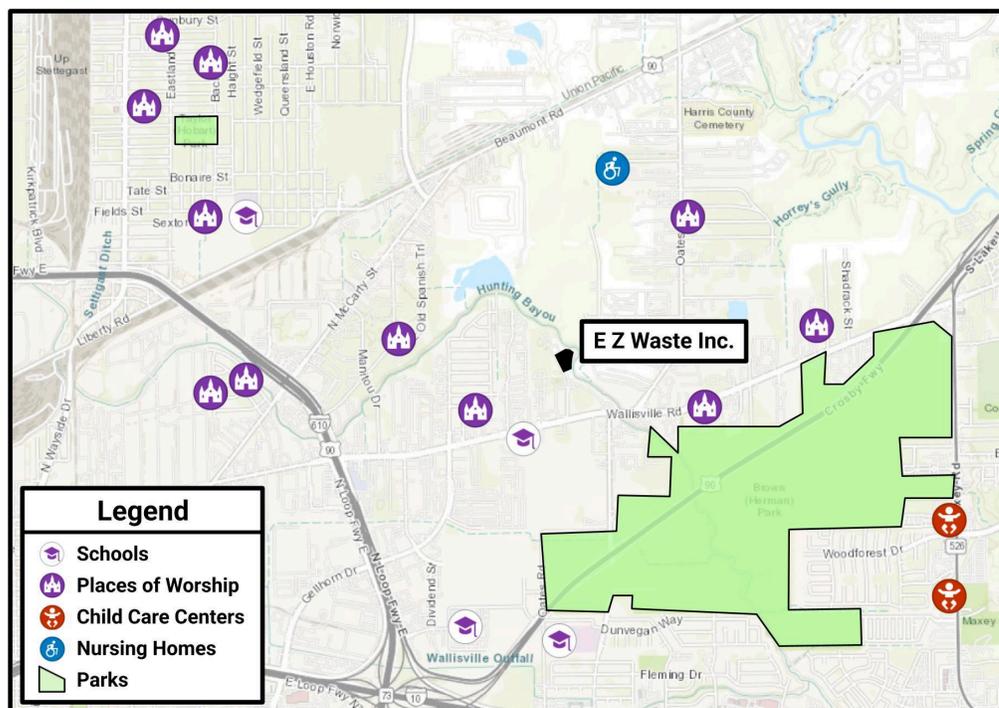
Nursing Home: Dove Community Residential Care

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The map to the right 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.



The map to the left shows the proposed facility's **proximity to other environmental hazards and sources of pollution**.

Multiple pollution sources increase an area's cumulative pollution burden, negatively impacting public health.

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- 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 1.5 miles of the proposed facility is comprised of:
 - 91% people of color
 - 72% identifying as Hispanic or Latino
 - 18% identifying as Black
 - 61% low-income households
 - 66% Spanish-speaking

What should TCEQ do about the permit application?

- TCEQ should deny the permit and say “no” to the environmental and health harms posed by concrete crushing facilities like this one. They release too much air pollution to be located close to residential areas—especially since this community already has far too many polluting facilities and environmental hazards, including **14 hazardous waste sites, 3 municipal solid waste sites, 5 other aggregate facilities, 5 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) sites, and 2 EPA-listed Superfund Sites** (Tyson Foods Ammonia Release, Superior Packaging and Distributing).
- Barring a permit denial, TCEQ must strengthen the permit and enforce Best Pollution Control Practices to reduce the plant’s pollution.
- TCEQ should require fence-line monitoring to ensure community members know the amount of pollution being emitted.

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

- Type up your comments and submit them to TCEQ online. To submit written comments, go to: <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. Type “**182699**” 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 new rock and concrete crushing facility, which would contribute to the air pollution in your community. Ask them to request a public meeting on the permit so questions can be asked and improvements discussed.
 - **State Senator:** Carol Alvarado, 713-926-6257
 - **State Representative:** Harold Dutton, 713-692-9192

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COPY AND PASTE THESE SAMPLE COMMENTS

I live near E Z Waste's proposed Concrete Crusher near Wallisville Road and oppose granting this permit.

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 wellbeing of residents around the facility.

More than 1200 households are within 1.5 miles of the proposed facility. It would also be close to 4 schools, 2 child care facilities, 8 places of worship, 1 nursing home, and 3 parks/natural areas. It would be located close to a number of other environmental hazards and sources of air pollution, including 14 hazardous waste sites, 3 municipal solid waste sites, 5 other aggregate facilities, 5 Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) sites, and 2 EPA-listed Superfund Sites. The cumulative health impact of these environmental hazards must be considered.

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 the health of my community. I urge you to take this opportunity to protect the wellbeing 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 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.

Go to our website for updates on permit campaigns:
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