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Say NO to Particulate Matter pollution in YOUR neighborhood!

NEW AIR PERMIT:

ZAMCRETE READY-MIX LLC - Concrete Batch Plant

Located at: 295 Holmes Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77045

What is being decided?

- Zamcrete Ready-Mix LLC has applied **again** to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an air quality permit to operate a permanent concrete batch plant at 295 Holmes Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77045. The facility manufactures concrete by mixing materials like sand, aggregate, cement, and water. The facility would be authorized to operate 8 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- Zamcrete Ready-Mix LLC applied for this permit in February 2025. After successful community opposition and agency review, TCEQ voided the application due to deficiencies.
- TCEQ can approve, amend, or reject the permit. The company must have an air permit to operate the facility.

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 Zamcrete Ready-Mix LLC facility?

- More than **1,700 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:
 - 82% people of color
 - 34% identifying as Black
 - 41% identifying as Hispanic or Latino
 - 7% identifying as Asian
 - 33% Spanish-speaking households

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- The proposed facility would also be close to 10 schools, 10 places of worship, 3 childcare centers, 2 medical centers, and 6 parks/natural areas, among other sensitive use areas:

Schools:

- Harmony School of Ingenuity
- Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Houston
- Shearn Elementary
- The Emery / Weiner School
- Red Elementary School
- Trafton Academy
- Robert M Beren Academy
- Hobby Elementary
- The Varnett School - Southwest
- The Imani School

Places of Worship:

- Sanatan Dharm Mandir
- Houston Chinese Church
- Southwest Central Church of Christ
- Corpus Christi Catholic Church
- Grace Episcopal Church
- Willow Meadows Baptist Church
- Brentwood Baptist Church
- Transforming Faith Christian Center
- New Testament Church
- Centro de Avivamiento Eben-Ezer

Medical Centers:

- The Menninger Clinic
- South Main Clinic

Child Care Facilities:

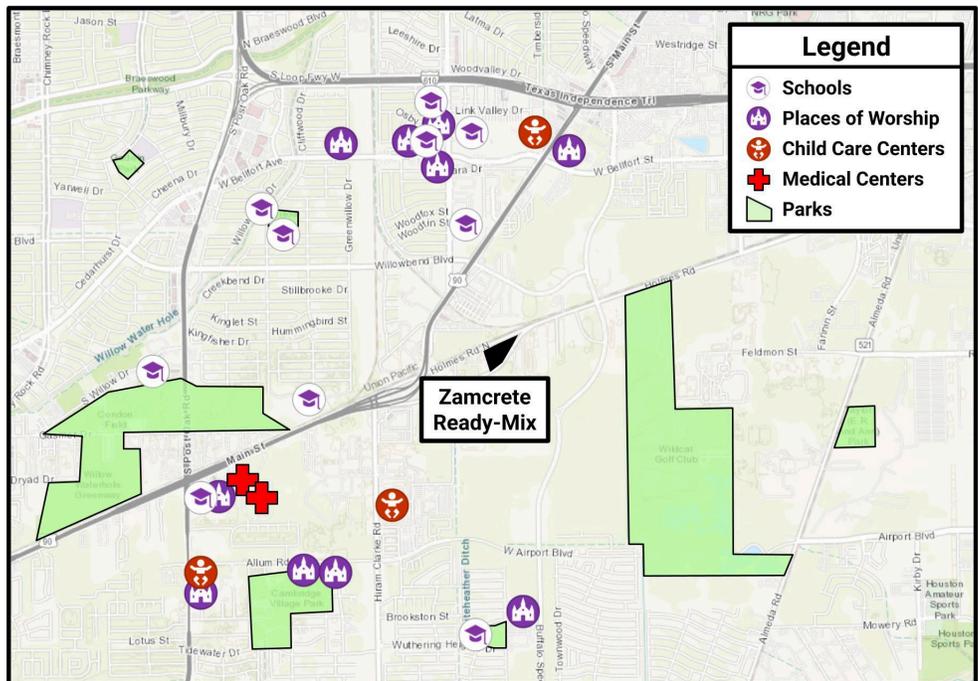
- St Catherine's Montessori
- Bee Scholars Montessori Academy
- Apogee STEM Discovery Learning Academy

Parks and Natural Areas:

- Willow Park
- Westwood Park
- Brentwood Park
- Cambridge Village Park
- Wildcat Golf Club
- Willow Waterhole Bayou/Greenway

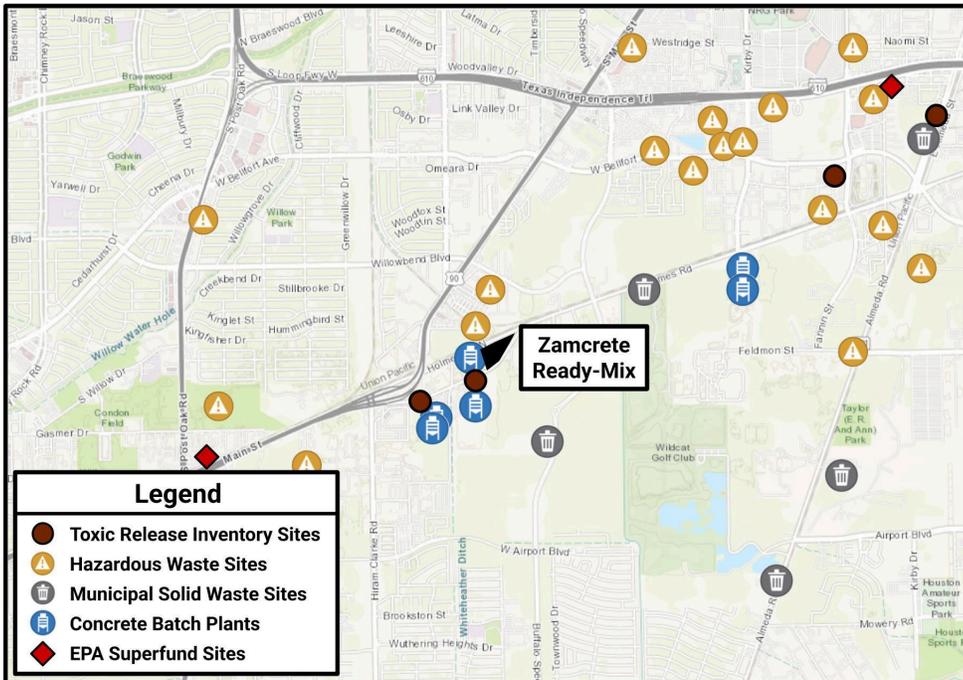
The map to the right shows the proposed facility's **proximity to sensitive areas** in the nearby community.

These sites are especially vulnerable to air pollution, as they are centers of community where vulnerable individuals spend much of their time.



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

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

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 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 “178220” 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 request a public meeting and submit a public comment opposing the facility.
 - **State Senator, District 13:** Borris Miles, 281-261-2360
 - **State Senator, District 15:** Molly Cook, 713-864-8701
 - **State Representative, House District 131:** Alma Allen, 713-776-0505
 - **State Representative, House District 146:** Lauren Simmons, 713-234-6010

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COPY AND PASTE THESE SAMPLE COMMENTS

I live near the Zamcrete Ready-Mix concrete batch plant at 295 Holmes 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 well-being of residents around the facility.

More than 1,700 households are within one mile of the proposed facility. It would also be close to 10 schools, 10 places of worship, 3 childcare centers, 2 medical centers, and 6 parks/natural areas, 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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