



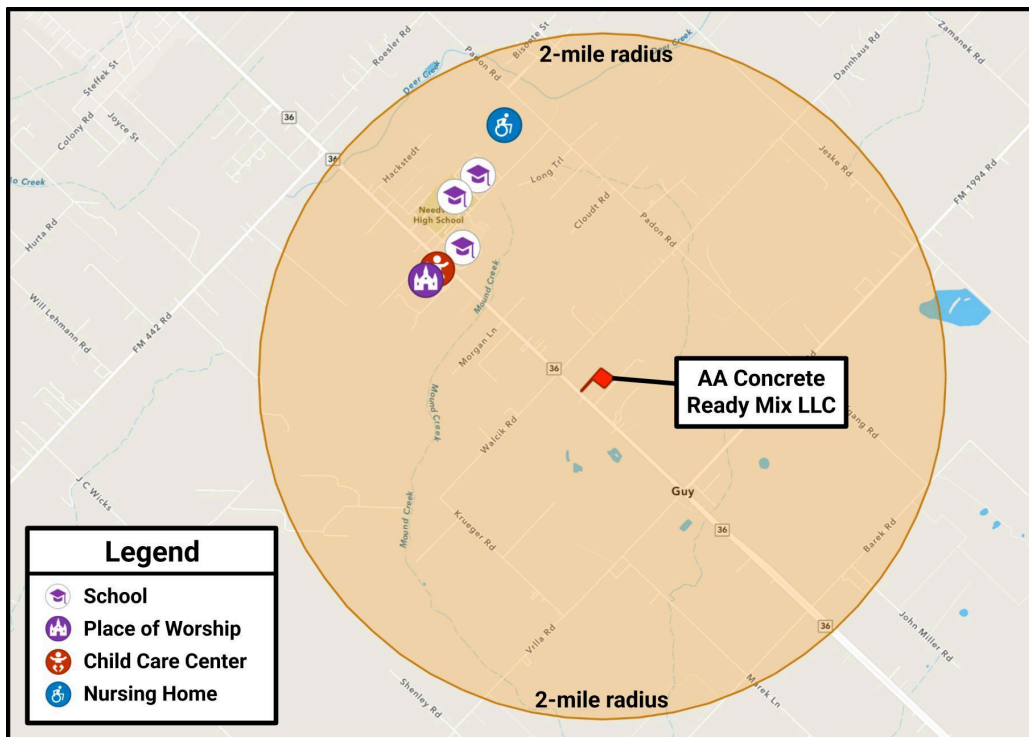
DEMAND CLEANER AIR FOR FORT BEND

Say NO to Particulate Matter pollution in YOUR neighborhood!

NEW AIR PERMIT (No. 183358)

AA CONCRETE READY MIX, LLC - Concrete Batch Plant

Located at: 17707 Highway 36, Needville, Fort Bend County, Texas 77461



The map to the left 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.

What is being decided?

- AA Concrete Ready Mix, LLC has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an air quality permit to construct a permanent concrete batch plant at 17707 Highway 36, Needville, Fort Bend County, Texas 77461. The facility would manufacture concrete by mixing materials like sand, aggregate, cement, and water. It would be authorized to operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
- TCEQ can approve, amend, or reject the permit. The company must have an air permit to operate the facility.

Everyone has a right to breathe clean air.

a: 2520 Caroline Street, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77004 | p: 713.528.3779 | w: airalliancehouston.org

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 AA Concrete Ready Mix facility?

- About **140 households** are within 1 mile of the proposed facility. There are also **10+ residences within 0.25 miles (440 yards) of the facility.**
- The proposed facility would also be **within 2 miles of 3 schools, 1 child care facility, 1 nursing home, and 1 church, among other sensitive use areas:**

Schools:

- Needville Middle
- Needville Junior High
- Needville High

Nursing Home:

- Reliable Oaks Assisted Living / Supreme Memory Care

Places of Worship:

- Creekside Christian Fellowship

Child Care Facilities:

- Springer's LLC - Needville

- 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:
 - 65% people of color
 - 63% identifying as Hispanic or Latino
 - 1% identifying as Black
 - 45% low-income households
 - 32% households speak non-English languages at home:
 - 28% Spanish
 - 3% Other Indo-European
 - 1% Asian and Pacific Island languages

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 batch plants like this one. They emit too much air pollution to be located near residential areas.
- Barring a permit denial, TCEQ must strengthen the permit and enforce Best Pollution Control Practices to reduce the plant’s pollution.

Everyone has a right to breathe clean air.

a: 2520 Caroline Street, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77004 | p: 713.528.3779 | w: airalliancehouston.org

- 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 “183358” 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:** Joan Huffman, 979-480-0994
 - **State Representative:** Stan Kitzman, 979-865-4560

Everyone has a right to breathe clean air.

a: 2520 Caroline Street, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77004 | p: 713.528.3779 | w: airalliancehouston.org

COPY AND PASTE THESE SAMPLE COMMENTS

I live near AA Concrete Ready Mix's proposed concrete batch plants at 17707 Highway 36 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 1,200 households are within one mile of the proposed facility. It would be located within 2 miles of 8 schools, 4 child care facilities, 28 places of worship, and 5 parks/natural areas, among other sensitive use areas.

I understand that this facility would be 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.

Go to our website for updates on permit campaigns:
www.airalliancehouston.org > Community Updates > AirMail

To join our movement for clean air, sign up for our mailing list by scanning the QR code or by following this link: tinyurl.com/subscribeaah



Everyone has a right to breathe clean air.

a: 2520 Caroline Street, Suite 100, Houston, TX 77004 | p: 713.528.3779 | w: airalliancehouston.org