

# STOP THE PROPOSED DORCHESTER LIMESTONE MINING/CEMENT PLANT

North of Hwy 289/FM 902/Taylor Rd/Morman Grove Rd/Old Dorchester Rd

Impacting Your Community as well as Howe, S&S, & Sherman School Districts

It has recently come to our attention that a company named **BM DORCHESTER LLC** (*Black Mountain Dorchester*) is planning to build a **600+ acre limestone mining/cement plant DIRECTLY beside and behind First Baptist Church Dorchester on FM 902, down Taylor Road to Morman Grove Road and around to Old Dorchester Road.**

**Time is of the essence, and OUR COMMUNITY MUST ACT NOW IF WE ARE TO HAVE A CHANCE AT STOPPING THIS DEVELOPMENT!** With your input and support we are hopeful our community can derail this plan that will **DIRECTLY IMPACT YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR LAND.** Their application is not yet complete; however, here is what we know.

**Regulated Entity Name:**

DORCHESTER PLANT

**RN Number:**

RN111368437

**TCEQ Permit No.:**

167047

**TCEQ Docket No:**

**County:**

GRAYSON

**Principal Name:**

BM DORCHESTER LLC , CN605952373

No notifications will be sent out until the application is administratively complete. Then a Public Notice will be sent out for local input. **We want to be ready! WE NEED YOU TO COMMENT ON THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) WEBSITE** expressing OUR objection to this company building in OUR neighborhood. Make sure your comments include concerns about air quality as well as any other objections you may have. **This facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, sulfuric acid, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less, lead, and sulfur dioxide.** All comments are reviewed and shared with the prospective builder. You, your friends, family... All can comment. Once there is a significant public concern and enough requests for a public meeting, there will be one held. In addition, should a State Representative request a public meeting, one must be held.

**Reggie Smith, District 62, Texas House of Representatives – 512.463.0297 or 903.891.7297**

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**Drew Springer, District 30, Texas State Senator – 512.463.0130**

**WE HAVE TO ACT NOW!**

Below are the steps for making your objection:

1. Go to the below website link in step #2
2. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/comments.html>
3. You will click on the button “**Comment online about pending permit applications**”
4. Enter the Application number. Enter this number **167047**
5. Select NEXT.
6. Enter requested information and your comments.
7. Press Submit to TCEQ. Your comments have now been submitted.
8. Now get your friends and relatives to do the same.
9. You may also call the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040.

To date there are no signs posted yet for public comment, but once this occurs the window of time is small to protest. Please comment as soon as possible on the website above. **DON'T WAIT! DO IT TODAY!** In addition, you may contact our local officials to express your concerns and garner their support for our efforts to stop this development.

Phyllis James, Pct 3 County Commissioner - [jamesp@co.grayson.tx.us](mailto:jamesp@co.grayson.tx.us) or 903.813.4317 office

Jeff Whitmire, Pct 1 County Commissioner - [whitmirej@co.grayson.tx.us](mailto:whitmirej@co.grayson.tx.us) or 903.893.2033 office

Bill Magers, Grayson County Judge - [bmagers@co.grayson.tx.us](mailto:bmagers@co.grayson.tx.us) or 903.813.4228 office



#### Obvious concerns include:

- Decreased quality of country living
- Health risks to all citizens – Do you know any one with Asthma or breathing conditions?
- Excessive noise pollution
- Decreased property values
- 24-hour a day lighting pollution
- Air pollution – Dust, fuel and chemicals including sulfuric acid, nitrogen oxides, and carbon monoxide
- Excessive draw on the water table – Dorchester is currently home to wells that supply Sherman, Dorchester, Howe, and Gunter populations. With existing water concerns, this WILL affect our water supply!
- Health risks to livestock and wildlife
- Heavy industrial traffic on our neighborhood roads
- Commercial traffic will never stop – Semi loads of equipment and materials will destroy our roads and highways including FM 902, Hwy 289, and too many county roads to list.

#### Detailed concerns include:

- **Ground Water** - Limestone mining can affect ground water conditions. Limestone deposits often occur. The deposits result in sinkholes, caves and areas of rock fractures that form underground drainage areas. When mining occurs, disruption to natural aquifers, or flows of underground water, can result. Often, mining operations remove ground water to expose the quarrying site, which can lower the water table and change how water flows through the rock formations.
- **Surface Water** - Streams and rivers can be altered when mines pump excess water from a limestone quarry into downstream natural channels. This increases the danger of flooding, and any pollutants or changes in water quality affects the surface water. Upstream surface water features, such as marshes, ponds and wetlands, can lose volume as their waters drain into the mine and are pumped out.
- **Sinkholes** - As water and rock are removed from mines, the support they give to underground features is gone. Sinkholes can develop, where the roofs of underground caverns are weakened or collapse. Collapse can be gradual or sudden. .
- **Blasting and Construction** - Limestone mines use two types of blasting. Small explosive charges set along drilled lines free blocks of stone to be removed for construction. Large charges reduce whole areas of limestone to rubble, which is removed for use as crushed stone. The noise, dust, and impact from explosions can result in noise pollution and dust. Underground forces from the blasts can cause sinkholes or change the drainage and water quality of underground aquifers. Construction equipment, such as large trucks, crushing machines and earth-moving equipment, also contribute to noise and dust.

**SPEAK UP NOW! LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

**COMMUNITY PRAYER RALLY AT THE**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH DORCHESTER ON DECEMBER 1, 8, AND 15<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 PM.**