

From: Tony Verreos
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Padilla, Ingrid
Cc: Bradley Angel
Subject: MAY 25, 2017 RE: AIR POLLUTION from concrete plants & lax government oversight
Importance: High

Hi Ingrid,

Please forward this message to all Brisbane City Council members, as well as appropriate staff members.

The email has links to an NBC Investigates article from today that essentially accuses the BAAQMD of not doing its job to protect the public from microscopic particulate matter which is proven injurious to health. One environmental engineer for the BAAQMD, Mr. Phil Martien, is cited as basically saying it's n big deal. He doesn't clarify when or how it could be a big deal, or why it's not if you are a certain distance away from the operations, and worst of all he points to no studies to back up the safety of the current operations. My concern over this is that we have a very similar exposure here in Brisbane on the Baylands which for decades has operated in what appears to me to be a very similar lax, or under the regulatory radar basis. As long as no one in authority feels the public health is threatened, and no regulatory agency is pushing for studies, monitoring, or greater protections, the operations can be allowed to continue with the public remaining exposed while living in a state of false security. I've brought this up before, and am not aware of any action taken on it by the City of Brisbane, and that bothers me.

We all know that expert opinions can differ greatly, but if the City hires two or three independent experts to inspect and test, and all of them return independent results telling the City, there is no problem, I will accept that conclusion gladly. In the absence of any proof that we are safe from the long term exposure to these insidious particles, I'm not satisfied with opinions that are not backed up by any hard science.

Please respond to this in writing.

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Green Action for Health and Environmental Justice Report:
<http://greenaction.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Concrete-Manufacturers-Regulatory-Role-of-Bay-Area-Air-District-May-2017.pdf>

NBC Bay Area Coverage:
<http://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/Is-San-Franciscos-Building-Boom-Taking-a-Toll-on-Poorest-Neighborhoods-424196063.html>