

88th Texas Legislative Sessions Concrete Batch Plants Memo

In October 2021, the City of Houston was awarded a \$200,000 grant by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to create and launch a public health campaign, “Houston Inspira” aimed at engaging and educating residents of these air pollutants and how to collectively raise their voices to pressure TCEQ and other related state agencies to increase regulations on air quality permits for concrete batch plants. In almost 14 months, 5 storytellers from community were selected through an application process and partnered with local environmental partners to increase capacity building, engage in public forums, storytelling, and other innovative programs that help raise awareness of health concerns around COVID-19 and air pollutants, particularly PM_{2.5} and benzene. The 5 communities include: Acres Homes, Alief/Westwood, Kashmere Gardens, Near Northside, and Second Ward.

As of April 7, the City of Houston Government Relations team in coordination with several city departments have identified 19 bills in counting that have been filed regarding concrete batch plants, air quality, and/or issuance of air quality permits for concrete batch plants with the TCEQ during the 88th Legislative Session (see below).

Bill Number: HB 94

Author: Johnson, Jarvis (D)

- Relating to the consideration for approval by the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality of an application for an authorization to use a standard permit for a concrete batch plant.

Bill Number: HB 124

Author: Johnson, Jarvis (D)

- Relating to the permitting of certain concrete plants located in an area of a municipality not subject to zoning regulations.

Bill Number: SB 131

Author: Campbell, Donna (R)

- Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 137

Author: Thompson, Senfronia (D)

- Relation to the issuance of air quality permits for concrete plants located in certain areas.

Bill Number: SB 179

Author: Miles, Borris (D)

- Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process

Bill Number: HB 344
Author: Johnson, Jarvis (D)

- Relating to the requirements for notice of a standard permit for certain concrete plants.

Bill Number: HB 372
Author: Johnson, Jarvis (D)

- Relating to a prohibition on the operation of concrete plants and crushing facilities at certain locations.

Bill Number: HB 406 (Companion HB 407)
Author: Collier, Nicole (D)

- Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 407 (Companion HB 406)
Author: Collier, Nicole (D)

- Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: SB 503 (Companion HB 2392)
Author: Miles, Borris (D)

- Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for concrete plants located in certain areas.

Bill Number: SB 705 (Companion HB 2391)
Author: Miles, Borris (D)

- Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to request a hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 758 (Companion SB 817)
Author: Walle, Armando (D)

- Relating to the deadline to request a contested case hearing on an authorization to use a standard permit for a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 759 (Companion SB 816)
Author: Walle, Armando (D)

- Relating to a motion to overturn an executive director decision on an authorization to use a standard permit for certain concrete plants.

Bill Number: SB 816 (Companion HB 759)

Author: Alvarado, Carol (D)

- Relating to overturn an executive director decision on an authorization to use a standard permit for certain concrete plants.

Bill Number: SB 817 (Companion HB 758)

Author: Alvarado, Carol (D)

- Relating to the deadline to request a contested case hearing on an authorization to use a standard permit for a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 926

Author: Dutton, Harold (D)

- Relating to the persons entitled to request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: SB 1175

Author: Eckhardt, Sarah (D)

- Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 1387

Author: Walle, Armando (D)

- Relating to the persons entitled to request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: SB 1397 (Companion HB 1505)

Author: Schwertner, Charles (R)

- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Bill Number: SB 1398 (Companion HB 4537)

Author: Schwertner, Charles (R)

- Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.

Bill Number: 1399 (Companion HB 4536)

Author: Schwertner, Charles (R)

- Relating to the renewal and review of certain air quality permits.

Bill Number: SB 1416 (Companion HB 3624)

Author: Johnson, Nathan (D)

- Relating to the processing of an application for an authorization to use a standard permit for a rock or concrete crushing facility.

Bill Number: HB 1505

Author: Bell, Keith (R)

- Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Bill Number: SB 1552

Author: Miles, Borris (D)

- Relating to affirmative defenses for a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement action for unauthorized emission or opacity events.

Bill Number: SB 1554

Author: Miles, Borris (D)

- Relating to the location qualification for a standard permit for certain concrete plants and a prohibition on the operation of concrete plants and crushing facilities at certain locations.

Bill Number: SB 1555

Author: Miles, Borris (D)

- Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.

Bill Number: SB 1920 (Companion HB3433)

Author: Reynolds, Ron (D)

- Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for certain facilities located in a nonattainment area.

Bill Number: HB 2391 (Companion SB 705)

Author: Thompson, Senfronia (D)

- Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to request a hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Bill Number: HB 2392 (Companion SB 503)

Author: Thompson, Senfronia (D)

- Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for concrete plants located in certain areas.

Bill Number: HB 2905

Author: Goodwin, Vikki (D)

- Relating to air quality permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Bill Number: HB 3433 (Companion SB 1920)

Author: Reynolds, Ron (D)

- Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for certain facilities located in a nonattainment area.

Bill Number: HB 3624 (Companion SB 1416)

Author: Carrie, Isaac (R)

- Relating to the processing of an application for authorization to use a standard permit for a rock or concrete crushing facility.

Bill Number: 3658

Author: Carrie, Isaac (R)

- Relation to the monitoring of emissions from certain facilities that emit air contaminants.

Bill Number: HB 4536 (Companion SB 1399)

Author: Bell, Keith (R)

- Relating to the renewal and review of certain air quality permits.

Bill Number: HB 4537 (Companion SB 1398)

Author: Bell, Keith (R)

- Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operation and concrete batch plants.

Bill Number: HB 4785

Author: Anchia, Rafael (D)

- Relating to the denial of certain applications for a permit or other authorization under the Texas Clean Air Act on the basis of adverse environmental justice impacts.

Bill Number: HB 4959

Author: Wilson, Terry (R)

- Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.