May 4, 2010

Brad Wagenknecht
Chairperson, Board of Directors

Gayle B. Uilkema
Chairperson, Stationary Source Committee

Bay Area Air Quality Management District
939 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94109

Re: Facility #A0017, Lehigh Southwest Cement Company

Dear Directors Wagenknecht and Uilkema:

We would like to thank the Bay Area Air Quality Management District for its participation in the City Council Study Session on the Lehigh Heidelberg facility here in Cupertino.

We wanted to share our view, and indeed our support, for several matters that have been raised either by you or others during the study session.

First, we would like to express our support for the proposed air monitoring system at Monta Vista Recreation Center. We believe this would be a productive step towards both gauging the air quality in our community and addressing the concerns of the citizens.

Secondly, we would also like to express our support for the implementation of the currently proposed rules promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) upcoming National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP). We would recommend that the BAAQMD appear at the City Council for a follow-up study session when the new NESHAP rules are implemented to explain what the standards are and how Lehigh Permanente is complying within the new rulemaking framework.
Finally, we were pleased to hear that the BAAQMD and Lehigh -- as well as our residents -- all favor the possibility of a single stack at the Lehigh facility here in Cupertino. We would like to suggest that both the BAAQMD and Lehigh look further into this possibility and the City Council urges the BAAQMD to facilitate the timely processing of all permitting required for the construction of a single stack.

Sincerely,

Kris Wang
Mayor