
Fwd: Air pollution at MMES - comments due this week!

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Stina Brock <stina.brock@gmail.com>
To: schoolboard@tcsd.org

Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 6:19 AM

Hello Teton County School Board, I thought you would want to be aware of this pollution situation affecting the children and staff at Munger Mountain Elementary School. It's a serious problem affecting a socio- and economically diverse population in our community. As our school board, I hope you are interested in addressing this problem. Providing public comments on the air permit is unlikely to resolve this, so I could use your help before the school year starts up again to address this.

Sincerely,
Stina Brock

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From: **Stina Brock** <stina.brock@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 17, 2024 at 5:17 PM
Subject: Air pollution at MMES - RESPOND NOW before 4th of July

Hi MMES community - the public comment period is open now and until the 4th of July to provide input to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality as they consider issuing an air permit to Hunt Construction to operate their asphalt recycling machine next door to MMES (see photos). Please review the email below for the backstory.

To take action, go to this link and fill in your contact information. You can then write your own comments or upload the attached letter or copy and paste the information you want to submit into the comment form. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions. Even if we don't win, I hope we can use this opportunity to show that we will stand up for the health of our children and our school community.

<https://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/?id=QMNmDj7HT>

Thanks,
Stina Brock

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From: **Stina Brock** <stina.brock@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, May 22, 2024 at 5:16 AM
Subject: Air pollution concerns at MMES
To: Stina Brock <ekbrock@gmail.com>

[Spanish]
Hola comunidad MMES,

Nuestro vecino de MMES, Hunt Construction, opera regularmente una máquina de reciclaje de asfalto durante el horario escolar que emite contaminación dañina a nuestra escuela (ver foto adjunta). Estoy liderando un esfuerzo para organizar a nuestra comunidad para brindar comentarios durante un próximo período de comentarios públicos. Busco el apoyo de personas de nuestra comunidad que tengan experiencia en lidiar con problemas de calidad ambiental como este. Responda a este correo electrónico si usted o alguien que conoce puede hablar conmigo sobre esto.

Mientras tanto, consulte los antecedentes adicionales a continuación y considere brindar comentarios a la comunidad cuando se presente la oportunidad. Les enviaré un correo electrónico a todos nuevamente cuando se abra la ventana para que podamos enviar comentarios.

Gracias,
stina brock

Detalles adicionales:

Hunt Construction está ubicada junto al estacionamiento de autobuses de MMES. Manejan una máquina de reciclaje de asfalto, que es una operación que genera emisiones de sustancias químicas y contaminantes desagradables, incluidos carcinógenos conocidos. Casi todos los días en primavera y otoño (solo puede funcionar durante el clima templado), durante el día escolar, nuestros niños se ven obligados a respirar esta contaminación tóxica. Mi hija mencionó que ya estará funcionando nuevamente esta primavera.

Hunt Construction ha solicitado un permiso aéreo del Departamento de Calidad Ambiental de Wyoming para continuar operando su máquina de reciclaje de asfalto. Tenemos la oportunidad de informarle al Departamento de Calidad Ambiental de WY cómo nos sentimos acerca de la contaminación de Hunt Construction que se emite directamente a nuestra escuela primaria durante el horario escolar.

Una vez que sea de conocimiento público, podemos enviar comentarios a través de un portal electrónico en <http://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/> o podemos enviar comentarios impresos directamente al DEQ. Compartiré más información cuando se abra el período de comentarios públicos.

[English]

Hello MMES community,

Our MMES neighbor, Hunt Construction, regularly operates an asphalt recycling machine during school hours that emits harmful pollution into our school (see attached photo). I am leading an effort to organize our community to provide feedback during an upcoming public comment period. I am seeking the support of people in our community who have experience dealing with environmental quality concerns like this one. Please respond to this email if you or someone you know can speak with me about this.

In the meantime, please see the additional background below and consider providing community feedback when the opportunity opens up. I will email you all again when the window opens for us to submit feedback.

Thank you,
Stina Brock

Additional details:

Hunt Construction is located adjacent to the bus parking lot of MMES. They run an asphalt recycling machine, which is an operation that leads to emissions of nasty chemicals and pollutants, including known carcinogens. Almost every day in the spring and the fall (it can only operate during mild weather), during the school day, our children are forced to breathe in this toxic pollution. My daughter mentioned that it is running again now this spring already.

Hunt Construction has applied for an air permit from the WY Department of Environmental Quality to continue to operate their asphalt recycling machine. We have the opportunity to let the WY Department of Environmental Quality know how we feel about Hunt Construction's pollution being emitted directly into our elementary school during school hours.

Once it is on public notice, we can submit comments through an electronic portal at <http://aq.wyomingdeq.commentinput.com/> or we can submit hard copy comments to the DEQ directly. I will share more information when the public comment period opens.

2 attachments



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 **Opposition Letter to Submit.pdf**
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Bill Scarlett <bscarlett@tcsd.org>
To: Stina Brock <stina.brock@gmail.com>
Cc: schoolboard@tcsd.org

Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 9:46 AM

Hi Stina,

Thanks for bringing this to our attention. Administration is looking into this.

Warm regards,

Bill Scarlett
Chair

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Stina Brock <stina.brock@gmail.com>
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Cc: schoolboard@tcsd.org

Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 9:51 AM

Thanks for your response, Bill!
Stina

On Jul 2, 2024, at 09:46, Bill Scarlett <bscarlett@tcsd.org> wrote:

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Gillian Chapman <gchapman@tcsd.org>
To: Bill Scarlett <bscarlett@tcsd.org>
Cc: schoolboard@tcsd.org

Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 10:40 AM

We submitted this to the public comment forum:

Teton County School District #1 (TCSD) operates Munger Mountain Elementary School which is the neighbor immediately south of Hunt Construction operations. TCSD #1 families have shared with us complaints and concerns about the health implications for students, ages 5-11 years old due to burning operations occurring during the school day. We do not have any documentation of the type of material being burned, possible toxins released with the burning operations but TCSD #1 respectfully asks for consideration of limiting burning operations outside of normal school hours, 8am-4pm during the months of September-June. This limitation should reduce parent and staff concerns about possible health impacts from the burning operations which does create a very unpleasant odor that permeates the school building during operations.

Gillian Chapman, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Betsy Carlin <bcarlin@tcsd.org>
To: Gillian Chapman <gchapman@tcsd.org>
Cc: Bill Scarlett <bscarlett@tcsd.org>, schoolboard@tcsd.org

Tue, Jul 2, 2024 at 10:43 AM

Great. Thanks!

Betsy Carlin
TCSD School Board Trustee
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