

# Legislative News

## Calendar Items

- **Public Hearing on New Source Review; Monday, March 31st; 9:00 a.m.**
- **Seniors Environmental Council—EPA interviews April 7th in San Antonio**
- **Cement Kiln Lobby Day in Austin—Call for Details**
- **Monthly Clean Air Now Meeting Wednesday, April 16, 2003 7:00 p.m. La Calle Doce at Skillman & Live Oak 1925 Skillman Avenue Dallas, TX 75206 (214) 824-9900**

## Help End the Burning of Hazardous Waste in Cement Kilns!

### Cement Kiln or Commercial Hazardous Waste Incinerator Which is it?

In Texas, cement kilns burn very large volumes of non-traditional fuels including tires, auto battery casings, wood chips, rice hulls, tear off roofing tiles, diaper ends, and hazardous waste. The cement industry while burning waste similar to that of a commercial hazardous waste incinerator is not asked to utilize better pollution-control equipment or dispose of waste bi-products with the same stringent requirements of a hazardous waste incinerator. Simply stated, cement kilns perform the same function as a hazardous waste incinerator and operate within a loophole that should be closed. It is time that any facility that burns hazardous waste be treated as equals and be asked to conform to the same standards.

The cement industry claims that the high temperatures and oxidizing conditions necessary for cement production are ideal to combust all of the chemicals associated with hazardous waste. In fact, the industry proudly boasts about their "recycling" efforts and even claims that by burning hazardous materials they actually "recycle 365 days a year".

In North Texas the emissions of the three cement kilns total that of 2.2 million pounds of toxic emissions and 33,000 tons of criteria pollutants annually. Of the three plants located in a suburb of Dallas and Fort Worth, one burns hazardous waste and tires, one burns tires and tear off roofing tiles, and one burns only tires.

According to EPA's toxic release inventory burning hazardous waste and tires in cement kilns produces a number of toxic air emissions such as mercury, sulfuric acid, lead, barium, manganese, chromium, toluene, 1,3-butadiene, styrene, dioxin, to name a few. It is no secret that the chemicals emitted have proven links to cancer, retardation and brain damage, endocrine-disorders, anemia, endometriosis, depressed immune system, asthma, and diabetes.

*Call your State Representative and tell them to support the Cement Kiln Bill HB #2741 & #2742*

**Yes!** Downwinders At Risk-Education Fund can depend on me to help defend breathers' rights in North Texas. Here's my tax deductible donation of:

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**Take Action!!! Send a fax from our website to key officials to tell them that you want clean air for our kids [www.DFWDirtyAir.com](http://www.DFWDirtyAir.com)**

**Help us protect the Clean Air Act!!!  
Join us on Monday, March 31st at 9:00 a.m. Doubletree Hotel Dallas, Dallas, Texas - (972) 934-8400 . Contact Katy at 972-296-9100 for more details**

## Thrift Store...Clean Out the Clutter and Clear the Air!

**Donate Clutter** Do you have clutter in your closets, stuff you've outgrown, or left over garage sale items? Donate unwanted clutter, get a tax receipt, and help raise money to keep on fighting the good fight on behalf of clean air. Sorry we cannot accept household chemicals or old computer equipment. Call 972-296-9100 to arrange for pick up or delivery. **Donate Time** Volunteers are needed to help open the store Friday 10:00 am.-6:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am-4:00 pm

### Community Service Students

Students needing community service hours for graduation can earn hours while working for clean air.

**Store Hours** The Clean Air Co-Op is open Friday from 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am-4:00 pm Please call 972-296-9100.



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**Public Hearing on New Source Review** New Source Review requires older facilities to install modern pollution controls when facilities upgrade or offer modifications to their facilities which increase their emissions. Enforcement of this law would help our region clear its air. Join us in telling the EPA that you won't tolerate weakening this critical clean air protection. Monday, March 31st; 9:00 a.m.-all day and night; Press Conference Time: 10:00 a.m.; Key Rally Time: 7:00 p.m.; Location: Doubletree Hotel Dallas-Galleria 5410 LBJ Freeway (972) 934-8400 . Contact Katy at 972-296-9100 for more details.

**Seniors Environmental Council—EPA interviews April 7th in San Antonio** The Environmental Protection Agency has developed a seniors panel as a sounding board for environmental policies. Seniors, it is important that the EPA hear from you. Join us in this event. Call Katy 972-296-9100

**Clean Air Now...Regular Clean Air Now Meeting** Wednesday, April 16, 2003 7:00 p.m. Location: La Calle Doce at Skillman & Live Oak 1925 Skillman Avenue Dallas, TX 75206 (214) 824-9900. Learn more about what's taking place with the Texas Legislature, Clean Skies Initiative & NSR Rollbacks. Call Katy Hubener for more details at 972-296-9100

**Cement Kiln Lobby Day in Austin** Cement kilns in Texas burn large volumes of hazardous waste as a fuel source and because of this practice they emit over 2.2 million pounds of toxic emissions. Tell the Texas Legislature that this practice should stop. Call Katy for details 972-296-9100.

**Donate Dough To Help Volunteers Lobby For Clean Air** Would you like to go to Austin to tell the Texas Legislature that you're tired of the cement industry polluting our skies but you either can't afford it or can't find the time? Join us in any one of our frequent trips to Austin or pay for someone to go on your behalf. Donate online to Downwinders At Risk to help pay for a dedicated volunteer who can find the time but can't find the dollars. <https://secure.entango.com/donate/acjzJ5tkLvq>

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