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Re: Cemex Dowe Flats permit extension.

Dear Town of Lyons Board of Trustees

As a resident of Lyons I urge you to advise Boulder County to deny the Dowe Flats permit extension request being sought by Cemex. Beyond the threats being levied by Cemex that the kiln will continue operations indefinitely regardless of whether Dowe Flats is closed, by transporting by truck the materials that will no longer be supplied by the mine, and the inducements to the county in terms of future acquisition of Cemex properties, the bottom line is that the mining of limestone and other minerals at Dowe Flats is not conducive to the health of town residents. Exacerbating this health issue is the fact that the only purpose of the Dowe Flats operation is to supply the adjacent kiln which is county's and one of the state's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions and SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and particulates.

While there are many who point to the obvious fact that Lyons, the state, the country, and the world depend on concrete, they disregard that there are cleaner, less polluting and lower-carbon methods of producing cement that even Cemex at other locales have adopted:

<https://www.cemex.com/sustainability/future-in-action/sustainable-products-and-solutions> There is also emerging cement producing technologies that actually captured and then sequester back into the cement carbon emissions [Carbon capture in cement - NRDC](#) . There are better and less impactful ways to produce this critical building material and it is incumbent on our climate, society and the economy to embrace those practices. Encouraging on-going production at the Lyons kiln by reducing the cost of the cement sold by that facility in the long-run only benefits this multi-national corporation. For this reason, I urge the Board of Trustees to recommend the denial of the Dowe Flats permit extension.

Sincerely,

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