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After seeing the article in the Chronicle, I visited the web address provided, but the complexity of that web site in trying to find anything led me to write this email instead.

Also I realize that the concerns are mostly about ozone, but one item often overlooked is dust that emanates from sand, gravel and concrete companies as well as other industries. A good example is near where I live. Sometimes the airborne dust is so heavy from the plant on State Hwy 3 in Webster (between NASA Parkway and Medical Center Blvd.) that it appears to be a heavy fog. Yet it is obvious where it is coming from. Airborne dust particles can cause breathing problems among some people.

I would like to see some controls on airborne dust from industrial plants that are near residential areas. These are typical questions I would like addressed: If there are dust particle standards, are there any ordinances to uphold those standards? If there are ordinances, is there any enforcement of them?

The plant I referenced also has high noise levels at many hours, but since no one controls noise pollution except an unenforced city ordinance in Webster, then that aspect of an industrial plant is uncontrolled except maybe for some OSHA hearing protection rules for the employees at the plant.

Thanks for reading.

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