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David Read, Environmental Administrator  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Air Resource Management, Office of Permitting and Compliance  
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Dear Mr. Read:

The Sierra Club has mounted a decade long campaign to remove coal-burning plants from production via its successful Beyond Coal Campaign. The campaign was begun in recognition of the enormous environmental costs resulting from the burning of coal. Pollutants from coal-burning are numerous and inimical to all life that lives under the umbrella of downstream emissions. These contaminants remain in the surrounding environment years after the polluting source has been removed.

We understand that your department is about to issue a revised permit for the Title V Air Operation Permit for the CEMEX Brooksville South Cement Plant (Draft/Proposed permit # 0530021-054-AV CEMEX Construction Materials Florida, LLC, Brooksville, Florida.). We are deeply concerned that continued operation of seriously outdated plant will simply exacerbate the contamination to the Brooksville area that has occurred over years of operation of this plant. There are more than 19 pollution violations on record for this plant.

We respectfully request a public hearing on this revised permit before it is issued so that issues of concern from residents surrounding the plant can be addressed.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Bailey, Chairman  
Tampa Bay Sierra Club

Lisa Hinton, Chairman  
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