

Town of North Topsail Beach

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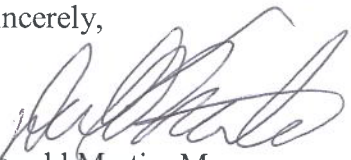
Donald van der Vaart
Chief Air Permits Section
N.C. Division of Air Quality
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Raleigh, NC 27699
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Dear Mr. van der Vaart:

The Town of North Topsail Beach is located approximately 25 miles east of the location of Titan America's proposed cement plant in Castle Hayne, North Carolina. Our Town is primarily concerned with the danger this plant poses to the health of our citizens. The draft permit's emission limits are higher than the EPA's proposed standards. This will allow the plant to exceed the federal limits and release tons of known carcinogens, neurotoxins and other harmful chemicals into our air and waterways without suitable protection for human health and the environment.

No economic benefit this plant might produce could be worth the cost. The dangers this plant imposes on our citizens are numerous, including the potential threat to our top industry on Topsail Island, tourism. The Town of North Topsail Beach urges you to act in the public's best interest and requests that you not issue a permit at this time.

Sincerely,



Donald Martin, Mayor
Town of North Topsail Beach, NC

cc: Keith Overcash, Director, Division of Air Quality
Governor Beverly Perdue
Senator Harry Brown
Representative W. Robert Grady
Onslow County Board of Commissioners