

# KBDJ

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## **KBDJ ANNOUNCES NEW VOLUNTARY SAFETY INITIATIVES AT QUARRY SITE**

KBDJ has agreed to implement two new initiatives at its quarry near Buda in order to respond to concerns of nearby residents.

First, KBDJ will widen the entrance to the quarry to allow its trucks to pull out onto FM 967 more safely. Second, KBDJ will not permit loaded trucks to leave the quarry property when nearby school zone lights on FM 967 are flashing.

Traffic in the area is being monitored by the Texas Department of Transportation; however, it has not asked KBDJ to make any changes in its operations.

“KBDJ is making these changes voluntarily,” said Joe Jackson, KBDJ principal. “As longtime residents of Hays County, we are committed to this community and its protection. We plan to operate our business both legally and responsibly.”

This is not the first instance in which KBDJ has taken measures in addition to those ordinarily required under applicable regulatory programs. For instance, KBDJ also has voluntarily taken a number of steps – in addition to the protective measures normally required – to safeguard the Edwards Aquifer.

Those steps include drilling monitoring wells, paying for regular water testing and trucking in its operating water from an off-site source.

“Water quality, traffic, noise and emissions at the quarry site are continually monitored by state and federal regulatory agencies, and KBDJ has passed every one of their frequent inspections,” Jackson said. “We welcome their continued oversight.”

KBDJ is among 33 quarries operating on the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone, including one right next door to KBDJ. While these quarries operate with fewer safeguards in place than those enacted by KBDJ, none have been shown to impact the Edwards Aquifer or other groundwater or springs according to a thorough search of records kept by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Texas Water Development Board, the Edwards Aquifer Authority, San Antonio Water System and U.S. Geological Survey.

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