



**MEDIA ADVISORY
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CONSERVATION GROUP TO TOUR HAYS COUNTY QUARRY

KBDJ, Hill Country Conservancy host event to show mining, conservation can co-exist

WHAT: KBDJ, a Hays County limestone quarry, will host about 50 members of Emerging Professionals in Conservation (EPIC), a new group formed by Hill Country Conservancy for future leaders of the environmental and business communities (www.hillcountryconservancy.org/epic.php).

On its first field trip, EPIC members will see KBDJ's quarry and rock crusher and learn how KBDJ has pledged to conduct business in a manner that is ecologically sensitive. Bob James of the Texas Aggregate and Concrete Association also will speak to the group.

Since July, KBDJ has implemented a number of wildlife enhancement projects on-site in order to earn certification from the national Wildlife Habitat Council (www.wildlifehc.org). Completed projects include installing bat houses, recycling Christmas trees to create new fish habitat and hosting a field trip for environmental educators.

WHEN: 5-6 p.m., Thursday, March 20

Note: *Media should be at the quarry gate by 4:45 p.m. – media and visitors cannot be on the quarry site unaccompanied due to safety regulations*

WHERE: KBDJ quarry, 6025 FM 967, Buda, 78610

Directions from Austin (allow 30-45 min from downtown):

- South on IH 35
- Exit #221 at Buda
- Turn right at Loop 4 (first traffic light)
- Turn right at FM 967. Cross over FM 1626. The quarry will be on the left, after you pass Dahlstrom Elementary and Ruby Ranch Road.
- Pull into the quarry and stop at the trailer/office.

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