

**RESOLUTION
NEW HANOVER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

April 2012 County Convention

RESOLVED: That the County Commission should deny a Special Use Permit for the Carolinas Cement Company plant in Castle Hayne.

Whereas many residents of New Hanover County have expressed their concern about the potential health and environmental impacts of the proposed Carolinas Cement Company (aka Titan Cement) plant, and

Whereas the Carolinas Cement Company must apply to New Hanover County for a Special Use Permit before becoming operational, and

Whereas the North Carolina Division of Air Quality has already issued to Carolinas Cement Company a permit to emit millions of pounds of pollutants each year, including particulates, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, and heavy metals including mercury, arsenic and lead, and

Whereas Carolinas Cement Company will expose an estimated 8,500 students enrolled within 5 miles of Titan's property to pollutants known to cause increased rates of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, and

Whereas Carolinas Cement Company will create a 2500 acre mine that will destroy over 1000 acres of irreplaceable wetlands and wildlife habitat, and

Whereas Carolinas Cement Company will withdraw millions of gallons of water per day from the Castle Hayne and Pee Dee aquifers, lowering the water table and risking contamination of our drinking water, and

Whereas in order to issue Carolinas Cement Company a Special Use Permit, the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover County must find that Carolinas Cement Company will not materially endanger public health or injure the value of adjoining property, and that its location and character will be harmonious with the surrounding area, and

Whereas Carolinas Cement Company's plant will materially endanger public health and will not be in harmony with the character of our community,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the New Hanover County Commissioners should deny Carolinas Cement Company a Special Use Permit.