

Shackelford Quarry Practices

Community Outreach

- certified by Wildlife Habitat Council, protects undeveloped land surrounding quarry (projects include installing bat houses, recycling Christmas trees to create new fish habitat and hosting field trips for environmental educators)
- conduct open houses to public to spread awareness, bus tours
- outdoor classroom for schools, environmental organizations, professional researchers onsite, thereby recognized as a Corporate Lands for Learning program
- local students planted trees, wildflowers, learned about geology/groundwater
- listened and responded to local Neighbors Organized to Protect the Environment advocacy group (now disbanded) concessions: "KBDJ will provide pot hole repair and crack sealing to improve roads in Ruby Ranch as needed; KBDJ will provide water for emergency services; KBDJ will continue to hold truck traffic 30 minutes before and after school hours at Dahlstrom Middle School; KBDJ will provide road base material to Hays County to build a turn lane in front of the Ruby Ranch subdivision; KBDJ will continue to locate the rock crusher in the quarry pit; KBDJ will post its blasting schedule on the web site"
- established community sponsorships

Technical

- planned rainwater collection system for landscaping
- Dry dust suppression system implementation estimated to reduce water usage by 80% and dust emissions up to 35%
<http://www.rockproducts.com/index.php/features/59-features/10618-high-and-dry.html>
- participates in Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (which requires that they replace a loader with a newer, low-emission loader)