Protests against Chinese chemical plant continue despite decision to suspend construction

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Several hundred people staged a peaceful demonstration Friday against a planned chemical plant in southern China on which work was suspended after protests circulated by mobile phone over possible health dangers.

Protesters gathered for several hours near city hall in Xiamen, where the facility was to be built, witnesses said. Police were present but there were no reports of violence or arrests.

Local authorities announced Wednesday they were suspending construction of the plant after residents sent nearly 1 million text messages in protest, state media reported.

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