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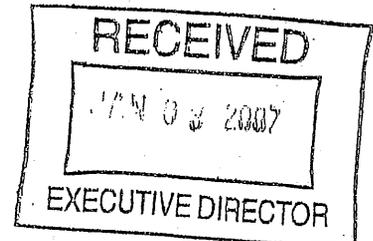
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Mr. Glenn Shankle  
Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P. O. Box 13087  
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*Jan 4, 2007*

Dear Mr. Shankle:

RE: Blue Ridge Landfill, TX, L.P.  
Proposed Permit No. MSW 1505A

RESPONSE/DUE DATE: 1-11-07

I appreciate the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for scheduling the recent December 7, 2006 public meeting to allow all interested parties another opportunity to address all questions and concerns regarding the expansion of the Blue Ridge Landfill.

I want to bring to your attention that about one-third of the two hundred individuals present at this recent meeting, represent my constituents in the Shadow Creek Ranch subdivision of Pearland, TX. The proposed expansion of Blue Ridge located off Highway 521 in Ft. Bend County backs up to these Brazoria County residents. While this landfill is consistent with The Regional Solid Waste Management Plan its location remains ominously close to the canal systems in northern Brazoria County as well as an area of explosive residential development. Because of this, I would like for you to seriously consider the residents' concerns regarding this permit as well as the economic development impact and the health and safety issues brought forth at this public meeting.

I thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. I hope you will consider my constituents concerns to this permit and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mike Jackson  
Senate District 11

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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January 22, 2007

The Honorable Mike Jackson  
Texas Senate  
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Dear Senator Jackson:

I'm writing in response to your letter regarding the proposed expansion of the Blue Ridge Landfill in Fort Bend County. We have held two public meetings with concerned citizens and neighbors to explain the applicant's proposed project, how the TCEQ evaluates and processes such applications, and how interested persons may participate in the process and make their concerns known. We have attempted to assure the many concerned citizens that all of their comments will receive our full consideration and be thoroughly evaluated within the specific statutory authority of the Commission.

Your comments, as well as those of all who have provided comments individually or at the public meetings that have been held on this application, will be responded to in writing when a decision on this application is reached by my office. The publication of the notice of that decision will also indicate that requests for a contested case hearing on the application can be submitted prior to this matter being referred to the Commission for a decision. As we have advised many of your constituents who have expressed their concerns about this project, much of the process is still in front of us and there will continue to be opportunities for their concerns to be heard.

Thank you for your comments. I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (512) 239-3900 or Ms. Jody Henneke, Director of our Office of Public Assistance, at (512) 239-4000.

Sincerely,

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Glenn Shankle  
Executive Director

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US REP AL GREEN

AL GREEN  
9TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

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DUE DATE: 1-4-07

Subject: Application by BFI Blue Ridge Landfill TX, LP for proposed municipal solid waste permit amendment No. MSW 1505A.

Ms. Castanuela:

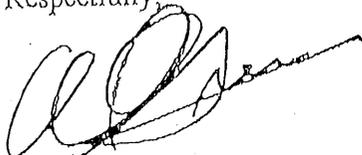
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- Concerns for the possible decline of property values in the community as a result of the proposed expansion;
- Concerns with regard to potential health risks; and
- Concerns about the possible negative environmental impact of the landfill expansion.

After weighing the concerns of the community and reviewing the proposed expansion for the landfill site, I respectfully ask that the Commission and Blue Ridge Landfill TX, LP understand that the expansion of this landfill facility on FM 521 in Pearland, Texas is not in the best interest of my constituents. Even the slightest possibility of a negative environmental impact on area residents as a result of the expansion of this landfill causes considerable concern, thus, I must fully support the members of the community who protest the Applicant's permit and respectfully request that the Commission deny the Applicant's request.

Respectfully,



AL GREEN  
Member of Congress

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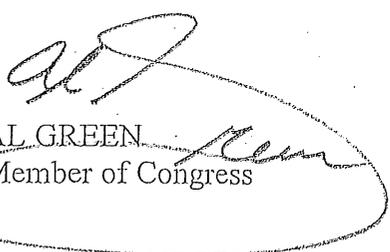
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January 3, 2007

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
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CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

The Honorable Al Green  
U.S. House of Representatives  
3003 South Loop West  
Suite 460  
Houston, Texas 77054

Dear Representative Green:

I'm writing in response to your letter of December 18, 2006, regarding the proposed expansion of the Blue Ridge Landfill in Fort Bend County. Your comments, as well as those of all who have provided comments in writing or at the public meetings that have been held on this application, will be responded to in writing when a decision on this application is reached by my office. The publication of the notice of that decision will also indicate that requests for a contested case hearing on the application can be submitted prior to this matter being referred to the Commission for a decision.

Thank you for your comments, and if I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please contact me at (512) 239-3900 or Jody Henneke, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, at (512) 239-4085.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director



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SENATOR RODNEY ELLIS  
District 18

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December 15, 2006

Mr. Glenn Shankle  
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DEC 18 2006

DUE DATE: 12-28-06

Dear Mr. Shankle:

I have received many constituent calls opposed to the potential expansion of the Blue Ridge Landfill, TX, LP, 2200 FM 521, Fresno, Texas 77545. In addition, Ron Reynolds, President of the Missouri City & Fort Bend Vicinity NAACP, has contacted me about this issue.

I am aware that the landfill submitted a permit application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) seeking to expand its current 599-acre facility by an additional 1,345 acres, with the landfill's height increased from 58 feet to 170 feet to accommodate waste for 40 years. I oppose this expansion request.

I will continue to follow this issue closely, and I would like to receive an update on any developments that might occur with regard to the Blue Ridge Landfill's permit application.

Sincerely,

Rodney Ellis

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CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

The Honorable Rodney Ellis  
Texas Senate  
P.O. Box 12068  
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Dear Senator Ellis:

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