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RE: Reply to Responses filed by TCEQ Executive Director and Public Interest Counsel Regarding Orangefield Water Supply Corporation/Water Quality: TPDES Permit #WQ0014772-007

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Dear Mr. Executive Director,

On opening my mail after arriving back in Houston on March 6, I learn that my protests regarding the rape of Cow Bayou have been ignored and the further pollution of this important Texas waterway will be allowed to proceed, and TCEQ cares not a whit what this does to the environment or to me and my property. Furthermore, if I have anything else to say I must do so by March 10, and send 11 copies! Hardly doable for an 80 year old grandmother with no secretaries, no lawyers (yet!), no computers, no FAX or copiers, and no "kitty" to pay for it all!

Firstly, I am at a loss to understand what you people are doing in your zeal to further pollute Cow Bayou with millions of gallons of treated sewage, when this waterway is already polluted from the upstream discharge of up to 14 other entities which you have obviously allowed.

Secondly, if anything has been done by your agency to "restore and preserve the health and productivity" of this major Texas waterway, as you say, it has not worked, in spite of a law signed into effect recently aimed at this very goal. I need to clue you in - there is no health or productivity to preserve! The Bayou is silent and dead. Have you, or any of you, or any of your staff stood on the bank and observed these historic waters? Or are you ruling from your ivory tower? Well, I have - for 50 years - and where there once were swimmers, kids and their fathers fishing waterskiers and wave runners, cranes and other waterfowl, there is now NOTHING. If you could find a fish that is not dead yet, you would not dare eat it.

Thirdly, I can continue to shoot down just about everything you have assured me is okay about this crap (no pun intended), with YOUR OWN REPORT "Seventeen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria Dissolved Oxygen, and pH in Adams Bayou, Cow Bayou, and Their Tributaries," Approved by the EPA: Aug. 28, 2007. I suggest you and your lawyers read it.

For instance, your assurances that no one will err, no mistakes will be made, etc., falls on deaf ears when my television tells me two huge airliners were headed full speed toward each other just yesterday (Guess what. The mistake of an ignorant air controller!) We have doctors who take off the wrong leg, leave a

12 in. pair of scissors in a patient, lawyers who are drunk or sleeping through trials, or are no-shows, etc, And these are PROFESSIONALS! We are going to rely on a high school graduate to pull all this off when the electricity may go off for weeks during a hurricane?(Rita)

Just last year, a citizen died of flesh-eating bacteria after swimming in Galveston Bay. A 14 year old died of a brain destroying bacteria after swimming in a lake in Nevada. Now, are you going to tell me your chlorination is going to eliminate these pathogenic organisms? Your method of "grab-sampling" is stupid when your own report tells us these lethal viruses and bacterias lurk in the SEDIMENT of the stream. Your engineers do not test the sediment. I have requested that report and there is none.

On Aug. 22, 07, we learned from Oregon State University scientists that just a teaspoon of wastewater from a city's sewer plant can show us what legal or illegal drugs are being taken in that community! It's a city urinalysis, and is not destroyed by chlorine. What else is not destroyed by chlorine?

May I remind you that we have legal and illegal aliens coming in in droves from every continent on the face of the earth. They are bringing diseases that we have worked hard to eradicate, like TB. Now it is back and drug resistant! Other diseases we don't know what they are, and our doctors have no idea how to treat them. Is this what you are foisting on me in my bayou??

Additionally, the Executive Director says my water well will not be impacted because it is located Upstream". Please refer to your own study. It states that high winds (gales, hurricanes) can blow stream water a mile or more upstream. Also, the map of my property which you furnished to me is erroneous. I can stand on my land and view the bayou with the naked eye. Your map shows it considerably farther away. It floods from the bayou with each coastal monsoon. Heretofore my water well has produced clear, cold, drinkable water. Without water, you have robbed me of my property.

In a superhuman effort to mediate this situation and save my land I offered to withdraw my objections to this travesty if they would at least bring me good water (and sewer, of course). They laughed. "Why didn't you buy water & sewer service when it was offered," they said. Because I knew nothing about it, and was not given the option. Also, I had good water and a good septic tank which is grandfathered in. Those were the good old peaceful years. If you think there are going to be some "golden years" when you are elderly, you have never been more mistaken.

Yours very truly,

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