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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

June 6, 2008

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
(Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution)

Re: Docket No. 2008-0421-IWD
Taiwan Shrimp Village Association, Inc., and Arroyo Aquaculture Association, Inc.
Request(s) filed on Permit No. WQ0003596000

Attn: Madonna Castanuela, Chief Clerk

Dear Chief Clerk:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 2, 2008. It is reassuring that some things never change. After two years of military service in the Army, and 35 years of practice in medicine, the corruption, obstructionism and just pure waste of government commissions like yourself are still the Standard Operating Procedure. Hopefully, the supplies of a good number of employees with adequate salary and handsome fringe benefits.

I am requesting a reconsideration on this matter. The parameters seem clear. Unfortunately, I am a person of standing because my home is 50 yards from the dumping ditch. The shrimp farms presently operate just like a cattle feeding operation where the manure is hosed off the concrete and into the local water supply. All this is done with the grace and blessing of your wonderful agency, and if I read the request filed by the shrimp farms they essentially want to do more of the same. Their discharge is essentially unmonitored. They function as filth and algae farms. A relative low tech review of the area would, I suspect, show a mountain of detritus surrounding the mouth of the dumping ditch, and of course it is steadily moved by the tidal forces into the lower Laguna Madre.

I personally want to thank you for your good work and rendering the Arroyo Colorado a "dead zone" in the spring and summer of 2007, and we are rapidly approaching that now in the summer of 2008. A second "hats off" to you for steadily destroying the trout population in the lower Laguna Madre by your gross pollution. I am not sure what happened – some of your local field hands actually did a worthwhile useful study documenting the dead zone in the Arroyo Colorado in 2007 – I will enclose a copy, even though I am quite certain it won't make an iota of difference to you. Government institutions are characterized by "soldiers" who often do adequate conscientious work in

the field and the leaders in the executive office who are political hacks and schills put there by the State Representatives and the Governor. These individuals in regards to your Commission have made a career or pimping for polluters. Because of the destruction that you have already overseen in the Arroyo Colorado and now extending into the lower Laguna Madre, I humbly request a re-hearing, and in fact, a cancellation of the field farms' request to pollute in greater volumes and also request that they and you start cleaning up the mess you have made. It is always a pleasure to see my tax dollars at work. Have a wonderful summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Collier', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROBERT O. COLLIER, M.D.

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