June 6, 2008

Regarding Docket No. 2008-0421-IWD, Taiwan Shrimp Village, Inc. and Arroyo Aquaculture Association, Inc Request(s) on Permit No. WQ0003596000, I submit the following comments.

TCEQ officials and representatives heard concerns and saw detailed pictures, maps, and drawings at a meeting November 2006 in Harlingen, Texas. Before this letter were submitted. Since that time the shrimp farms apparently have greatly decreased production, so there is not much to be added. This is a welcomed relief!

Please give careful consideration to the information we presented at that November meeting. Property owners at unincorporated Arroyo City on the Arroyo Colorado, Cameron County, Texas, have serious concerns for human health and safety, natural resources, and beauty of our area. The approximately 600 property owners, three RV parks with 800-900 winter residents, and thousands of visitors to the A.T. County Park are not an organized group, nor do we have hired legal representation. However, we have voiced valid opposition, also written, to the commission and deserve its consideration. We do not want the suspended solids from the shrimp farms dumped into the waterway where we live, work, fish, and play. Litter on our highways basically does not impede traffic, but it is unsightly at the minimum. The effulent with suspended solid waste is an assault to the senses!

The farms have the know-how and technology to return viable water to its source. Do not force us to subsidize their business operations by allowing them to bypass guidelines and regulations at our expense.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arroyo property on waterfront directly across road and water intake of Taiwan Farm

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