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RE: Permit No. WQ0014642001

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have lived at 11709 New Sweden Rd. for 26 years, have raised my family here, conducted cattle business here, raised and boarded horses here, baled hay and raised other farm crops here, buried my husband here.

Recently I received notice of the request to release an excessive amount of wastewater here, at my home.

The proposed facility is to be located right across the street from my front property line and my mailbox and my driveway, and the proposal is to release effluent into "an unnamed tributary".

That "unnamed tributary" has a name. It has many names. It is my creek. It is the creek my children grew up in and around. It flows (when it flows!) through my property, and then on through the property of my friends and neighbors, all very real people with very real stories and memories and histories of their own.

That creek is the property boundary and sometimes water source for our cattle. Many days have been spent setting and resetting its cross fences as water flow has rearranged its banks. We have rounded up many calves through that creek. I remember searching all day for a mama cow and finally locating her and her new little baby calf in the ravine of that creek.

That creek is the Zambezi River on an African safari with a popgun and boots in search of exotic game. That creek has carried countless boats made of leaves and sticks, cardboard and twine, butter tubs and paper sails. We have launched from one side of the road and rushed to wait for it to appear on the other side. We have stalked and captured giant frogs. We have collected wonderful specimens from that creek to analyze under our microscope. We have fished, and even caught a few fish, but Oh! the crawdads! Catch em, clean em in the kitchen sink, boil em and eat em - all in less than an hour! Come out and try it sometime! Our creek has been the inspiration for future engineers and biologists, for my kids and many others from this neighborhood.

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That creek is like a community center for friends and neighbors. "I'll meet you at the creek!" When it flooded a few years ago we lost a few items and gained a water trough, mail box, etc. We all checked with each other upstream and downstream to return things to their proper places. Our creek has connected us as a community in many ways.

It is my concern that the enormous amount of wastewater that has been proposed to be released into our creek will cause serious damage and greatly increased maintenance considerations. The quality of drinking water in the creek will be compromised. I am very concerned about flooding, rerouting of the boundaries of the creek, soil erosion and harm to the natural vegetation and wildlife of the area. Boundaries and fencing on this creek have already been hard enough to maintain with the small amount of water flow that is the norm. Increasing the water flow will cause harm to my property and decrease its value, as well as increase the labor and efforts required to maintain fences and provide a safe grazing ground for livestock. I am worried that the banks of the creek will not sustain such large amounts of water and will cause flooding to my property.

I want to be able to play with my future grandkids in this wonderful, natural creek as I have done with my children. I want it to continue to be a place of learning and fun for the children who currently live near its banks.

Pflugerville, I want you to know that I have the greatest love for the city. I work there (teaching your children at Hendrickson High School), shop and maintain my autos there, exercise and bank and worship there. But I do not want you to release your waste at my home. Please work to find an alternate solution to your waste problems.

I request a public meeting about this application.

Sincerely,



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