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Via U.S. Mail

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk
MC-105
P.O. Box 13087
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Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
State Air Quality Permit 86860
Prevention of Significant Deterioration Air Quality Permit PSDTX1188

To the Office of the Chief Clerk:

On behalf of the United Steelworkers (USW), I hereby submit the following request for a contested case hearing with respect to the permit application identified below.

1. J.M. "Mickey" Breaux
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   USW District 13
   1300 Rollingbrook Drive
   Suite #504
   Baytown, TX 77521
   (O) 832-556-0370
   (F) 832-556-0378

2. Applicant's Name and Permit Number: TPCO America Corporation, State Air Quality Permit 86860, and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX1188

3. On behalf of the USW, I request a contested case hearing.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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FROM: Yesenia Yannet Alfaro, Administrative Assistant, USW

DATE: November 30, 2009

SUBJECT: Public Comment

Please see the attached letter, be advised it will also be followed by mail. For questions or comments please contact me at (832) 556-0370.

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Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number 86860
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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NAME: Carolyn Moon
E-MAIL:[redacted]
COMPANY:
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COMMENTS:I would like to have a public hearing to find out what this will do to the air in the coastal bend.

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Office of Chief Clerk
MC-105, TCEQ
PO Box 13807
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February 27, 2009

RE: Requesting notice of comment periods and requesting contested case hearings, and requesting copies of applications for:
TPCO, Permit # 86860
TX Energy, LLC, Permit # PSDTX1114 - 83632 = N72

Dear Sir/Ms:

I am an environmental researcher working on behalf of the Concerned Citizens, whose members and supporting groups live and work in the vicinity of the proposed TPCO Steel Mill in Gregory, and the TX Energy gasification plant in Beaumont.

A contested case proceeding has been requested for the TPCO air permit number 86860. The Concerned Citizens join in and support that request for a contested case. Please notify me, at my address above, of any upcoming public comment opportunities on the TPCO draft permit, and also please notify me of upcoming hearings to determine standing for groups wishing to participate in the contested case.

The Concerned Citizens also request a contested case hearing for the TX Energy plant. The Citizens are also concerned that TCEQ is processing air permits for TX Energy prior to the completion of the federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that is under preparation for this project. An EIS's purpose is to assist agencies in assessing a project's impacts before issuing permits. If the TCEQ issues an air permit to TX Energy prior to completion of an EIS, that would thwart the purpose of the EIS.

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I would also like to obtain copies of the permit applications for both these projects. I will pay reasonable costs. Please forward this request for copies if I have misdirected it,

Thanks, John Williams

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