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TCEQ Public Meeting Form

February 25, 2010

City of Rockport
Proposed TPDES Permit Renewal
WQ0010054001

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Name: Steven Andrews

Mailing Address: 31 Bahama North

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City/State: Rockport **Zip:** 78382

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Por favor entregue esta forma a la persona en la mesa de información. Gracias.

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:24 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Betsy Armstrong
E-MAIL:betsyhebgb@aol.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:4017 KERR CIR
DALLAS TX 75244-5501
PHONE:9724061805
FAX:
COMMENTS: Little Bay in Rockport is dying. The whooping crane's habitat is being destroyed. Both are vital to Rockport, Texas and nature. Stop pollutants from being dumped by the city.

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:12 AM
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PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Evelyn Atkinson
E-MAIL:eve@eatkinson.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:4670 HWY 35 N
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7684
PHONE:3617298196
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Evelyn Atkinson

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Regards,

Rebecca Bagby
218 Dead Ends Dr.
Rockport, Tx 78382

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>>> <kay@barnebey.net> 12/2/2009 7:18 AM >>>

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
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NAME: Kay Barnebey
E-MAIL:kay@barnebey.net
COMPANY: Barnebey Inks
ADDRESS:1813 BAYWOOD DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3501
PHONE:3617293735
FAX:
COMMENTS:I am requesting a meeting concerning this project.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:28 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: John Blaha
E-MAIL:jdblaha63@charter.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:100 EL CID DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-9676
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: December 1, 2009 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78411-3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 As a resident of Rockport, Texas I am very concerned with the above referenced permit request by the City of Rockport. As a resident and longtime visitor to Rockport, I have seen the continued degrading of Little Bay grass and water quality. Little Bay is along Aransas Bay and was once a haven for native and migratory birds as well as a pristine estuarine eco-system where once the casual angler could at any time hook into the speckled trout of a lifetime, redfish and other species. In addition, Little Bay is the home of the Connie Hagar Wildlife Sanctuary. As per my understanding, the City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays therefore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current) 41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day. Simple put, status quo can not be the continued answer in this permit request and should follow in line more with the other referenced recently issued permits. Positive steps must be taken to in regards to this new permit request to ensure the ability of Little Bay to return to its once pristine condition. I also ask that you open this permit proceeding to public meeting where questions can be openly asked and answered for the general public and concerned parties. Sincerely, John D. Blaha

From The Desk Of
John Blaha

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361-790-8786 (home) or 979-709-1085 (cell)
jdblaha63@charter.net

December 1, 2009

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Summary		
Port Bay WWTP	6mg/l into 2180 Acres	Wetland Filtration Required
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Rockport WWTP (current)	41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres	No Wetland Filtration Required

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John D. Blaha

Tom Blazek

From: citymgr@cityofrockport.com
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2009 10:11 AM
To: Tom Blazek
Subject: TCEQ Confirmation: Your public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001 was received.

Attachments: NEWS RELEASE Dec 7.pdf

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: ARANSAS

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF ROCKPORT

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FROM

NAME: Thomas Blazek

E-MAIL: citymgr@cityofrockport.com

COMPANY: City of Rockport

ADDRESS: 622 E MARKET ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-2530

PHONE: 3617292213

FAX: 3617905966

COMMENTS: See attached News Release

Based on TCEQ rule Section 1.10(h), the TCEQ General Counsel has waived the filing requirements of Section 1.10(c) to allow the filing of comments, requests, or withdrawals using this online system. The General Counsel also has waived the requirements of Section 1.10(e) so that the time of filing your electronic comments or requests is the time this online system receives your comments or requests. Comments or requests are considered timely if received by 5:00 p.m. CST on the due date.

NEWS RELEASE

City of Rockport, 622 E. Market Street, Rockport, Texas 78382-2530

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 7, 2009

LAND ACQUISITION TO PROVIDE MULTIPLE BENEFITS TO ROCKPORT RESIDENTS AND VISITORS

ROCKPORT, TEXAS -- Later this month, the City of Rockport is scheduled to close on a 10 acre tract of land adjacent to Memorial Park, which is located at the intersection of FM 2165 and Enterprise. Earlier this year, The City closed on an additional 20 acres adjacent to the park, which includes a five acre lake.

The acquisition of this property is part of a three year program that included participation from citizen focus groups, numerous City departments, members of the Parks and Water Quality committees, and other area government entities. According to city officials, the new properties will enable The City to provide multiple assets for residents and visitors.

The overall goals include preservation of green space within the City limits; natural habitat enhancement for birds and other wildlife; recreational opportunities with expanded hike and bike trails; and storm water detention. Additionally, through a planned network of wetlands and sedimentation basins, the City will now have the means to decrease the turbidity and nitrogen levels of discharges into Tule Creek, which have affected the ecosystem of the local bays.

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Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <mbprojectmanager@gmail.com> 12/3/2009 6:59 AM >>>

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Mickey Boyd
E-MAIL:mbprojectmanager@gmail.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:235 RIDGE HARBOR DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-9653
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Mickey Boyd Rockport, Texas 235 Ridge Harbor Dr.

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:16 AM
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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: James Brasher
E-MAIL:ajbrash3127@sbcglobal.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:26 SANDPIPER LN
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3739
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: We are against giving the city of Rockport a permit that would allow unlimited discharge of treated sewage into Little Bay.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
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Date: 12/3/2009 10:15 AM
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FROM
NAME:joe brown
E-MAIL:joetedbrown@gmail.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:PO BOX 2431
ROCKPORT TX 78381-2431
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Name: Edward Buskey

Mailing Address: Marine Science Institute

Physical Address (if different): 750 Channel View Drive

City/State: Port Aransas, TX **Zip:** 78373

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Email: ed.buskey@mail.utexas ✓

Phone Number: (361) 749-6784

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☑ Yes ☐ No

  If yes, which one? Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve

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Name: Debra Corpora

Mailing Address: 718 N Live Oak, Rockport

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Rockport, TX **Zip:** 78382

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Email: debcorpora@aol.com ✓

Phone Number: (979) 777-2959

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My name is Debra Corpora. I am president of the Aransas Bird and Nature Club. About 15 years ago, I began visiting this area to bird watch. Little Bay was always full of wintering ducks. In 2004 I moved to Rockport. At that time, Little Bay still had ducks, although not in the numbers of the 1990s. In the past several years there have been very few ducks on Little Bay. This is because of the loss of the submerged grasses. Pelicans and Cormorants still hunt on Little Bay. This tells us that fish are still there. The lack of ducks is of great concern. If the sewage discharge contributed to the decline, then steps must be taken to reverse this situation.

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Angalee DeForest
E-MAIL:angaleedef@aol.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:PO BOX 1030
ROCKPORT TX 78381-1030
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Angalee and Roy DeForest Rockport, Texas

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ROBERT L. DEWAR
P. O. BOX 1442
FULTON, TEXAS 78358

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
PO Box 13087
Austin TX 78711-3087

Re: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054-001

Gentlemen:

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I am very concerned and feel that it is important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay.

Sincerely

Robert L. Dewar

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>>> <tim.dugan@att.net> 12/7/2009 9:48 AM >>>

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Tim Dugan
E-MAIL:tim.dugan@att.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:33 RIVIERA DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3730
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am a homeowner whose house is on Little Bay, and the City of Rockport is ruining one of it's best features, and damaging the environment in the process. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Tim Dugan

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PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Janie Ellis
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COMPANY:
ADDRESS:2609 BAY VIS
ROCKPORT TX 78382-2114
PHONE:
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FROM
NAME: Jennifer Ellis
E-MAIL:jellis3271@hotmail.com
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ADDRESS:6316 S PADRE ISLAND DR Apt D
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-4049
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Name: Jim Ellis

Address: 2609 Bay Vista

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Rockport Zip: 78382

Phone: (361) 790-5342

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- WHY THERE IS NOT ANY CURRENT STATUS REPORTS TO USE IN CONSIDERATION OF THIS PERMIT RENEWAL.
IT WAS STATED AT THE MEETING THAT 10 YR OLD STATUS REPORTS ARE BEING USED BECAUSE THIS IS A RENEWEL NOT A NEW PERMIT.

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FROM
NAME: Jim Ellis
E-MAIL:vepahoso@awesomenet.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:2609 BAY VIS
ROCKPORT TX 78382-2114
PHONE:3617905342
FAX:
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>>> <tembrey@embreysimpson.com> 12/2/2009 11:42 AM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Trey Embrey
E-MAIL:tembrey@embreysimpson.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:533 LAMONT AVE
SAN ANTONIO TX 78209-3641
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Trey Embrey

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PLEASE PRINT:

Name: Betty Fields

Address: 35 Blue Heron

Physical Address (if different): ,,

City/State: Rockport Tx. Zip: 78382

Phone: (361) 790-5868

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~~Bio~~ BS Biology - Univ of Texas, Austin 1973

My observations on page back →

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Little Bay obviously is the centerpiece of the community

Approx. about 4 years ago. about 5 drainage areas

Routed into Little Bay besides the Tulle water area.

From that point in history -

"islands" were formed - these are a tiny part of the new

sediment build up - the majority of sediment is suspended

and settles far away - up into the Key Allegro channels,

etc.

At tonights meeting - beginning comments noted that

sea grass replacent efforts have had little success.

My observations are thus -

it is because of the constant layers of suspended

sediment that are choaking sea grass efforts to grow -

much like volcanic ash would do above ground.

A further example of this sediment is evidenced by

canal home owners who never before saw

underwater lights being buried under sediment

before - but now its a common problem. ~~A~~

the Repair men who design + maintain these underwater

lights have told me this never occured before all these

drains of storm wash / sewer were installed.

Also - occuring now are floating clumps of alge - in all of

Little Bay - 1st time to witness this also.

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gave formal comments

Name: Byron + Betty Fields

Mailing Address: 35 Blue Heron

Physical Address (if different):

City/State: Rockport TX **Zip:** 78382

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Email: boofields@hotmail.com ✓

Phone Number: (361) 790-5868

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:james fox
E-MAIL:foxguideservice@gmail.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:1004 E CEDAR ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-2919
PHONE:3613197560
FAX:
COMMENTS: There are better and proven methods instead of just directly discharging into the bays. This has to stop as we are destroying sea grass in our bay systems. Little Bay in Rockport is a prime example. TCEQ needs to be held directly responsible for destroying sea grass which is against state law. Issuing permits with such high limits is irresponsible.

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:john Paul frederick
E-MAIL:johnpaulfrederick@mac.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:PO BOX 2342
ROCKPORT TX 78381-2342
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, John Paul Frederick

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
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FROM
NAME: Lisa Frederick
E-MAIL:lisa406@mac.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:PO BOX 2342
ROCKPORT TX 78381-2342
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Lisa Frederick

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Name: Seth Gambill — Read comments of supervisor

Mailing Address: BOX 1217 Hwy 35 South

Physical Address (if different):

City/State: Rockport, TX **Zip:** 78382

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Phone Number: (361) 729-1241 ext 1#

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J.M. Garcia D.D.S.

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1937 North Highway 35, Rockport, Texas 78382

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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78411-3087

Dear Commissioners,

This request is regarding Permit # WQ0010054001, Rockport, Texas.

We feel the need for a public meeting before this permit is renewed. Our bays are suffering enough already without the added nitrogen factory that our existing wastewater treatment plant produces.

We have to begin somewhere and this is an affordable venture, since much of the infrastructure is in place and ready for development.

Thank you for your consideration in helping to clean up our environment.

Sincerely,

Jose M. Garcia, D.D.S.

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Jose M. Garcia, D.D.S.
1937 Highway 35 North
Rockport, TX 78382

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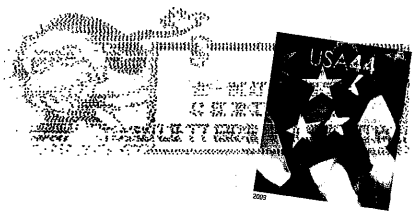

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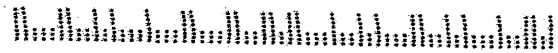

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>>> <Reynaldo@rggarzalaw.com> 12/3/2009 8:43 AM >>>

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Reynaldo Garza
E-MAIL: Reynaldo@rggarzalaw.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:1104 E 7TH ST
BROWNSVILLE TX 78520-7237
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: It has come to my attention that the City of Rockport is killing large quantities of marine life in its local bay systems by not fully filtering its waste water facility. While I am not familiar with all of the details, if it is true that the wastewater facility is not being properly regulated, then something must change. Please do not issue any new permits without first conducting a complete study of the issue and, if necessary making the Nitrogen release requirements more strict for the city of Rockport. I am strongly against any permit which

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Attachments: TCEQ Comment1.doc

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PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:david gill
E-MAIL:gilld1957@yahoo.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:445 DESOTA DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-9256
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please see attached comment

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Name: Richard Gonzales

Mailing Address: PMB 51 5403 Everhart Rd CC

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78411

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Email: richard@gulfmex.org ✓

Phone Number: (361) 779-7351

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Kerry Goodall
E-MAIL:kgoodall1218@aol.com
COMPANY:
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PHONE:
FAX:
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:26 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <kgoodall1218@aol.com> 12/2/2009 8:29 AM >>>

REGULATED ENTY NAMECITY OF ROCKPORT
RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Kerry Goodall
E-MAIL:kgoodall1218@aol.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:111 PASO MADERA
ROCKPORT TX 78382-9672
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS:I would like to request a Public Meeting on the issue of permitting the City of Rockport to continue, for the next 5 years, to dump, with no limitation on the amount of nitrogen, in our Little Bay and Tule Creek. The City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day.

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/4/2009 2:06 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

MWD 69298

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>>> <tomgreen333@gmail.com> 12/4/2009 12:10 PM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Tom Green
E-MAIL:tomgreen333@gmail.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:333 PASEO ENCINAL ST
SAN ANTONIO TX 78212-1709
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:36 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <Jane@Rockportmd.com> 11/30/2009 6:19 PM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Jane Guinn
E-MAIL: Jane@Rockportmd.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:1681 N FULTON BEACH RD
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7703
PHONE:3612054446
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please Note - I am requesting a PUBLIC MEETING regarding Permit # WQ0010054001. As a resident of Aransas County I am very concerned with the rapid decline of marine life in Little Bay. Tourists, residents, naturalists and small businesses along this coast understand the important contribution of maintaining a healthy bay system. I truly believe this permit needs to be publicly reviewed. Sincerely, Jane E. Guinn

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:30 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <treyguinn@gmail.com> 12/1/2009 6:28 AM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Trey Guinn
E-MAIL:treyguinn@gmail.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:1681 N FULTON BEACH RD
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7703
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards,

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 11/30/2009 4:19 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <glenn@rockportnet.com> 11/30/2009 3:37 PM >>>

REGULATED ENTY NAMECITY OF ROCKPORT
RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Glenn Harper
E-MAIL:glenn@rockportnet.com
COMPANY: Rockport Net
ADDRESS:PO BOX 623
ROCKPORT TX 78381-0623
PHONE:3617271753
FAX:
COMMENTS: In the 10 years since I moved to Rockport, I have witnessed the decline of overwintering waterfowl. Local officials TALK about controlled growth, but have done nothing to maintain environmental quality that I can see. Even the tree ordinances are waived if the development is big enough. I am moving as a result of the environmental degradation caused by rampant growth. I feel Rockport is a unique place in Texas where life abounds on land, sea and air, but Texas will lose this priceless natural beauty if it continues to be developed without regard to the consequences. Money can be replaced - entire eco-systems are much harder. Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Glenn Harper

December 1, 2009

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711 -3087

Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001

To whom it may concern:

Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number.

We are very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay.

Regards,

Joe & Diana Harrington

802 N. Liveoak Street
Rockport TX 78382

JOSEPH B. HARRINGTON
DIANA E. MOORE HARRINGTON
802 N. LIVEOAK ST
ROCKPORT, TX 78382-2929

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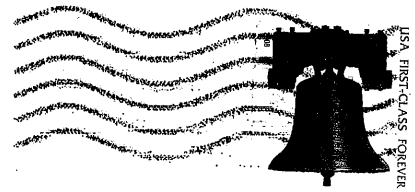

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>>> <jheaner@heanerconcrete.com> 11/30/2009 12:37 PM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:john heaner
E-MAIL:jheaner@heanerconcrete.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:PO BOX 35406
DALLAS TX 75235-0406
PHONE:2149510505
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards,

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/4/2009 2:08 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <bren_phlip@yahoo.com> 12/4/2009 9:36 AM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Phillip Herring
E-MAIL:bren_phlip@yahoo.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:831 SUNSET DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7025
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards,

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 2/8/2010 9:25 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <chrdlicka@sbcglobal.net> 2/6/2010 6:04 PM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Charles Hrdlicka
E-MAIL:chrdlicka@sbcglobal.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:16 BIMINI DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3709
PHONE:2108623500
FAX:
COMMENTS:I am appalled that the City of Rockport is allowed to discharge 2.5 million gallons of treated sewage water per day into Tulle Creek which empties into Little Bay, thence into Aransas Bay, without any nitrogen or phosphate limits. No wonder the sea grasses in Little Bay are dying from the excessive algae blooms (refer to State of Texas studies for details). Please set reasonable nitrogen and phosphate limits and enforce them. Thank you.

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CHARLES R. HRDLICKA
16 BIMINI
ROCKPORT, TEXAS
(210) 862-3500

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
2009 DEC -2 AM 10:06
CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

November 30, 2009

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78411-3087

Re: Renewal of Permit No. WQ0010054001, City of Rockport

Gentlemen:

Little Bay is an important natural resource not only to the citizens of Aransas County but also to all Texans because it ultimately empties into Aransas Bay. The water quality of the bay has deteriorated substantially over the last few years (TP&WD can verify) and every effort must be made to improve it before the bay becomes an environmental "dead zone".

Currently, the City of Rockport discharges a substantial volume of treated sewage effluent into Tule Creek which then empties into Little Bay. Sewage effluent is potentially a large source of nitrogen which is undoubtedly at least partially responsible for the increased algae blooms and increased turbidity of the water in the bay.

No new permits or renewal of existing permits should be issued in Aransas County without setting reasonable and responsible limitations on nitrogen and phosphorus in waste water effluent discharges which ultimately feed into public waters.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Hrdlicka

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Mr. Charles Hrdlicka
5 Glendalough Ct.
San Antonio, TX 78209

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/7/2009 10:42 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <blouhutch@yahoo.com> 12/5/2009 7:23 AM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Brenda Hutchens
E-MAIL:blouhutch@yahoo.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:104 GEORGIAN OAKS
ROCKPORT TX 78382-4338
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: As a resident of the coastal area, I travel along the coast almost daily. The scenic drive is inspirational - a real "spirit lifter". The birds in, over and among the marshes in the water are beautiful. They reassure me of the health of the water along the coast as they are finding food and shelter here. I would not want to imagine their disappearance as their sources for both are altered and the water no longer hospitable. We must be good stewards of this wonderful area and preserve the water quality in any way that we can.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:17 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <njack@clearwire.net> 12/2/2009 12:30 PM >>>

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RN NUMBER:RN101916575
PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Nan Jackson
E-MAIL:njack@clearwire.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:1113 S PAISANO DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3219
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Regarding the proposed 5 year renewal of the City of Rockport wastewater treatment plant current permit: I believe there is a direct relationship of the amount of total nitrogen released from the city wastewater plant and the loss of seagrasses in Little Bay. Since the current permit has NO LIMITATIONS on the amount of nitrogen release, I request a public meeting. Two new permits have recently been issued by the TCEQ for new wastewater treatment plants...one at Port Bay and the other at Aransas Bay. Both have limitations and require wetland filtration before the effulent can reach the local bays. Estimates show that the current nitrogen load from the city wastewater plant can easily equal one ton of 10-P-K fertilizer per day into Little Bay. WE MUST HAVE A PUBLIC MEETING available for the citizens of Rockport in order to address these issues. Thank you. equal

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:31 AM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <ajohnca@comcast.net> 11/30/2009 8:43 PM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Anne Johnson
E-MAIL:ajohnca@comcast.net
COMPANY:n/a
ADDRESS:38705 BELOIT ST
FREMONT CA 94536-6803
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: My extended family has been a part of the Rockport community for over 50 years. We own property near Little Bay and are concerned about preserving the health of the bay for future generations. Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards,

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/4/2009 2:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <john@kidwell.com> 12/4/2009 11:34 AM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: John Kidwell
E-MAIL:john@kidwell.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:2207 FM 3036
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7627
PHONE:3617297742
FAX:3617297967
COMMENTS: Common wisdom after extensive studies is that the most common cause of sea grass loss is due to high levels of nitrogen fertilizing algae blooms which cloud the water. This turbid water blocks the sunlight from the sea grass and kills it. The City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay . The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay (X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day. It is imperative that we request a public meeting to address these issues.

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 2:37 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <kirmseshirley@aol.com> 12/3/2009 12:17 PM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:shirley Kirmse
E-MAIL:kirmseshirley@aol.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:91/2 Whooping Crane Rockport
361 729-4540 TX 78382
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS:I am very interested in a public meeting concerning the matter on Little Bay. I've lived in Rockport for 26 yrs. in Key Allegro and Little Bay is very much a part of our lives. It's very upsetting to think that this beautiful bay is being destroyed. It's not only a habitat for the wonderful birds, but also a great recreational attraction for our city.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 11/30/2009 4:21 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <cdkoutnik@sbcglobal.net> 11/30/2009 1:31 PM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:carol koutnik
E-MAIL:cdkoutnik@sbcglobal.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:201 HIGHLANDS ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-6961
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards,

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Regards,

Amber & Tom Kramer

Amber & Tom Kramer
1228 South Liveoak Street
Rockport, TX 78382

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>>> <bradford@bradfordlawton.com> 11/30/2009 3:33 PM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:bradford lawton
E-MAIL:bradford@bradfordlawton.com
COMPANY: BradfordLawton LLC
ADDRESS:1020 TOWNSEND AVE suite 100
SAN ANTONIO TX 78209-5144
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, Bradford Lawton

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Last Name
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1703 Bayshores Drive

Suite/Apt/Room/Building/Mail Code (optional)

City
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State
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Phone Number (optional)
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Type or copy/paste your comments below.

Comments: (limit of 10,000 characters*)

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1703 Bayshore Dr.
Rockport, Texas 78382

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Re: Permit # WQ0010054011
for the City of Rockport

I am writing to request a public meeting to address the levels of nitrogen released into Little Bay by the City of Rockport. If you would come to see Little Bay you will notice the severe reduction of sea grasses. The 405 acres of Little Bay have been compromised due to less life forms. Our birds counts here are also affected. Thank you for the public meeting. Most sincerely,

Linda Lemmons

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It is so unfair to our community that we have lost our birds, ducks, fish and Quality of our bays. Please conduct the proper testing and not just an aerial view.

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Christopher Lucci
E-MAIL:cldl5854@charter.net
COMPANY:wild river ranch. LLC
ADDRESS:4881 FM 1781
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7618
PHONE:3617794530
FAX:
COMMENTS: Dear TCEQ. I find it amazing that the City of Rockport is currently being allowed to dump large amounts of dissolved Nitrogen into Little Bay. This practice has been widely implicated in the destruction of almost all of the indigenous grasses which previously grew there. The theory is that increased nitrogen runoff helps propagate algae blooms which, in turn, reduce sunlight penetration and oxygenation. This bay used to be an excellent habitat for wintering waterfowl, and a popular fishing location for the citizens of Rockport. It has become a relatively sterile, algae growing, bacteria infested dumping ground. The development of housing and diversion of storm water runoff has clearly changed the ecology of this small bay system. If my public comment is considered, please understand how many of Rockport's citizens are angered over this practice. Common sense would dictate that such a significant change in the ecology of this bay, should stimulate an investigation into the current level of waste water and storm water dumping and runoff. Thank you for considering my comments and the opportunity to log them here. Sincerely, Dr. Christopher Lucci

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Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001

Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number.

I was in Rockport this last weekend and noticed there was nothing but a few mud hens along the shoreline in Little Bay. I commented to my wife that it was probably because all the grass was gone. It was only a few years ago that we would see pintail, bufflehead and redheads everywhere along the shoreline and now there are NONE! .Now that I know the amount of waste being dumped into the bay, it is very obvious as to why there are no ducks. This problem has become so apparent, I simply can't believe that this permit would be approved without public meetings to discuss the matter. I wonder how many of Rockport's 4th of July visitors would be swimming in Little Bay before the fireworks if they actually knew just how polluted the water actually was. Little Bay is an asset to the entire City of Rockport and has been a place for water-sport and wildlife enthusiast to enjoy for years. If we don't resolve this problem fast, Little Bay is going to become a worthless dead zone and Rockport will soon follow in the footsteps of Port Lavaca and loose all its recreational value.

As an additional note, the canals throughout Key Allegro were brown with an algae bloom this weekend. We were concerned that it was form of red tide but now we better understand the cause.

Sincerely concerned fisherman and homeowner,

Richard Mccaleb
46 Curlew, Rockport Texas

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Re: TPDES permit No. WQ00154001

Gentlemen:

As a resident of Rockport, I am extremely concerned about the physical decline of the condition of Little Bay over the last decade. Once a haven for native and migratory birds, those numbers have declined to only a few frequent winter visitors. Birds that nested on the islands in Little Bay have virtually disappeared. The only conclusion I can draw is that nothing in the manner of a supportable environment, particularly the presence of the vital sea grasses, exits for them today. My opinion is that pollution and run- off from construction projects have taken their toll on this habitat. If the status quo is allowed to continue, Little Bay will become a toxic body of water that will cause severe financial consequences to this unique town in Texas that relies so heavily on tourist and recreational trade.

Additionally, I understand that marginally- treated waste water without wetland filtration protection flows unabated via Tulle Creek into Little Bay, and further that an extension of the permit that allows the continuation of this activity is being considered by your office for renewal. I believe that such effluent with high concentrations of nitrogen content causes algae blooms by clouding the water and prohibiting the growth of sea grass.

Therefore, before this permit is renewed, I request that a public meeting should be called by your office to address the issues that concerned citizens in Rockport have regarding this matter. If my hypothesis is wrong or I am misinformed about these conditions, I would like to be adequately educated about the reasons for the decline of Little Bay. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Charles A. Mella

Mr. Charles A. Mella
21 Flamingo Rd.
Rockport, TX 78382-3717

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Sally Mitchell
E-MAIL:smitchellnew@sbcglobal.net
COMPANY: Sally Mitchell
ADDRESS:107 HERON OAKS
ROCKPORT TX 78382-4332
PHONE:3617272224
FAX:
COMMENTS: As a citizen of Rockport, I'm concerned about the effect of nitrogen levels being introduced into Little Bay, and its effect on sea grasses and the fish and waterfowl they support. I therefore request that a public meeting be held on this permit.

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February 25, 2010

City of Rockport
Proposed TPDES Permit Renewal
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Name: Jim Mixon

Mailing Address: P.O Box 2107

Physical Address (if different): 209 Olympic Dr

City/State: Rockport **Zip:** 78381

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November 21, 2009

Texas Commissions on Environmental Quality
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

This letter is in regards to permit number WQ0010054001 for the City of Rockport, Texas which is up for renewal next year. It is my understanding the current permit allows the discharge of treated effluents into the Little Bay system with tolerances of somewhere between 28-41 ppm of nitrate nitrogen waste.

The Little Bay area is a fairly shallow bay which has severe problems with circulation with the outer Bay, Aransas Bay. The waste that is dumped here has degradated what was once a beautiful small bay that had sea grasses, very clean, clear water and a variety of ducks. Over time, that has all changed in a negative direction. Very few ducks populate the area and the sea grasses have all but disappeared from the dirty looking water.

This concerns me and a high number of friends. Little Bay has been a drawing card for years with the "Blue Wave" beach, ski basin, boat launch ramps and the attendant recreational area. If the current standards are allowed to continue with increased population growth and a higher sewer capacity by expected sewer trunk line extensions to the South, we will effectively kill what remains of Little Bay, one of our major draws for tourism.

Many of us here in Aransas County are hopeful that we can have an open public meeting with your Representatives before this permit is renewed .

Respectfully,

Jim Mixon

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Carolyn Moon
E-MAIL:cmoon@grandecom.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:4902 CALVIN DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-3904
PHONE:3618144920
FAX:
COMMENTS:A pubic meeting should be held to see if nitrogen from this plnt is killing the seagrass.

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Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number.

I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay.

Regards,

Quitin W Moore
44 Flamingo Road
Rockport, Texas 78382

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We have lost all of the grass + hundreds of Ducks that spent a great deal of time in the "Sanctuary"

QWM

Mr & Mrs Austin Moore
616 Patterson Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78209

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: George More
E-MAIL:gmore@mascoat.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:33 SANDPIPER LN
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3739
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Meeting regarding Little Bay, Rockport Texas enviro study assessment: As many of you are aware, the extensive sea grasses in Little Bay are gone. This sea grass used to harbor abundant aquatic life and was a food source for wintering waterfowl that once lined the shorelines of Little Bay. Common wisdom after extensive studies is that the most common cause of sea grass loss is due to high levels of nitrogen fertilizing algae blooms which cloud the water. This turbid water blocks the sunlight from the sea grass and kills it. The City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day.

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
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NAME: Edie Muehlberger
E-MAIL:muehlbergere@netscape.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:466 SPILLER LN
WEST LAKE HILLS TX 78746-4437
PHONE:5123296107
FAX:
COMMENTS: December 3, 2009 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 7841l-3087 Re: City of Rockport Permit Renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ 0010054001 To Whom It May Concern: We respectfully submit our comments on the referenced waste water discharge permit that is being reviewed for renewal for the City of Rockport, Texas. The current permit renewal proposes allowing the discharge of treated effluent of up to 2,500,000 gallons per day into the Tule Creek System, which eventually empties into Little Bay. Little Bay is a relatively small shallow bay that contains a Parks and Wildlife Sanctuary and is used extensively for water contact recreation. The bay is a significant tourist attraction and the City of Rockport considers it an important natural resource. It concerns us that a renewal permit would be issued without addressing and including total nitrogen and phosphorus limitations. Two newly issued wastewater permits for treatment plants located in Aransas County not only contain these limitations, but also require vegetated filtration areas before being discharged in to much larger bays. The degradation of Little Bay has been studied by Rockport's Water Quality Committee for over two years. The Chairman of that committee, on March 31, 2008, stated in a progress report to the City Council, "In this case, the City of Rockport has a nitrogen factory (key food source for algae) with its wastewater treatment plant, which discharges into Tule Creek". The degradation of Little Bay is most likely due to a number of factors, but high nutrient loading is most certainly a major contributing factor. The City of Rockport has recently received the results of an Engineering Study (August 2009) on various alternatives to alter the treatment plan to lower the nitrogen discharge. The renewal of this permit should be contingent on the City of Rockport committing to a plan to lower nutrient levels similar to the two new permits mentioned above. This plan should also include an acceptable time schedule for completion and a public meeting to inform the public on the City's course of action. Sincerely, Edie and Eric Muehlberger 466 Spiller Lane Austin, Texas 78746 512-329-6107 1203 Water Street Number 3 Rockport, Texas 78382

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CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Dane Petersen
E-MAIL:danepet@yahoo.com
COMPANY: Petersen Roofing Systems
ADDRESS:527 STEART ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-5939
PHONE:3617908742
FAX:
COMMENTS: Dear TCEQ: I have been a fisherman here and respectful of wildlife for about 4 decades or since I have had boats(which is about the same). I have reached the age of 48 and seen the deterioration of many habitats, species and the like. We as a polluting community desperately need to address all of the detrimental aspects of our effects on the wildlife here. The effluent levels bieng a very important part of sustaining life. Sincerely, Dane Petersen

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Dear Sir:
As a new Rockport homeowner, I am very concerned that issuing the above permit will allow the continued pollution of Little Bay. This permit should have the same limitations on nitrogen as those issued by TCEQ for Aransas Bay and Port Bay. No limitations is unacceptable

Sincerely,
Molly Porter Burke
120 Lakeshore Dr
Rockport TX 78382

Molly Porter, M. Ed.
Writer

Phone: (210) 828-5225
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w/ Karen Meador, Alex Nunez, + Faye Grubbs (at other addresses)

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Physical Address (if different): Austin TX 78744

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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Re: TCEQ Proposed Wastewater Discharge Permit Number WQ0010054001
City of Rockport

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
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Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> <annreimer@att.net> 12/1/2009 11:58 AM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Ann Reimer
E-MAIL:annreimer@att.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:158 WHISTLERS COVE RD
ROCKPORT TX 78382-4328
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: It is important that the city of Rockport be required to have filtration systems installed that will keep the bays of Aransas County free of contaminants that will harm our balance of sealife. There needs to be community input at an open meeting to discuss that matter.

From: PUBCOMMENT-OPA
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Date: 12/3/2009 10:36 AM
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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Robert Rhodes
E-MAIL:rhodruner@charter.net
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ADDRESS:2513 TURKEY NECK CIR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3530
PHONE:3617296360
FAX:
COMMENTS: The City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day.

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>>> <ty.riley@univarusa.com> 11/30/2009 12:42 PM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Ty Riley
E-MAIL:ty.riley@univarusa.com
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ROCKPORT TX 78382-3703
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711 - 3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Ty Riley

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Date: 12/3/2009 10:29 AM
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PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
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ROCKPORT TX 78382-7790
PHONE:3617279390
FAX:
COMMENTS: Based on the attached letter, I would feel much better if the TCEQ would limit the amount of nitrogen on the proposed permit. Letter to Fellow Citizens of Rockport: As many of you are aware, the extensive sea grasses in Little Bay are gone. This sea grass used to harbor abundant aquatic life and was a food source for wintering waterfowl that once lined the shorelines of Little Bay. Common wisdom after extensive studies is that the most common cause of sea grass loss is due to high levels of nitrogen fertilizing algae blooms which cloud the water. This turbid water blocks the sunlight from the sea grass and kills it. The City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day. Thank you, Anna Robertson

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
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Subject: Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0010054001
Place: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2

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>>> PUBCOMMENT-OCC 12/7/2009 8:06 AM >>>

>>> <richardsrobertson@gmail.com> 12/4/2009 7:39 PM >>>

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Richard Robertson
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AUSTIN TX 78756-1619
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 7841I-3087 Re: City of Rockport Permit Renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ 0010054001 To Whom It May Concern: We respectfully submit our comments on the referenced waste water discharge permit that is being reviewed for renewal for the City of Rockport, Texas. The current permit renewal proposes allowing the discharge of treated effluent of up to 2,500,000 gallons per day into the Tule Creek System, which eventually empties into Little Bay. Little Bay is a relatively small shallow bay that contains a Parks and Wildlife Sanctuary and is used extensively for water contact recreation. The bay is a significant tourist attraction and the City of Rockport considers it an important natural resource. It concerns us that a renewal permit would be issued without addressing and including total nitrogen and phosphorus limitations. Two newly issued wastewater permits for treatment plants located in Aransas County not only contain these limitations, but also require vegetated filtration areas before being discharged in to much larger bays. The degradation of Little Bay has been studied by Rockport's Water Quality Committee for over two years. The Chairman of that committee, on March 31, 2008, stated in a progress report to the City Council, "In this case, the City of Rockport has a nitrogen factory (key food source for algae) with its wastewater treatment plant, which discharges into Tule Creek". The degradation of Little Bay is most likely due to a number of factors, but high nutrient loading is most certainly a major contributing factor. The City of Rockport has recently received the results of an Engineering Study (August 2009) on various alternatives to alter the treatment plan to lower the nitrogen discharge. The renewal of this permit should be contingent on the City of Rockport committing to a plan to lower nutrient levels similar to the two new permits mentioned above. This plan should also include an acceptable time schedule for completion and a public meeting to inform the public on the City's course of action. Sincerely, Richard and Marian robertson

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Done formal oral comment
Submitted Written Comments

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TCEQ Public Meeting Form

February 25, 2010

City of Rockport
Proposed TPDES Permit Renewal
WQ0010054001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Tom Rowe

Mailing Address: 19 Bimini Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Rockport **Zip:** 78382

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- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☐ Yes ☒ No

  If yes, which one? _____

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(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

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Carl (Tom) Rowe
19 Bimini Drive
Rockport, TX 78382
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Public Meeting, Rockport, TX

Re: Comments to TCEQ - Renewal of Permit No. WQ0010054001, City of Rockport

My name is Tom Rowe and I live at 19 Bimini Drive here in Rockport. As a Chemical Engineer, I am familiar with several nitrogen compounds. In fact, for several years, I supervised manufacture of over 1,000 tons per day of ammonia. Plus, I have been responsible for NPDES permitted outfalls. I do not hold a Ph.D. and have never worked in Research, but I am a member of the Nalco Chemical Co. Research Hall of Fame due to my number of patents. In the last 2 ½ years, I have authored 42 reports concerning Little Bay. The subjects included nutrients, water clarity, seagrass, water circulation, and bacteria.

With that said, I have a copy of my comments for you. Since they are 4 pages long, I will only provide a few highlights tonight. Additional items and supporting information can be found in the copy provided.

Brief Highlights:

I am a proponent of the quality process. I assume the permitting process is that the city fully completes an application. And then, TCEQ takes that application, applies its internal processes to the information and determines the permissible pollution loads that will assimilate within the receiving waters resulting in no degradation – Little Bay would be the receiving waters in this case.

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So, my basic comments are:

1 – The "classification" and "use designation" for Little Bay needs to be corrected.

2 – Other items also need to be included or clarified in the application, and then,

3 – TCEQ needs to develop new permit requirements based on the new inputs – remembering that nitrogen is normally the limiting factor for algae formation in saltwater.

First, Little Bay should be classified as part of Segment 2471 and designated for "exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation" like Aransas Bay because TCEQ has acknowledged that Little Bay is part of Segment 2471 in the naming of their own Sampling Station #16232. Plus, Segment 2471's mean high tides occur on the banks of Little Bay.

As for contact recreation, the city actually promotes it and the General Land Office pays for weekly bacteria samples to protect the public.

Next, the current disposal of up to 50,000 gallons per day of effluent to a nature pond needs to be included in the application for the new permit.

Plus, the liner type description of "natural soil" for the Country Club holding ponds needs to be more definitive.

Also, the results of the annual soil sample from land irrigated by the effluent should be provided in the application as requested.

Then finally, the application should be checked to make sure the total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) analytical results are correct.

So, in conclusion, I would suggest that the application be revised (or updated), and TCEQ re-evaluate the permit requirements considering evidence of degradation that has been supplied, and re-issue a permit which will assure no further degradation of Little Bay waters.

I thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process.

Supporting Information/Discussion – (Not presented verbally at meeting):

During completion of the application form, I can visualize someone from the city going to 30 TAC Chapter 307.10 Appendix A, "Site-Specific Uses and Criteria for Classified Segments", and not finding Little Bay listed, and thus indicating on the application that Little Bay is not classified.

However, I think Little Bay is "classified", but just not listed as such in the table. Two reasons are:

First, TCEQ confirms that Little Bay is part of Aransas Bay by the title of their sampling station #16232, located in Little Bay. The site description is "Little Bay at Broadway and the Inlet Canal to Canoe Lake in Rockport in Segment 2471 Aransas Bay, TCEQ Region 14".

Second, Appendix C, "Segment Descriptions", defines the geographic extent of Segment 2471 Aransas Bay as the "mean high tide line". The Aransas Bay mean high tide line occurs on the shores of Little Bay.

So, I think TCEQ should list Little Bay in both Appendix A and C as Segment 2471 Aransas Bay/Little Bay, just like it does for segment 2472 Copano Bay/Port Bay/Mission Bay. This should help the next person filling out the application form.

However, even without Little Bay being "classified", when the preliminary permit came back to the city indicating that Little Bay was only designated for "high aquatic uses", and not "exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation" like Aransas Bay, I would

have expected the city to have recognized that the designation was not correct and let TCEQ know that it should be corrected.

After all, the city promotes and advertises Little Bay for contact recreation in brochures. Plus, the General Land Office (GLO) pays Texas Beach Watch to sample Little Bay each week during swimming season to check for bacteria.

If contact recreation is not a designated use for Little Bay, should the GLO bother to sample for bacteria? Should the city be promoting contact recreation in Little Bay? Should contact recreation be promoted in waters not designated as such?

In my opinion, the preliminary permit needs to be revised to show Little Bay designated for "exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation" just like Aransas Bay. And the effluent discharge route description should then end with "thence to Little Bay, part of Aransas Bay in Segment 2471 of the Bays and Estuaries".

I do not know if TCEQ has separate nutrient loading standards for WWTP effluents flowing to freshwater bodies versus saltwater bodies (or bays). As I understand it, nitrogen can almost always be assumed to be the limiting factor for algae formation in salt water. Therefore, the TCEQ nutrient loading standards should be more stringent when flowing to a saltwater body such as Little Bay versus a fresh water body where phosphorus is normally the limiting factor.

In addition - is the biological Anoxic/Oxic process the best economically available technology to remove nutrients in a WWTP? What kind of performance do you see from this process throughout the state?

Also, how successful are constructed wetlands throughout the state in removing nutrients, oil & grease, and phosphates?

Do you agree with the EPA "Manual for Constructed Wetlands Treatment of Municipal Waste Water (Sept. 2000)" which cautions that constructed wetlands cannot remove significant amounts of nitrogen? Per the effluent analytical results provided by the city in the application and the proposed flow rate, we have significant quantities – in my opinion.

And, sulfur dioxide (SO_2) addition - do we really need it, or was it initiated because of a mandated rule-of-thumb guideline? In our facility, after chlorination, the effluent flows through the dechlorination chamber, then ~ 100 feet through an underground pipe to the weir box, then over the weir (additional mixing), and then travels ~ 680 feet through underground pipes before discharging into Tule Ditch. Although the flows will be laminar, the increased residence time may be significant.

To determine if the sulfur dioxide is needed, could we conduct a test to determine if the low level of residual chlorine after chlorination would be consumed before it reaches Tule Ditch? Sulfur dioxide is a potential safety hazard, an additional cost, and just adds more sulfur to Little Bay. Why add another potential problem. During the last beach cleanup, every time I

exposed a hand full of Little Bay sediment, I got hit with a strong shot of hydrogen sulfide (H_2S) fumes.

Also, when checking on the effluent flow rates to the Country Club, I was informed that the city also supplies up to 50,000 gallons per day of effluent to the Caspary-Wendell nature pond.

I do not see this in the current permit, so I assume it has been accomplished as an addendum. I would expect the addendum would now be incorporated into the new permit, but I do not see it mentioned in the application. I don't know if the pond is or has to be lined to prevent seepage of effluent into the ground water and then to Little Bay.

And, speaking of lining, the application lists the liner type for the Country Club holding ponds as "natural soil". I think the lining description needs to be a little more definitive because our natural soil is sand, and I don't think sand makes a good lining. As I read the current permit, it says that the Country Club holding ponds must be lined and have a liner certification by a Texas Licensed Professional Engineer. I would advise the city to go back and check the certification record and provide a more definitive description of the current liner in the application.

I don't feel TCEQ can perform their process tasks adequately to meet their requirement of degradation prevention if they do not receive complete and accurate information.

Along that line, no information has been provided in the application for the "Soil Map and Soil Analyses" section – Item 7 on page 19. I don't know what TCEQ uses this information for, but it should be supplied – in my opinion. The current permit requires an annual core sample from the irrigated land. I would suggest providing the results of that sample in this section of the application as requested.

And finally, the "Effluent Monitoring Data" section – Item 8 on page 19 - lists analytical results for total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN) concentrations in the WWTP effluent. Since TKN is not a permitted item, I was not aware that we routinely analyzed for it. Perhaps this should be ammonia-nitrogen (NH_3–N)?

Conclusion:

I would suggest that the application be revised (or updated), and TCEQ re-evaluate the permit requirements considering evidence of degradation that has been supplied, and re-issue a permit which will assure no further degradation of Little Bay waters.

Meanwhile, since the WWTP currently has 100 % excess capacity, the city should start operating it in the Anoxic/Oxic mode to start reducing nutrient levels today – and take process measurements to allow proper design of permanent facilities.

Again, I thank you for the opportunity to participate in the process.

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Re: Renewal of Permit No. WQ0010054001, City of Rockport

My first comment on the above permit renewal is that I don't understand why Little Bay has a different TCEQ designation than the "exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation" provided for Aransas Bay. In the proposed permit, Little Bay is designated as an unclassified receiving water with only "high aquatic life uses", the same as Tule Creek. Surely, an estuary such as Little Bay with seagrass habitat and oyster reef, which is used by the public for fishing, boating, swimming, etc. – just like Aransas Bay – deserves a higher designation than a creek which does not contain seagrass or an oyster reef, and is not used for fishing, boating, and swimming. Dolphins play in Little Bay, but they do not swim in Tule Creek.

Plus, TCEQ apparently considers Little Bay a part of Aransas Bay as indicated by sampling station number 16232, with the site description of "Little Bay at Broadway and the Inlet Canal to Canoe Lake in Rockport" in Segment 2741 Aransas Bay, TCEQ Region 14. It appears that Little Bay is actually part of Segment 2741 Aransas Bay.

Therefore, the designation of Little Bay as "exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation" should be specified in the new permit. TCEQ should then provide the required protections from pollutants.

I don't know the TCEQ Maximum Pollutant Loading standards for exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation, but the sewage treatment plant (STP) effluent flowing into Little Bay (Aransas Bay) surely would not meet those standards. Also, I do not know if TCEQ has separate pollutant loading standards for STP effluents flowing to freshwater bodies versus saltwater bodies (bays). As I understand it, nitrogen can almost always be assumed to be the limiting factor for algae formation in saltwater. Therefore, the TCEQ pollutant loading standards should be more stringent for nitrogen when flowing to a saltwater body such as Little Bay versus a fresh water body where phosphorus is normally the limiting factor.

I only have the chemical formula for one algae, C_{106} H_{263} O_{110} N_{16} P, (From the Nalco Water Handbook) which has a molecular weight of 3,550. Based on this formula, just 10 pounds of nitrogen could theoretically produce 158.5 pounds of algae (assuming 100% conversion). I assume other algae formulas are also high molecular weight compounds and would provide similar results.

By contrast, the proposed STP effluent permit average flow rate of 2.5 M GPD less the maximum daily average flow to the Rockport Country Club (RCC) of 0.39 M GPD results in 2.11 M GPD average flow to Little Bay. The existing level of total nitrogen in the current STP effluent provided in the permit application is 26.76 ppm. Thus, the amount of nitrogen flowing into Little Bay could average 471 pounds daily. (2.11 M gallons per day times 8.35 pounds per gallon times 26.76 ppm.) Therefore, the potential algae formation could be 47 times that indicated above. Such algae production would further degrade Little Bay – in my opinion.

Speaking of the degradation of Little Bay, how much has this once productive estuary been degraded already? One indicator of degradation is the loss of seagrass. "Seagrasses fill important ecological roles as bio-filters, sediment stabilizers, oxygen producers, as well as forage and protection for organisms at all trophic levels" per the 2009 Texas Bays and Estuaries Meeting, Poster Abstract, Faye Grubbs and Ashley Summers, Texas Parks & Wildllife Department. Seagrass is important.

In Sept. 1999, the US Department of Commerce (NOAA) published "The National Estuarine Eutrophican Assessment" which states that the primary symptom of excess nutrients (nitrogen) is decreased light availability which leads to the secondary symptom – loss of submerged aquatic vegetation (seagrass). Loss of seagrass then leads to loss of habitat and use impairments such as fishing, both commercial and recreation, and tourism.

The following diagram of Little Bay from "Little Bay Project Summary", Gill, Jackson, Morehead, and Dunton, UTMSI, July 2007 indicates significant seagrass existed in the years 1992 and 1994 per the GLO and TP&WD.

Figures:

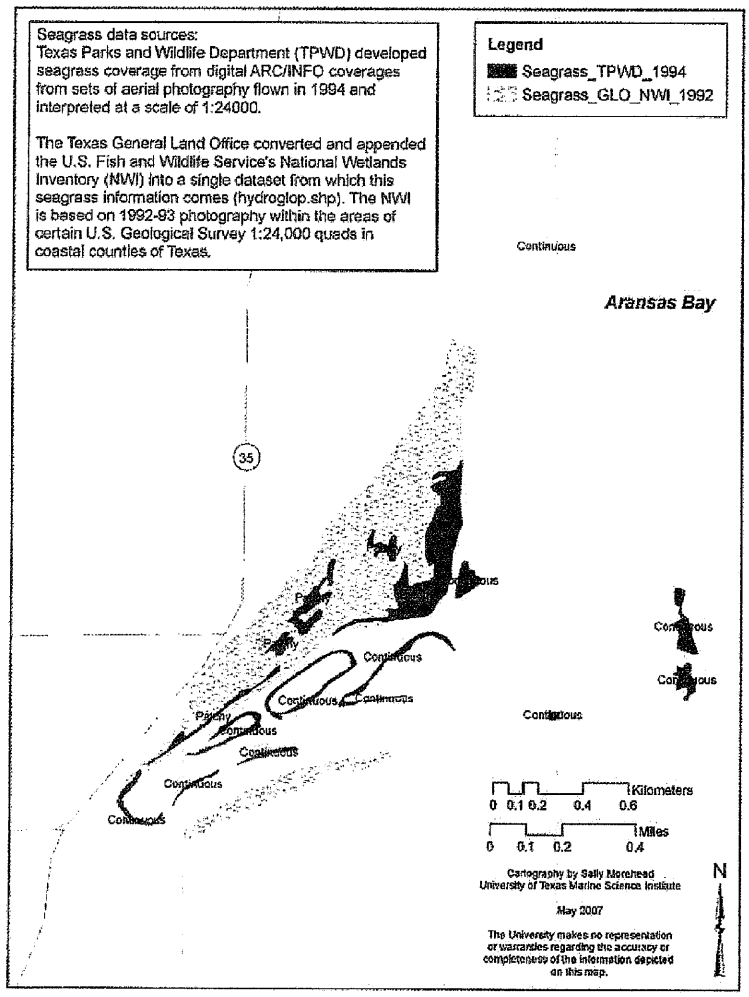
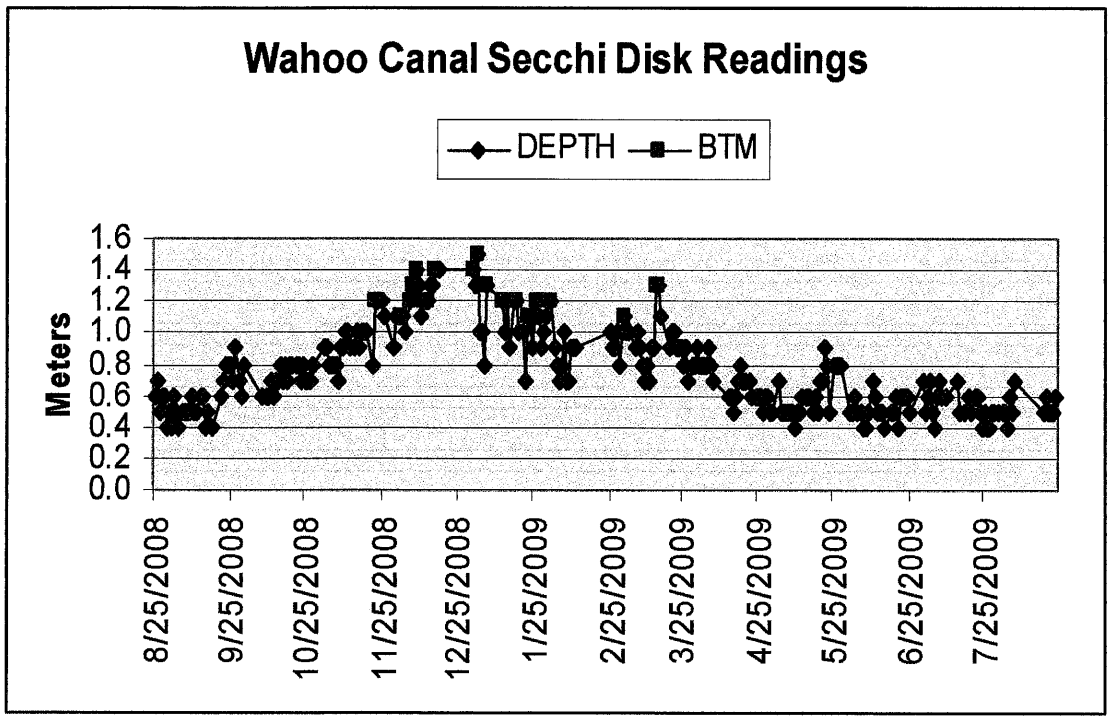


Figure 1: Historical coverage of seagrass beds in Little Bay.

In contrast, the following photo of Little Bay from Google Earth dated Jan 2009 shows a "barren bay" with basically no seagrass left – almost all the darker area on the western edge is shrubbery next to the highway and not seagrass.

So what is the problem?

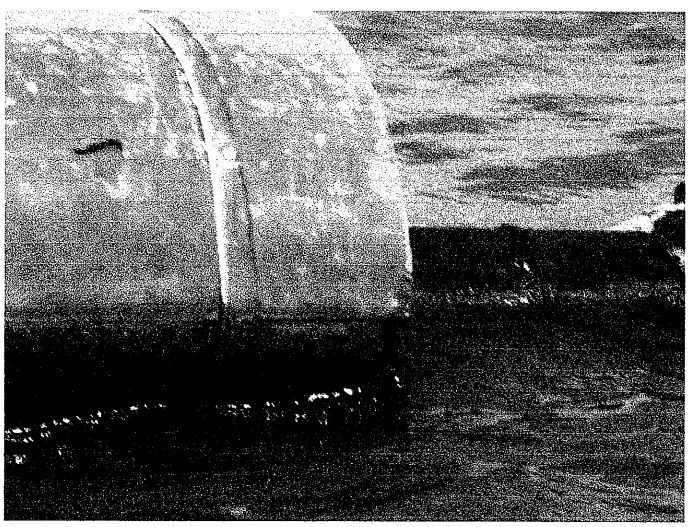
The major publicized mechanism for the loss of seagrass (see 1999 National Estuarine Eutrophican Assessment) is excessive algae production. The algae creates turbidity (decreased water clarity) which blocks sunlight to the seagrass and leads to it's demise. The following chart of Secchi disk readings (measure of water clarity) from Aug. 25, 2008 thru Aug. 23, 2009 indicates that Little Bay has a significant turbidity/water clarity problem.

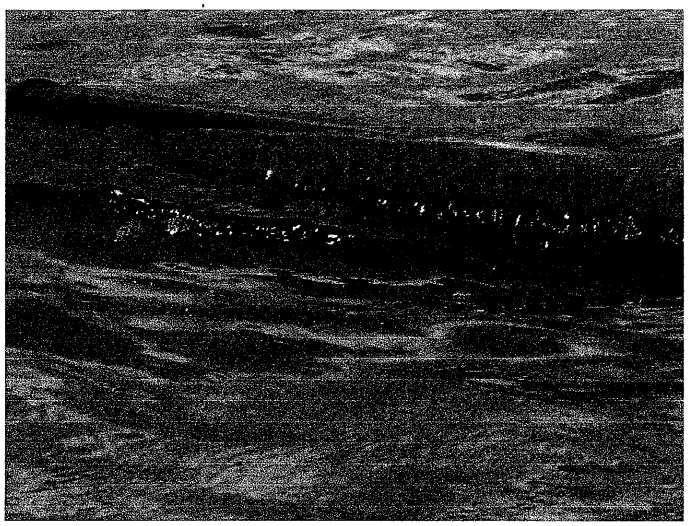


The National Estuarine Eutrophican Assessment also states that Secchi disk readings of < 1.0 meter indicates a high potential for eutrophication. Eutrophication is defined as the accelerated production of organic matter, particulary algae, in a body of water. Too much algae is not good.

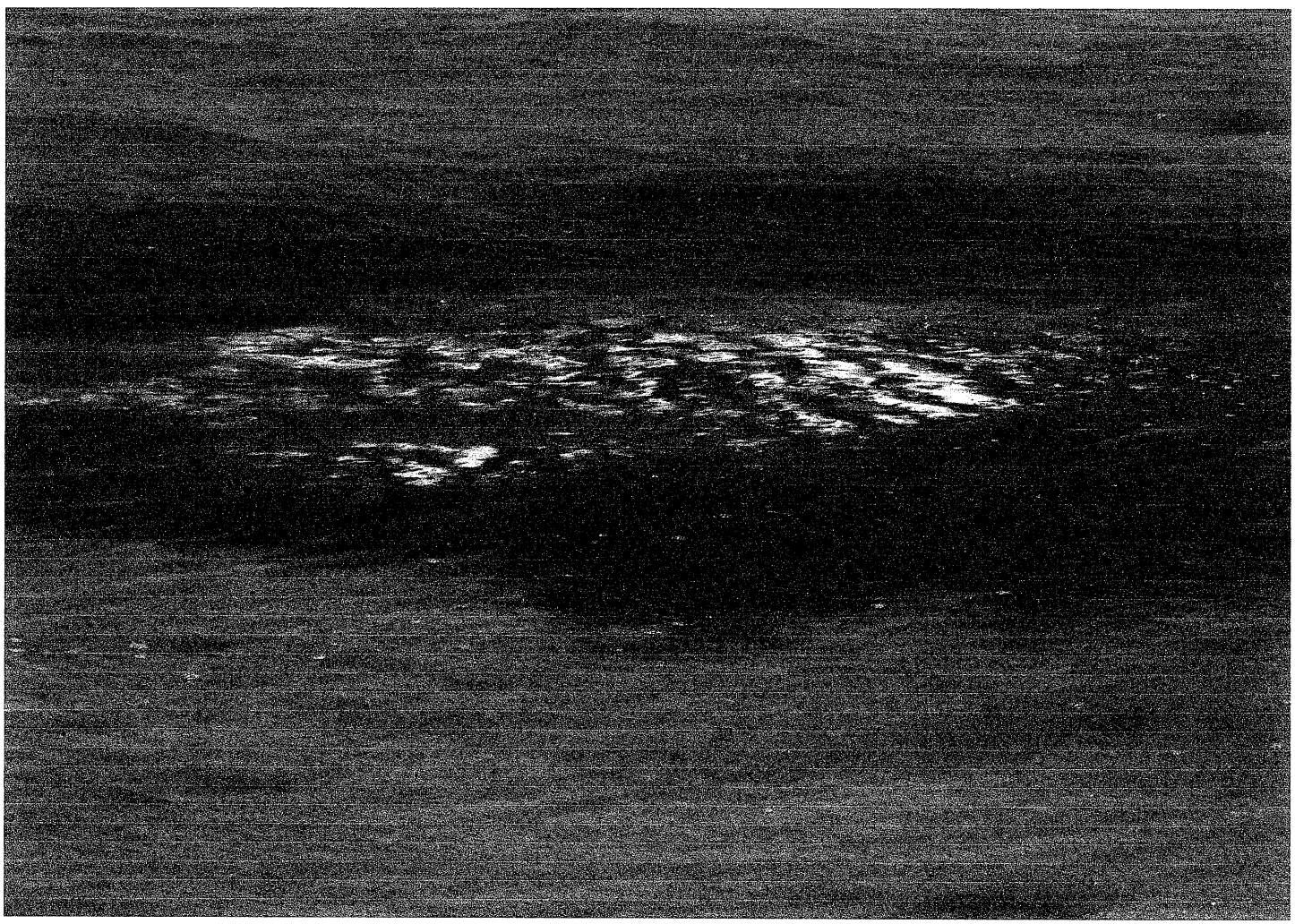
As you can see from the chart, for the last year, Little Bay Secchi disk readings have been less than 1.0 meter for a significant amount of time – for 70.2 % of the readings.

To further illustrate the Little Bay algae problem, the following photographs from this past summer show algae that attached to both a flotation drum and temporary piping used for dredging operations in Little Bay. The equipment had been in the water probably for a month.

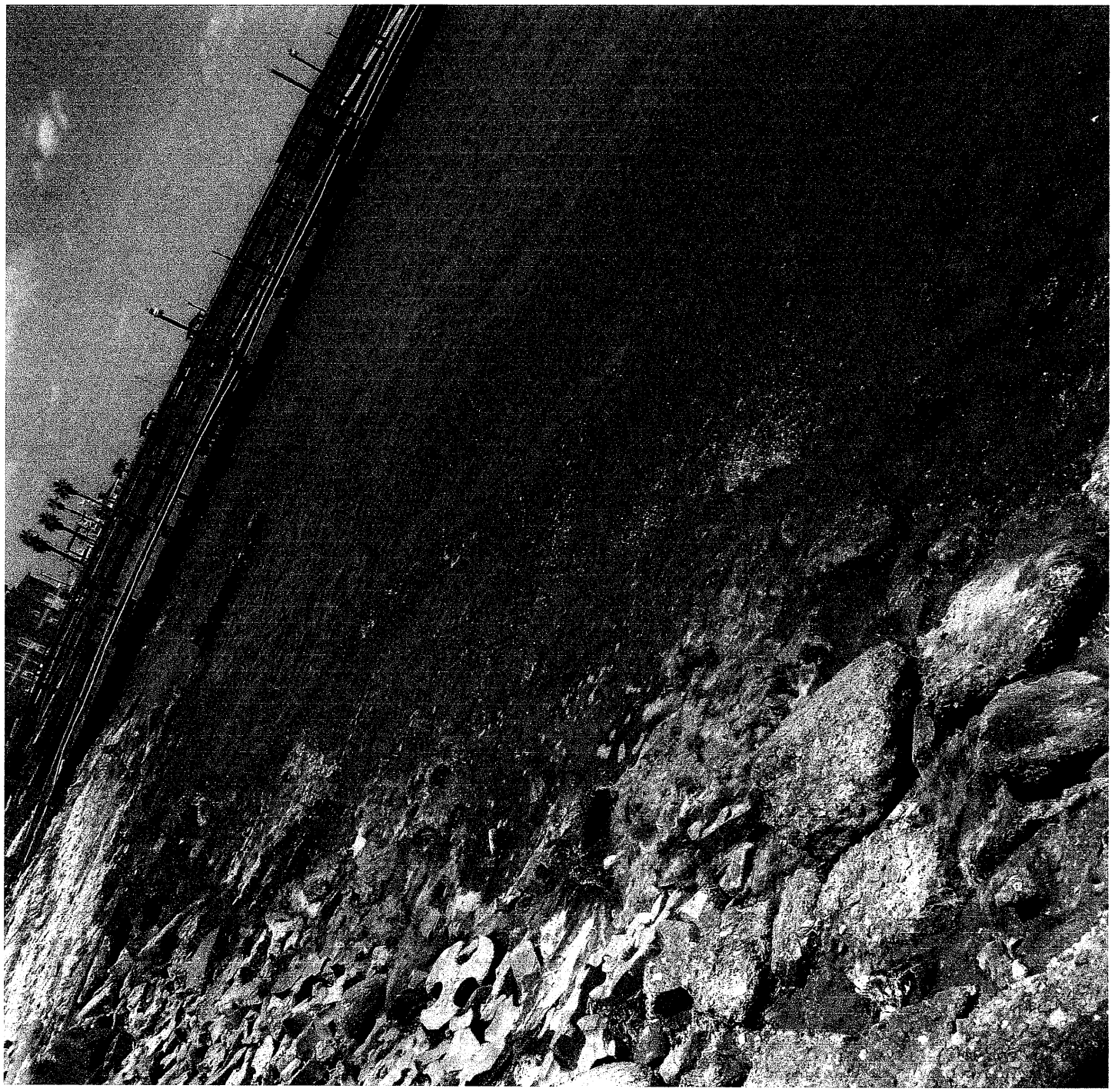




Little Bay has also experienced algae so plentiful that it formed "mats" on top of the water which totally blocks light to seagrass below – a Secchi disk reading of zero. The following July 15, 2009 photo shows matted algae in Little Bay.



Little Bay algae effects more than just Little Bay. It also affects the exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation of Aransas Bay. During the daily incoming tide, algae flows out the Blevins Channel on the North end of Little Bay and up the Aransas Bay shoreline to Fulton and points beyond. This June 4, 2009 photograph shows algae deposition along the shoreline of Aransas Bay (not Little Bay).



So what can be done?

On Sept. 9, 2009, Urban Engineering presented recommendations to the city Water Quality Committee (WQC) - one of which included the use of existing aeration basins to remove nitrogen using a Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) process. The process "uses the natural biological nitrification and denitrification process to reduce total nitrogen levels to below 10 mg/l (ppm)". It was pointed out that basically the rental of pumps, piping, and a mixer would allow a plant test to determine the potential effectiveness of nitrogen removal in the current facilities using this process. As noted, Urban estimated that nitrogen levels may be reduced to < 10 ppm – a significant improvement over the current level specified in the permit application of 26.76 ppm. The WQC has not discussed a potential plant test in a public meeting.

From the literature, I know of an industrial site that uses a similar (?) biological process to reduce nitrate-nitrogen from ~ 1,000 ppm to less than 1 ppm. Apparently it can be done – with bugs, who normally work cheap. Since the industrial site probably has a TPDES permit, you may be aware of this operation.

Years ago, I remember hearing about using something called BATEA (?) - Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (?) - for pollution abatement/environmental control projects in the chemical industry. Is the BNR process the BATEA for nitrogen removal ? I don't know. In any case, perhaps TCEQ has a budget for development of improved STP processes for the removal of nitrogen and could support conversion of the current STP to a highly efficient BNR process unit as a demonstration project. Just a thought.

Little Bay also has additional problems that the current STP is not designed to address. The following April 28, 2009 photo shows foam buildup on the west shoreline of Little Bay. The frequency of foam along the shoreline became so routine that I stopped documenting it months ago.

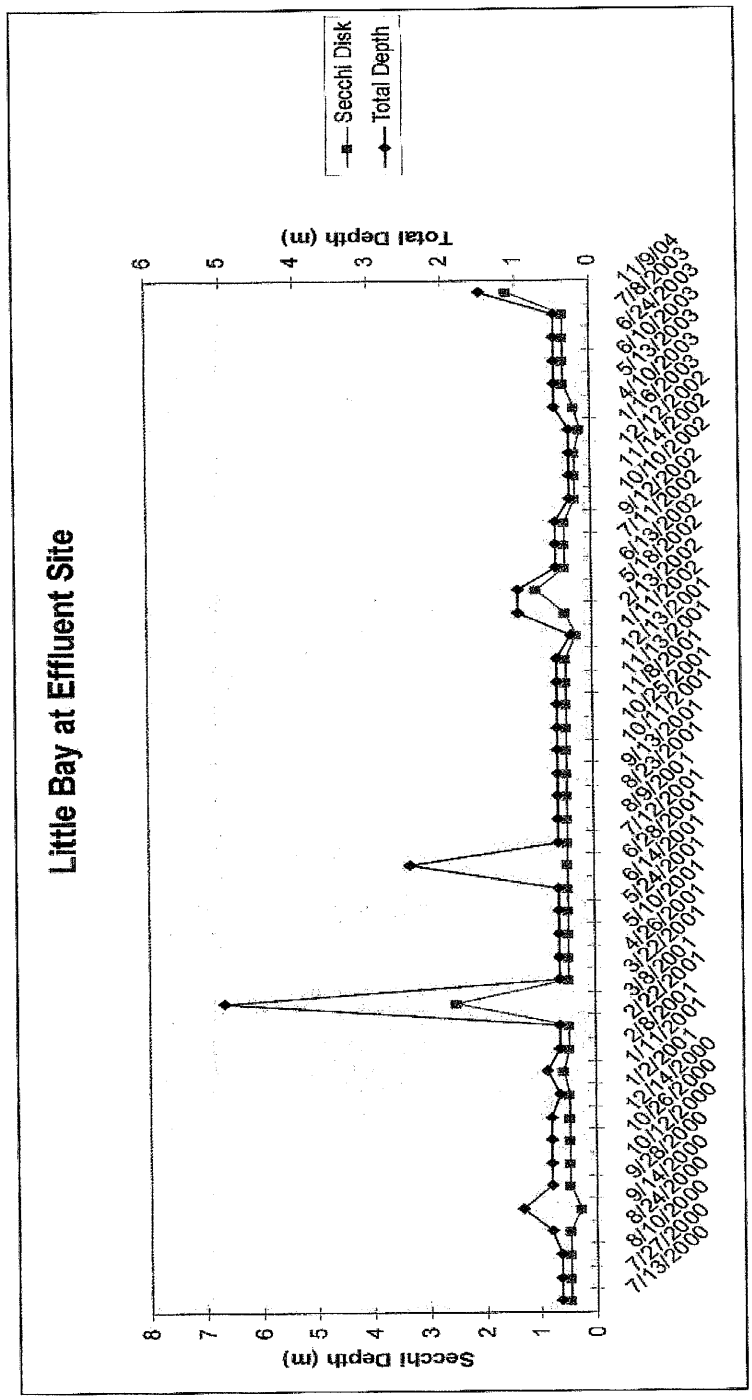
As we know, foam is caused by one thing – impurities. (Pure liquids do not foam.) This foam is not your "God Bless America ... oceans white with foam" type that dissipates promptly. The bubbles in this foam are thick skinned and do not easily break. Thus, particles of dirt, etc. accumulate on the bubbles to create a dirty-brown foam. The dirty foam is eventually knocked down into a scum which probably coats the shoreline.

The most likely candidate for the "impurities" creating this foam is the "oil and grease" (O&G) in the STP effluent. The composite sample of May 14, 2009 provided in the permit application shows an O&G analytical result of 1.4 ppm. This calculates to a potential daily O&G load to Little Bay of 24.7 pounds - over 3 gallons. (2.11 M gallons per day times 8.35 pounds per gallon times 1.4 ppm)

I once had responsibility for an NPDES permitted outfall which experienced a "2 ounce" release of compressor lubrication oil. The net result was a $25,000 fine from the EPA. In comparison, the potential daily amount of O&G flowing to Little Bay is 197 times that dastardly amount.

The solution – in my opinion - for removal of this relatively small amount of O&G along with other small quantities of pollutants (I will call them "gremlins") is a wetland. Thus, after the removal of nitrogen in the STP, the effluent should be routed to a wetland to remove O&G and other pollution gremlins. (Note: The wetland should not be used for nitrogen removal because the EPA Manual for Constructed Wetlands Treatment of Municipal Wastewaters (Sept. 2000) cautions that constructed wetlands cannot remove significant amounts of nitrogen. We have significant amounts of nitrogen. The EPA also points out that not heeding this caution has been responsible for the failure of several constructed wetlands that were built to remove or oxidize nitrogen. We don't need to become another statistic.

In 2004, Texas Watch supplied the following Secci disk chart as part of their Nueces River Basis Texas Watch Data Summary 2000 to 2004.



GRAPH 4: Secchi Depth and Total Depth

The chart indicates that Little Bay has had a water clarity problem even as far back as year 2000. From the chart, 42 of the 45 readings from July 13, 2000 to Nov. 9, 2004 were < 1.0 meter. That calculates to 93% of the time over the 4+ years of data.

We need to restore the degradation damage experienced by Little Bay instead of experiencing more. Thus, I respectfully request a public meeting to address these issues.

Thank you for your anticipated assistance,

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Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number.

I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay.

Regards,

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COMMENTS: It is my understanding that the City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tule Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day. If accurate, these statistics are alarming and very concerning regarding the damages caused by nirogen dumping to the community. Please advise when there will be a scheduled hearing to address this matter or share what the intentions are of the TCEQ. Thank You Mack Sikorski

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be a resident since 2004, I have
observed of the years decreased
in the number of Ducks - Redheads
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This year has been the worst!
Very few days this winter, have
any ducks been present on little
bay. I have also noticed a decrease
in the number of Brown Pelicans
Canals - and Little Bay.
The last two weeks the
Canal (Red Fish) behind my house
the canal is covered with Brown
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RE: City of Rockport/Water Quality TPDES Permit #WQ0010054001

Public Hearing Comments - February 25, 2010

I will not spend time commenting on the effects of nutrient loading on bay systems. The TCEQ staff is well aware of the issue. I will, however, address what I believe is the real issue on this renewal permit. Why isn't Little Bay being given the same protection as other bays in our county?

Little Bay is currently an unclassified water segment that does, however, flow into Aransas Bay (Segment 2471). The uses for Little Bay should be the same as Aransas Bay; exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation. It should be considered a part of Segment 2471. Additionally, at the time of the last renewal of this permit, Little Bay was an extensive seagrass habitat, and it still contains a Texas Parks and Wildlife Sanctuary.

The *Texas Administrative Code Rule 307.4* provides for the redetermination of uses in public hearings conducted under the provisions of the *Texas Water Code*. I believe this redetermination should result in Little Bay being considered part of Segment 2471.

Two recently issued wastewater permits in Aransas County involving Segment 2471 (Aransas Bay) and Segment 2472 (Port Bay) included total nitrogen and total phosphorus restrictions. The permit issued to RR Development for discharge of up to 550,000 gal/day into Port Bay limited the total nitrogen to 6 mg/liter and total phosphorus to 1.mg/liter. The total nitrogen limit was imposed by the TCEQ as a result of a Tier II antidegradation review. It should be noted that Port Bay is approximately 50 times the size of Little Bay and is only permitted to receive approximately one-fifth of the 2,500,000 gals/day contained in the renewal permit under comment here tonight.

The continued degradation of Little Bay not only impairs the uses of an exceptional bay, but will ultimately lead to a deterioration of real estate values. The comments received and turnout at this hearing are testament to these concerns. I urge your careful consideration in this matter and hope you will help us save Little Bay. I thank you, and I wish to have my comments recorded as part of the record.

Sincerely,

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AT PUBLIC MEETING

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of Public Assistance
Bridget C. Bohac, Director
P.O. Box 13087
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RE: City of Rockport/Water Quality TPDES Permit #WQ0010054001

Public Hearing Comments - February 25, 2010

I will not spend time commenting on the effects of nutrient loading on bay systems. The TCEQ staff is well aware of the issue. I will, however, address what I believe is the real issue on this renewal permit. Why isn't Little Bay being given the same protection as other bays in our county?

Little Bay is currently an unclassified water segment that does, however, flow into Aransas Bay (Segment 2471). The uses for Little Bay should be the same as Aransas Bay; exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation. It should be considered a part of Segment 2471. Additionally, at the time of the last renewal of this permit, Little Bay was an extensive seagrass habitat, and it still contains a Texas Parks and Wildlife Sanctuary.

The *Texas Administrative Code Rule 307.4* provides for the redetermination of uses in public hearings conducted under the provisions of the *Texas Water Code*. I believe this redetermination should result in Little Bay being considered part of Segment 2471.

Two recently issued wastewater permits in Aransas County involving Segment 2471 (Aransas Bay) and Segment 2472 (Port Bay) included total nitrogen and total phosphorus restrictions. The permit issued to RR Development for discharge of up to 550,000 gal/day into Port Bay limited the total nitrogen to 6 mg/liter and total phosphorus to 1.mg/liter. The total nitrogen limit was imposed by the TCEQ as a result of a Tier II antidegradation review. It should be noted that Port Bay is approximately 5 times the size of Little Bay and is only permitted to receive approximately one-fifth of the 2,500,000 gals/day contained in the renewal permit under comment here tonight.

The continued degradation of Little Bay not only impairs the uses of an exceptional bay, but will ultimately lead to a deterioration of real estate values. The comments received and turnout at this hearing are testament to these concerns. I urge your careful consideration in this matter and hope you will help us save Little Bay. I thank you, and I wish to have my comments recorded as part of the record.

Sincerely,

Charles Smith
Aransas County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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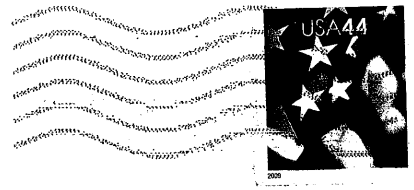

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February 25, 2010

City of Rockport
Proposed TPDES Permit Renewal
WQ0010054001

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Mailing Address: 750 REDWOOD

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My name is Lamar Story I am Vice-Chairman of the Aransas County Navigation District. The ACND has submitted a written statement for the record, which I will summarize.

By virtue of a patent from the State of Texas, ACND owns the submerged lands in Little Bay. LB is a recreational resource that is heavily used by AC residents and by visitors. The AC economy depends on tourism, and LB and the Beach Park are a prime tourist destination. Swimming, boating, and wade fishing provide primary contact recreation. LB is encompassed within the Connie Hagar Wildlife Sanctuary, a state-designated sanctuary administered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Historically, LB has been used by winter waterfowl, and a large colony of Black Skimmers which feeds in LB waters and nests in the Beach Park. LB has long been known as a bird watching destination.

For all of these reasons, ACND's property interests and its ability to perform its public mission is affected by the quality of water in LB.

The quality of fish and wildlife in LB has declined in the past few years. The beds of submerged aquatic vegetation have diminished considerably, which has caused a decline in the number of winter bird populations that depend on these submerged sea grasses. Algae blooms and floating algae mats during the summer months are further evidence of problems with water quality in LB.

ACND expresses the following concerns with the proposed WWTP permit.

1. Although LB has experienced some degradation of its ability to support aquatic life, its designated use should be exceptional aquatic life uses, oyster waters, and contact recreation.
2. Effluent quality data presented in the permit application or available in files indicate Nitrate-nitrogen concentrations ranging up to 41 mg/l. The permit would allow nutrient loading into LB from the WWTP to increase by well over 150% above present levels. Increased nutrient loading will very likely further degrade water quality, impairing recreational and wildlife uses.
3. The TPDES permit should be amended as soon as practical to include effluent limitations for Total Nitrogen and Phosphorous.
4. ACND recognizes that new and more stringent effluent standards cannot be imposed immediately, therefore the ACND suggests the new permit should contain elements related to monitoring, research, analysis, and planning processes that will support the implementation of nutrient limitations as soon as practicable.

ACND wishes to recognize the leadership and diligence of City officials, who are aware of the problems in LB and are working to find ways to reduce the concentrations of nutrients in the WWTP effluent as well as improve storm water management in the LB watershed.

Respectfully submitted by the ACND.

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PERMIT NUMBER:WQ0010054001
DOCKET NUMBER:
COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: David Swiss
E-MAIL:dmswiss_1@yahoo.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:132 DONNA LN
ROCKPORT TX 78382-9641
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Fellow Citizen- As many of you are aware, the extensive sea grasses in Little Bay are gone. This sea grass used to harbor abundant aquatic life and was a food source for wintering waterfowl that once lined the shorelines of Little Bay. Common wisdom after extensive studies is that the most common cause of sea grass loss is due to high levels of nitrogen fertilizing algae blooms which cloud the water. This turbid water blocks the sunlight from the sea grass and kills it. The City of Rockport operates a waste water treatment plant that dumps treated effluent into Tulle Creek and Little Bay. They have applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a 5 year renewal of the current permit. This permit has no limitations on the amount of total nitrogen that can be dumped into Little Bay which covers 405 acres. Data submitted by the City of Rockport in their permit application from 2 separate samples taken over 24 hour periods shows total nitrogen currently being dumped into little bay at 23.6 mg/l and 41.5 mg/l. These samples were both taken in may of 2009. In comparison 2 new permits have been issued by TCEQ for new waste water treatment plants for housing developments on Aransas Bay and Port Bay. The total nitrogen limits for these facilities is 8mg/l (milligrams per liter) for Aransas Bay(X Acres) and 6 mg/l for Port Bay (2180 Acres). Both of these permits require wetland filtration before effluent reaches the bays there fore reducing actual levels reaching the bays. Summary Port Bay WWTP 6mg/l into 2180 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Lamar/Aransas Bay WWTP 8mg/l into est.21000 Acres Wetland Filtration Required Rockport WWTP (current)41.3 mg/l into 405 Acres No Wetland Filtration Required For another perspective, it is conservatively estimated that current loading of nitrogen is equivalent to 1 ton (100 20 lb Bags) of 10-P-K commercial fertilizer per day is being put in Little Bay every day. What you can do: (Please do it today!) We are currently in a public comment period that ends this week. It is imperative that we request a public meeting to address these issues. 2 Options: Copy the attached language and make your comment at http://www10.tceq.state.tx.us/epic/ecmnts/(this takes 2 minutes) OR use the attached language write a letter to the address below requesting a public meeting regarding this permit. PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO YOUR LIST TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001 Write to: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk. MC 105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78411-3087 Ref: TPDES permit No. WQ0010054001

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: John Tate
E-MAIL:jtate@obht.com
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:19 BAHAMA DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3703
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS:I request a full public meeting to consider this request

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PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Beverly Trifonidis
E-MAIL:beverly@yant.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:430 COPANO RIDGE RD
ROCKPORT TX 78382-9634
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: From the information which I have read, and the years of watching Little Bay in Rockport getting polluted and having substantially less birds, I think it is imperative that we have a Public Meeting in Rockport to discuss this situation regarding the City of Rockport's request to get an extension of a permit which results in destruction to Little Bay. Please allow for a Public Meeting before extending this permit.

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PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME: Eileen Vincent
E-MAIL:ecvincent@att.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:1615 S CHURCH ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-2103
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: To : Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, I have been visiting Rockport for many years and have recently moved here. One of the reasons I love Rockport is the wonderful, and abundant wildlife that is sustained here. Unfortunatley that is in jeopardy due to the fact that we are not getting enough fresh water. I am a supporter of TAP andI am requesting a public meeting to discuss this important issue. Thank you for your time. Regards, Eileen Vincent

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COUNTY:ARANSAS
PRINCIPAL NAME:CITY OF ROCKPORT
CN NUMBER:CN600634810
FROM
NAME:J David Watson
E-MAIL:txrex@warpspeed1.net
COMPANY:
ADDRESS:107 COUNTRY CLUB DR
WHARTON TX 77488-4609
PHONE:
FAX:
COMMENTS: Please accept this correspondence as public comment and request for a public meeting on the above referenced permit number. This permit renewal should be subject to the same discharge limitations and restrictions as other water treatment systems on Texas' middle coast. I am very concerned and feel that it is very important to stop the further degradation of Little Bay. Regards, J David Watson

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FROM
NAME: Chuck West
E-MAIL:capt.west@yahoo.com
COMPANY: Coastal Bend Guides' Association
ADDRESS:PO BOX 511
ARANSAS PASS TX 78335-0511
PHONE:
FAX:
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Ben T. Whitefield

610 Bent Tree St.
Rockport, TX 78382
(361) 727-0072

November 24, 2009

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Austin, TX 78411-3087

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Re: Renewal of Permit **WQ0010054001**

City of Rockport, Texas

Gentlemen:

I am concerned about the renewal of the captioned permit. I have been a resident of Rockport for 14 years, and I have spent many hours on Little Bay. During the last 14 years, I have observed the slow death of Little Bay--bottom grass is gone, the fish are gone, large rafts of migratory ducks no longer frequent Little Bay, the Blue Crabs are nearly gone.

The discharge into Little Bay of treated effluent with high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus has contributed to the decline of Little Bay. I hope that your renewal process of the captioned permit will address this issue.

Sincerely,

Ben T. Whitefield

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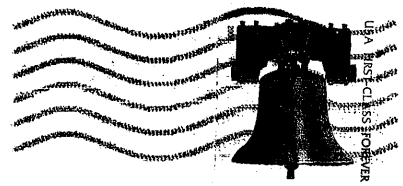

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Mailing Address: 125 Canvasback Ln.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Rockport **Zip:** 78382

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