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Attention: LaDonna Castanuela  
Office of the Chief Clerk  
MC-105  
TNRCC  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Re: Air Quality Permit No. 8068

Dear TNRCC:

In reference to my letter sent to you dated January 19, 2002 concerning the above air quality permit; I must request that this letter not be considered as comments on the permit request and that it be purged from the comment file and become non-relevant.

I have been informed that by using my councilman stationary with the City of Lufkin's letterhead I breached proper standards of using official stationary for a personal position not sanctioned by the city council or the City of Lufkin. For this I deeply apologize to you, the city, and to Donohue Industries of Lufkin for any inconvenience or embarrassment it caused.

Sincerely,

L. Dennis Robertson  
City Councilman Ward 6

Cc: City of Lufkin  
Cc: Abitibi Consolidated, Inc

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Dear TNRCC:

I may be too late to have my comments considered in context to your time limits, however there are some issues that need to be addressed by TNRCC about the Donohue Industries of Lufkin, Texas proposed air quality permit request. The proposed amendment and renewal does not indicate whether there is an increase or decrease of emissions planned from the current permit. The legal notice only says that the facility will emit oxides of nitrogen, sulfur oxides, particulate matter, chlorine, total reduced sulfur, volatile organic compounds, and carbon monoxide. We do not know whether these are emitted or planned to be at volumes harmful to humans and animals or even vegetation within a confined radius of the paper mill. We do know that certain concentrations of these chemicals are harmful or even lethal to humans and animals. Further, we do not know what happens or know the potential caustic effect when these elements are combined with each other or with other elements in the environment. The average citizen in Angelina County cannot be expected to know how to respond in a scientific way about these proposed chemical emissions. We only hope and pray that TNRCC has the professional scientific staff to determine what level of emissions can be safely put into the air.

Documents obtained show that Donohue Industries emit 14 different chemicals or particulate matter into the air. Carbon monoxide is emitted at 2,023 tons per year and this with others total about 15 million pounds per year. If this is a confirmed fact, those persons living near this facility surely can expect to experience certain health risks when exposed to them over a lengthy period of time or even a short time. We can only assume that these chemicals and possibly others from other industries in the Lufkin area cause Angelina County to be ranked second in the state for certain lung and other cancers. Other health and medical problems with inconclusive causative agents may be in fact a result of the very polluted air we breathe.

These chemicals are surely being deposited down-wind from the facility and this is the watershed of most cities and towns in Angelina County. Again, some may not be harmful in the quantities deposited, but we can assume that some are also harmful to some or all that may come in contact with them.

The City of Lufkin is starting procedures to develop water intake facilities and transmission lines from Lake Sam Rayburn to supplement the current water wells for the city's supply. We must be assured that the volume of chemicals from this paper mill and other Lufkin industries shall not become pollutants in this water supply. We cannot afford to use excessive treatment of this water source just to take out chemicals that should never be deposited there by factories in the first place.

In addition to being the future domestic water source for Lufkin and other communities Lake Rayburn is a tremendous recreational resource and must be protected for the fisheries and boating activities. Many millions of dollars from this recreation use will be lost if we allow pollution to ruin this resource. Fish consumption advisories are already being placed on Lake Sam Rayburn for mercury content. We do not want this trend to accelerate with more chemicals getting into the lake.

I strongly recommend that a public meeting be held to allow these and other issues to be discussed so that the citizens of Lufkin and Angelina County can be better informed as to the potential impacts to them by this proposed emissions permit by Donohue Industries.

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