

**PUBCOMMENT-OCC2 - Fwd: Public comment on Permit Number 1355A**

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**REGULATED ENTY NAME** RUFFINO HILLS TRANSFER STATION

**RN NUMBER:** RN101664233

**PERMIT NUMBER:** 1355A

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** HARRIS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** RUFFINO HILLS TRANSFER STATION LP

**CN NUMBER:** CN602656142

**FROM**

**NAME:** Mike Bercu

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**COMMENTS:** I live in the Braeburn Valley West Subdivision adjacent to the Bellaire and West University Landfills. Ruffino Transfer Station is part of the Bellaire Landfill. I represent the Board of Directors, Braeburn Valley West and as an interested party living next to the landfills. Some of our residents are probably within a 1/2 mile of the facility. We request a contested case hearing. Our concerns are health, noise and traffic safety on Beltway 8 and West bellfort. Mrs Gaskamp, representing Glenshire, in her June 3, 2008 has highlighted our issues with the expanded hours and tonnage of the Ruffino Transfer Station. We will provide details at the hearing unless you would like them earlier. Please let me know if you need any more information at this time.

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# TCEQ Public Meeting Form

March 24, 2011

## Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP

### Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment No. 1355A

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• Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group?  Yes  No

If yes, which one? Braeburn Valley West Civic Association

✓  Please add me to the mailing list.

I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.

I wish to provide formal *WRITTEN COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.

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

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Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

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Via e-mail  
and First Class U.S. Mail  
Ms. Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC-105  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP: MSW Permit No. 1355A

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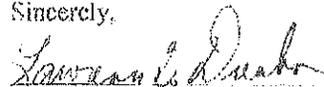
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In addition, the Turquoise Center is located at 9301 West Belfort St., Houston, TX 77031. Its telephone number is 713.974.4443. Mr. Alacadang is the representative of the Turquoise Center. It is located immediately south of the transfer station on West Belfort. It is concerned about the noise, odor and other nuisances that will be generated by the expanded operations being proposed for this transfer station.

Each of the above named parties is a member of CARTTS, and is an affected person with a personal justiciable interest related to an economic interest, namely their property interest, which is not common to the general public. Members of CARTTS are concerned about their health, safety and the quiet use and enjoyment of their property from the impact of the proposed amendment to the transfer station. The concerns about noise, odor and other nuisance-related issues associated with the proposed expansion of the operations of this transfer station are disputed issues that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on this application that have been raised as comments in public meetings and were responded to by the Executive Director in his Response to Public Comment.

Therefore, CARTTS and the above-named individuals request a contested case hearing on these very important issues that have been raised regarding the expansion of the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station. Also attached to this letter are other letters from elected officials who represent citizens in this area, supporting the request for a contested case hearing on this permit amendment request.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence G. Dunbar

Attachments



Figure 1. Vicinity Map of Ruffino Hills Transfer Station and "Affected Persons"



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

AL GREEN  
Member of Congress  
District 11  
Texas

June 23, 2011

Mark R. Vickery  
Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711

RE: Letter in Support for Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36 and the Coalition  
Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station (CARTTS) and Its Request for a TCEQ  
Contested Hearing

Dear Mr. Vickery,

Please find herewith the letter of support that was sent from my office supporting CARTTS and the Brays Oak Super Neighborhood #36's opposition to the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station and its application for a permit amendment. In addition, please find herewith their request for an additional letter of support for a contested hearing on the recent decision issued by your office.

I support Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36 and the Coalition Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station's request for a contested case hearing and ask that you grant their appeal. The adverse effects of this proposed landfill expansion are not in the best interest of the community and I ask that you give serious consideration to their position as you review this matter and respond appropriately.

Sincerely,

Al Green  
Member of Congress



ANNISE D. PARKER  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
TEXAS

June 23, 2011

To: TCEQ

June 23, 2011  
TCEQ

I support the ongoing efforts of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36's committee, CARTTS (Coalition Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station), and the stakeholders—Glenshire, Bruchum Valley West, Brays Oaks Management District, and the Turquoise Center—in regards to the Ruffino Hills Transfer Center. They now request that TCEQ approve a contested case hearing involving the Ruffino Hills application for an amended permit.

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Sincerely,

Annise D. Parker  
Mayor



**ANNE CLUTTERBUCK**  
Houston City Council Member, District C

Chair,  
Budget  
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Committee

June 23, 2011

Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
TCEQ, MC-108  
P.O. Box 1308  
Austin, TX 78768-1308

Chair,  
Ethics  
Committee

Board of Directors,  
Houston-Greenville  
Area Council

Re: Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP  
Permit No. 13553A

Dear Ms. Chao:

I write to you in full support of the ongoing efforts of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood Committee, CARTTS (Coalition Against Ruffino Hills Transfer Station) and the stakeholders -- Glenshire, Braxburn Valley West, Brays Oaks Management District and the Turquoise Center. I join these groups in requesting that TCEQ approve a contested case hearing involving the Ruffino Hills application for an amended permit. The expanded hours and increased amount of material the amended permit would allow will negatively impact the quality of life in surrounding communities which I represent by exacerbating existing noise, odor and traffic problems.

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Sincerely,

Anne Clutterbuck

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From: Dunbar Harder, PLLC. To: CARTTS contested case hearing request for Permi

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June 23, 2011

Ms. Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC-105  
P. O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Ms. Chao:

I am in support of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood (S.N.) committee, CARTTS (Coalition Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station) and the stakeholders—(Henshire, Braeburn Valley West, Brays Oaks Management District, and the Turquoise Center.

This group is now requesting that TCEQ approve a contested case hearing involving the Ruffino Hills' application for an amended permit.

Since the Executive Director has approved Ruffino Hills' application for an amended permit, I stand strongly with the community in their request for a contested case hearing and ask that you grant them that hearing.

Respectfully,

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DUNBAR HARDER, PLLC.

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See attached request for contested case hearing on Ruffino Hills Transfer Station Permit No. 1355A

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**FROM**

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**COMMENTS:** see attached Request for Contested Case hearing by Glenshire Community Association.

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June 25, 2011

*Via e-mail*  
*and First Class U.S. Mail*

Ms. Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC-105  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP; MSW Permit No. 1355A

Dear Ms. Chao:

This letter is being submitted on behalf of the Glenshire Community Association, whose members include residents who live and/or own property in the neighborhood, in the vicinity of the referenced transfer station. Figure 1, attached hereto, is a map showing the location of the Transfer Station (outlined in red) and the nearby Glenshire neighborhood – located to the southeast of the transfer station. The undersigned is the legal representative for the Glenshire Community Association and all correspondence and communications can be directed to me. The purpose of this letter is to request a contested case hearing regarding the application by Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP for amending MSW Permit No. 1355A, in accordance with the Executive Director's Response to Public Comment issued by the Chief Clerk's Office on May 27, 2011.

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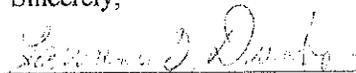
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MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
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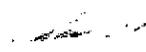
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*Via e-mail*

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6. Carol Meshell resides and owns the property located at 8903 Weymouth, Houston, TX 77031. Her telephone number is 713.270.1905. Ms. Meshell's property is east/southeast of the transfer station. She is concerned about the noise, odor and other nuisances that will be generated by the expanded operations being proposed for this transfer station.

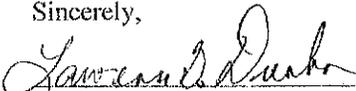
7. Huran Alacadag resides and owns the property located at 12006 Manorgate, Houston, TX 77031. His telephone number is 281.745.1757. Mr. Alacadag's property is southeast of the transfer station. He is concerned about the noise, odor and other nuisances that will be generated by the expanded operations being proposed for this transfer station.

In addition, the Turquoise Center is located at 9301 West Belfort St., Houston, TX 77031. Its telephone number is 713.974.4443. Mr. Alacadag is the representative of the Turquoise Center. It is located immediately south of the transfer station on West Belfort. It is concerned about the noise, odor and other nuisances that will be generated by the expanded operations being proposed for this transfer station.

Each of the above named parties is a member of CARTTS, and is an affected person with a personal justiciable interest related to an economic interest, namely their property interest, which is not common to the general public. Members of CARTTS are concerned about their health, safety and the quiet use and enjoyment of their property from the impact of the proposed amendment to the transfer station. The concerns about noise, odor and other nuisance-related issues associated with the proposed expansion of the operations of this transfer station are disputed issues that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on this application that have been raised as comments in public meetings and were responded to by the Executive Director in his Response to Public Comment.

Therefore, CARTTS and the above-named individuals request a contested case hearing on these very important issues that have been raised regarding the expansion of the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station. Also attached to this letter are other letters from elected officials who represent citizens in this area, supporting the request for a contested case hearing on this permit amendment request.

Sincerely,

  
Lawrence G. Dunbar

Attachments



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20541

June 23, 2011

Mark R. Vickery  
Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711

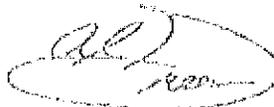
**RE: Letter in Support for Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36 and the Coalition  
Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station (CARTTS) and Its Request for a TCEQ  
Contested Hearing**

Dear Mr. Vickery,

Please find herewith the letter of support that was sent from my office supporting CARTTS and the Brays Oak Super Neighborhood #36's opposition to the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station and its application for a permit amendment. In addition, please find herewith their request for an additional letter of support for a contested hearing on the recent decision issued by your office.

I support Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36 and the Coalition Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station's request for a contested case hearing and ask that you grant their appeal. The adverse effects of this proposed landfill expansion are not in the best interest of the community and I ask that you give serious consideration to their position as you review this matter and respond appropriately.

Sincerely,



Al Green  
Member of Congress



ANNISE D. PARKER  
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF HOUSTON  
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June 23, 2011

To: TCEQ

June 23, 2011  
TCEQ

I support the ongoing efforts of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36 's committee, CARTTS (Coalition Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station), and the stakeholders—Glenshire, Braeburn Valley West, Brays Oaks Management District, and the Turquoise Center—in regards to the Ruffino Hills Transfer Center. They now request that TCEQ approve a contested case hearing involving the Ruffino Hills application for an amended permit.

You received my communication in support of my constituents' request for a public hearing. I appreciate your approval for that event. Now, since the Executive Director has approved Ruffino Hills' application for an amended permit, I stand with the community in their request for a contested case hearing and ask that you grant them a contested case hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Annise D. Parker".

Annise D. Parker  
Mayor



**ANNE CLUTTERBUCK**  
Houston City Council Member, District C

Chair,  
Budget  
& Fiscal Affairs  
Committee

June 23, 2011

Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
TCEQ, MC-105

Chair,  
Ethics  
Committee

P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Board of Directors,  
Houston Galveston  
Area Council

Re: Rutlino Hills Transfer Station, LP  
Permit No. 1355A

Dear Ms. Chao,

I write to you today in support of the ongoing efforts of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood #36's committee, CARTTS (Coalition Against Rutlino Trash Transfer Station) and the stakeholders - Glenshore, Braeburn Valley West, Brays Oaks Management District, and the Turquoise Center. I join these groups in requesting that TCEQ approve a contested case hearing involving the Rutlino Hills application for an amended permit. The expanded hours and increased amount of material the amended permit would allow will negatively impact the quality of life in surrounding communities which I represent by exacerbating existing noise, odor and traffic problems.

You received my communication in support of my constituents request for a public hearing. I appreciate your approval for that event. Since the Executive Director has approved Rutlino Hills' application for an amended permit, I stand with the community in their request for a contested case hearing and ask that you grant them a contested case hearing.

Sincerely,

*Anne Clutterbuck*

Anne Clutterbuck

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P.O. Box 1011  
Austin, TX 78768-0111  
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Fax: 512-463-0241

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
DISTRICT 10

Houston Office  
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Houston, TX 77070  
Tel: 281-461-0110

June 23, 2011

Ms. Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC-105  
P. O. Box 1308  
Austin, TX 78711-3008

Dear Ms. Chao:

I am in support of the Brays Oaks Super Neighborhood ~~30,000~~ committee, CARTTS (Coalition Against Ruffino Trash Transfer Station) and the stakeholders—Glenshire, Braeburn Valley West, Brays Oaks Management District, and the Turquoise Center.

This group is now ~~requesting that~~ TCEQ approve a contested case hearing involving the Ruffino Hills application for an amended permit.

Since the Executive Director has approved Ruffino Hills' application for an amended permit, I stand strongly with the community in their request for a contested case hearing and ask that you grant them that hearing.

Respectfully,

  
Hubert Yo

HUBERT YO, STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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9414 Portal Drive  
Houston, Texas 77031-2213

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Melissa Chao, Acting Chief Clerk  
TCEQ, MC-105  
P. O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

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Madam:

By DM

I am writing this letter to request reconsideration of the executive director's decision on Permit No. 1355A, and must explain why I believe the decision should be reconsidered.

My dwelling is located on a dead end street next to the area of the "trash" facility. In my home, I hear no noise, but when I am outside, I can hear the trucks moving trash to a deposition area. I drive by the entrance and exit of the trash transfer facility and trucks coming and going cause a blockage of traffic. If the facility is in the process of expanding, then the next move may be down my street, Portal Drive, and at the very least increase the sound without using the street.

I have no knowledge of rats, mice and insects, but I am sure the surrounding area has these as a result of moving debris in and out of the area.

I have attended some of the meetings on this project and have listened to the thoughts and ideas of neighbors to reconsider enlarging the facility and agree with their proposals and recommendations.

If, this project to enlargement is completed, then I look into the future and can foresee more and more enlargement will follow and cause a major change to the area.

Please reconsider the enlargement of the facility as it will be detrimental to our neighborhood.

Sincerely,

*Virgil W. Fivecoate*

Virgil W. Fivecoate

713-776-1739

*DM*



# Greater Fondren Southwest Super Neighborhood #36

P.O. Box 2245, Stafford, Texas 77497

Phone: 832-423-9671 - Fax: 713-774-1272

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- President:** Elaine Gaskamp
- Vice President:** Betty Keller
- Secretary:** Naomi Ostfeld
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- Treasurer:** Marcy Williams

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Re: Permit #1355A  
 Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment

Executive Director:

Our organization is writing to request a public hearing regarding your receipt of application and intent to obtain a municipal solid waste permit amendment for Permit #1355A.

It is our understanding that the applicant is requesting to increase the maximum daily waste rate and to revise the hours of operation of the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station located at 9720 Ruffino Rd., Houston, Harris County, Texas. This transfer station is located in close proximity to two of the largest southwest Houston neighborhoods and adjacent to the highly traveled Beltway 8 tollway and TXDOT access roads on which the transfer station relies.

Our organization feels that the impact of this major increase in truck traffic and increased time of operation warrant a public hearing so that TCEQ is made aware of the public's position in this matter.

Best regards,

Elaine Gaskamp, President  
 Greater Fondren Southwest SuperNeighborhood #36

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**GLENSHIRE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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Re: Permit #1355A  
Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment

Executive Director:

Our organization is writing to request a public hearing regarding your receipt of application and intent to obtain a municipal solid waste permit amendment for Permit 1355A.

It is our understanding that the applicant is requesting to increase the maximum daily waste rate and to revise the hours of operation of the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station located at 9720 Ruffino Rd., Houston, Harris County, Texas. This transfer station is located in close proximity (across W. Bellfort) to the Glenshire community, a community of over 1300 homes. The Braeburn Valley West community is adjacent to the land on which the transfer station sits, and the community has over 1000 homes. Together with the highly traveled Beltway 8 toll way and TXDOT access roads on which the transfer station relies, there is need for the community as a whole to have input that a public hearing provides.

Therefore the Glenshire Board of Directors feels that the impact of this major increase in truck traffic and increased time of operation warrant a public hearing so that TCEQ is made aware of the public's position in this matter.

Please send all communications regarding this permit to our address. Also, regarding all matters in relation to the Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, both present and in the future, please include the Glenshire Community Association at the address on our letterhead above.

Best regards,

Elaine Gaskamp  
President

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# TCEQ Public Meeting Form

March 24, 2011

## Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment No. 1355A

PLEASE PRINT

Name: ELAINE GASKAMP

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 114 STAFFORD, TX 77497

Physical Address (if different): 9315 PETERSHAM #

City/State: Hou, TX Zip: 77031

**\*\*This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act\*\***

Email: gaskampe@hotmail.com ✓

Phone Number: (832) 423-9671

• Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group?  Yes  No  
If yes, which one? SM #36

✓  Please add me to the mailing list.

I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.

I wish to provide formal *WRITTEN COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.  
(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

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Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

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# TCEQ Public Meeting Form

March 24, 2011

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## Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment No. 1355A

PLEASE PRINT

Name: NAUCY LETNESS

Mailing Address: 9430 PORTAL

Physical Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: HOUSTON Zip: 77031

**\*\*This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act\*\***

Email: nletness@rice.edu

Phone Number: (713) 301-5558

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group?  Yes  No  
If yes, which one? Super Neighborhood #36  
(Bryce Oaks)

Please add me to the mailing list.

I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.

I wish to provide formal *WRITTEN COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.  
(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

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Nancy Betness  
9430 Portal  
Houston, TX 77031

After reviewing the TCEQ Permit or Registration Application for Municipal Solid Waste Facility by Golder Associates, we found the following errors:

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- 1) PART I APPLICATION, Page 4, under Facility Location, State Representative; applicant states **District Number 9 and Charlie Howard as State Representative**. However, the Ruffino Trash Transfer Station is located in District 131 and the State Representative is Alma Allen, not Charlie Howard.
- 2) PART I APPLICATION, Page 5, under River Basin Information; applicant states that the **River Authority is Brazos**.

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PART I APPLICATION, Page 5, under River Basin and Watershed Sub-Basin Name; applicant states **Upper Oyster Creek Watershed**.

There is a major factual error in the two documents labeled response to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> TCEQ NOD (Notice of Deficiency). The documents say that the site is in the Upper Oyster Creek Watershed of the Brazos River Basin. However, the site is actually in the Brays Bayou Watershed of the Buffalo Bayou Basin.

The site is on Keegans Bayou as the documents say. Keegans Bayou empties into Brays Bayou just west of Gessner Road near South Braeswood. Brays Bayou empties into Buffalo Bayou near Brady's Landing. At that point Buffalo Bayou is also known as the Houston Ship Channel. Buffalo Bayou empties into Galveston Bay. There is no connection between Keegans Bayou and the Brazos River. This is an unbelievable error for such an environmental document.

- 3) PART I APPLICATION, Water Wells, Oil & Gas Wells, and Structures, figure 3-2, under NOTES: it states **1. THERE ARE NO KNOWN WELLS WITHIN 500 FT. OF THE FACILITY BOUNDARY**. Also, page 20 of the second NOD response, states **4.1.5 Water and Oil/Gas Wells, According to a well search conducted by Banks Information Solutions, Inc. there are no known water wells and no known oil/gas wells within 500 feet of the facility as shown on Figure 3-2**. However, there is a capped water well located on the Ruffino Hills site AND an open water well located in the West University property directly adjacent to the Bellaire property on the east.

- 4) RHTTS Response to second NOD, page 22 states: **The total traffic of 331 vehicles accessing the transfer station facility accounts for about 1.5% of the total traffic on West Bellfort Road and 0.5% of the traffic on Beltway 8/Tollway, based on the 2006 traffic count data**. However, one figure is based upon all lanes of traffic while the other figure is based upon half the traffic count. The math is not correct.

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QUESTIONS:

1) One of the goals stated by RHTS on page 11 states: **Require consideration of facility type in site location.** ~~The applicant's responses reflect the current transfer station and closed landfills but NEVER says a word about the fact that it is located in a residential area and that we have been fighting this facility for over 31 years.~~ It is obvious that the applicants have no regard for the residents in the area. We have endured this facility for 6 years now and how has this facility contributed to our community?

*noxious, harmful fumes from trucks and litter on roads, inc. truck traffic.*

2) **FUEL TANKS** - Currently, there is a blue fuel tank on the facility site - is this considered a petroleum storage tank? What containment do you have for spillage for the fuel tank that is currently on the site and out in the open? With more than twice the increase in tonnage per day, there will be over twice the number of haulers transporting the garbage needing twice the amount of fuel. Will there be twice the number of fuel tanks on site and how will you handle the spillage?

3) **SAFETY** - At the intersection of the Beltway 8 access road and Ruffino Road, there is a stop sign. The garbage trucks do not always stop at this sign and I am concerned about the safety of drivers, including myself. Trucks pull out without stopping and then attempt to immediately cross all three lanes.

4) In the RHTS response to the second NOD, Page 12, it states: **The SOP requires the use of adequate covers on all waste transportation vehicles; the use of litter control fences; and manual litter collection. Litter that escapes by blowing or spilling will be cleaned up at least daily by landfill personnel for a distance of 2 miles in either direction from the entrance of the facility.** Exactly which directions are being specified here? Does this include all vehicles delivering garbage? Who do residents call when litter is detected within 2 miles of the site?

5) From the applicant's supplied analysis within a one-mile radius of the transfer station:

- a. 71.4% of the land use is residential, recreational, industrial, commercial and institutional.
- b. 17 apartment/townhouse/condominium complexes.
- c. 19 churches.
- d. 2 HISD elementary schools, 2 private schools, 3 vocational schools and 1 HISD stock pen.
- e. 6 known Day Care Facilities, all though this is debatable.
- f. 4 parks and recreational areas are listed. However, absent are Marion Park, BVW subdivision park, E Glenshire Park, W Glenshire

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Park and a soon to be Welch Park between Welch Middle School and W. Bellfort.

g. 1 cemetery - the historical black Riceville Cemetery.

6) According to the 4.4 Groundwater and Surface statement on page 24:

7) According to the TCEQ report entitled, **Municipal Solid Waste in Texas: A Year in Review, FY2007 Data Summary and Analysis:**

Ruffino Hills Transfer Station has a 2007 tonnage of 155,970 total tons transferred. This is only 50% capacity or if you adjust for no operations on Sundays, 58%. (Note that the figures presented in the application are based upon 2007 data also.) Is it customary to expand a facility that is only at 50% capacity?

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Incomplete or questionable information on the application:

- 1) On figure 3-1 of application, under Land Use, one cemetery is sited. For the record, this should be identified as the Riceville Cemetery which is a historical black cemetery. (from a publication At Rest: A Historical Directory of Harris County, Texas, Cemeteries (1822-2001) Including Burial Customs and Other Interesting Facts, With a Listing of Past and Present Communities, Funeral Home and Monument Companies. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition enlarged from 307 to 509 cross-indexed listings. Compiled by Trevia Wooster Beverly (Tejas Publications & Research, Houston, 2001)).
- 2) Updated information since applicant applied but none the less important. On Figure 3-1 of application, under Land Use, NOTES, states: **1. There are no known hospitals, archeological sites, or sites with exceptional aesthetic qualities within one mile of the site.** However, the Turquoise Center, located at 9301 W. Bellfort, is a beautiful building complex built to foster the social and cultural needs of the Turkish community as well as the surrounding community. In it's vision statement is the phrase: **Our vision - to create a positive social environment in which to build and strengthen the quality of life in Greater Houston.** Hundreds of garbage trucks driving in front of their building does not strengthen the quality of life in this community. Also note that their facilities include a children's playground.
- 3) *Quality of Ruffino*  
On page 21 of the RHTS response to second NOD, in Table 4-9, Access Roadway Characteristics, it states: **Ruffino Road is 2 lanes, no curb or shoulder, open ditches on the roadsides, asphalt.** It should also be noted that the width of Ruffino Road is ----- and is experiencing intense deterioration due to erosion at the edges. It will not support the increase in traffic. The application discusses vehicle capacity on this road but does not indicate the general condition of the road. This road has not been updated for over 30 years. Ruffino Road was intended to be a landfill entrance in the 1970-80's, not a major thoroughfare for 331 dump trucks per day.
- 4) On page 25, under 4.4.2. Surface Water Features, **Currently, surface water runoff at the site is intercepted by a detention pond and a discharge ditch along the western boundary of the site, as shown on Figure 2-1. The ditch discharges to the south into the roadside ditch of Ruffino Road and then into the stormwater system of the City of Houston.** ~~However~~, this ditch empties into Keegan's Bayou, then Brays Bayou and ultimately the ship channel in the Gulf.

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5) The 3-4 map describing Traffic Volumes, Existing and Future - There is a marker on the Beltway 8/Tollway which encompasses all north and south lanes and shows a 60,000 VPD existing count. In addition, in the LEGEND on the same map, it shows a box with ACCESS Road indicated with the exact same counts. Surely the counts on the Access road is not the same as the count on the Beltway 8/Tollway Road.

6) Increase in ~~p~~ air pollution,  
and trucks emitting noxious  
odors which are harmful.

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IN CONCLUSION:

I believe that we have raised substantive and significant issues for denial of the permit modifications.

The TCEQ may decide to approve the major permit modifications <sup>part</sup> in which case, this decision will be used as the measure by which all of the community's issues were dismissed over the past 31 years.

The 1355A permit should be denied for:

- 1) Substantive and significant issues concerning erroneous information in the application.
- 2) The location of the site is already in a busy intersection of two major highways, Sam Houston Beltway 8 and Highway 59, both contributing noxious and harmful emissions. We do not need to have more.
- 3) Environmental Injustice <sup>BVW</sup> we already have a wastewater treatment plant on the north of BVW, a recycling facility on the northwest corner and an existing transfer station on the west of a subdivision whose average house value is

~~less than \$100,000 and residents are~~ We don't want an increase in traffic.

- 4) Noise at 3:00 AM is unacceptable.
- 5) Problem at Keegan's Bayou of poor water quality already.
- 6)

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## Texas U.S. Senators

U.S. Senators represent the entire state. Texas' current U.S. Senators are Senator John Cornyn and Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison. See their websites for current contact information.

## Texas U.S. Representative

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9--Congressman Al Green  
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## Texas State Senator

Senate District 13--Senator  
Rodney Ellis  
Capitol Office: CAP 3E.6  
Capitol Phone: (512) 463-0113  
Capitol Address: P.O. Box 12068,  
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Austin, TX 78711  
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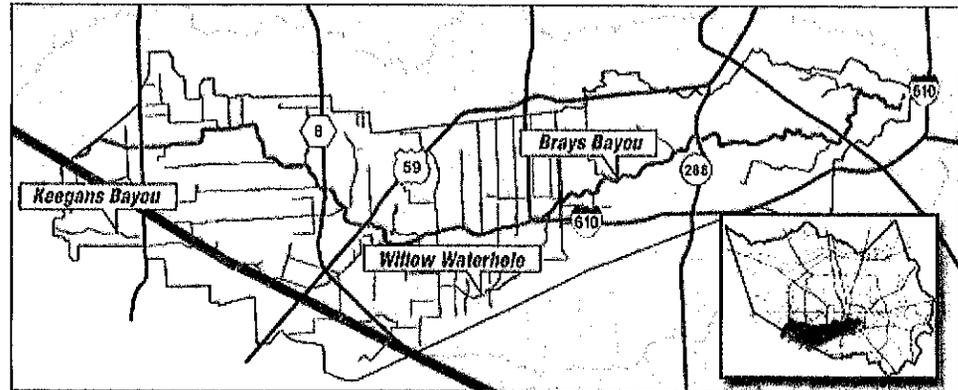
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**Brays Bayou Watershed**



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  - Barker Reservoir
  - Brays Bayou**
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  - Carpenters Bayou
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  - Clear Creek
  - Cypress Creek\*
  - Galveston Bay
  - Greens Bayou
  - Hunting Bayou
  - Jackson Bayou
  - Luce Bayou
  - San Jacinto River
  - Sims Bayou
  - Spring Creek
  - Spring Gully & Goose Creek
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**About the Watershed**

The Brays Bayou watershed is located in southwest Harris County and portions of Ft. Bend County and drains parts of the cities of Houston, Missouri City, Stafford, Bellaire, West University, Southside Place and the Meadows. The bayou flows eastward from Fort Bend County to its confluence with the Houston Ship Channel. This heavily urbanized watershed covers approximately 127 square miles and includes three primary streams: Brays Bayou, Keegans Bayou and Willow Waterhole Bayou. There are about 121 miles of open streams within the watershed, including the primary streams and tributary channels. The estimated population within the Brays Bayou watershed (Harris County portion) is just over 722,000.

Comprehensive planning for flood protection in the watershed and construction of flood damage reduction projects on and along Brays Bayou has occurred in the past and continues today. Severe flooding in the watershed has occurred on average at least once every decade. Because a majority of the urbanization occurred prior to the advent of floodplain regulations and prior to delineation of the 1% (100-year) floodplain, thousands of structures are now known to be in the currently mapped 1% (100-year) floodplain.

**Land Use**

The Brays Bayou watershed is fully urbanized, although several large urban parks and regions of open space are located within the watershed.

Currently, the Harris County Flood Control District is partnering with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the Corps) on a major flood damage reduction project called "Project Brays." Project Brays (or the Brays Bayou Flood Damage Reduction Project), is a 15-year, \$413 million project that will substantially reduce the risks associated with flooding and bring relief to tens of thousands of residents, and also the many businesses and institutions in the Brays Bayou watershed.

**Environment**

Brays Bayou and most major tributaries are maintained to enhance their flow-carrying capacity and therefore reflect characteristics typical of an urban environment. A linear park featuring recreational facilities exists along the central portion of the bayou, and several other multi-use facilities either currently exist or are planned to be constructed by recreational sponsors, in conjunction with Project Brays.

**Brays Bayou Watershed Stats:**

Drainage Area	Watershed Population (in Harris County)	Open Stream Miles	Primary Streams
127 Sq. Miles	722,716	121 Miles	Brays Bayou Keegans Bayou Willow Waterhole Bayou

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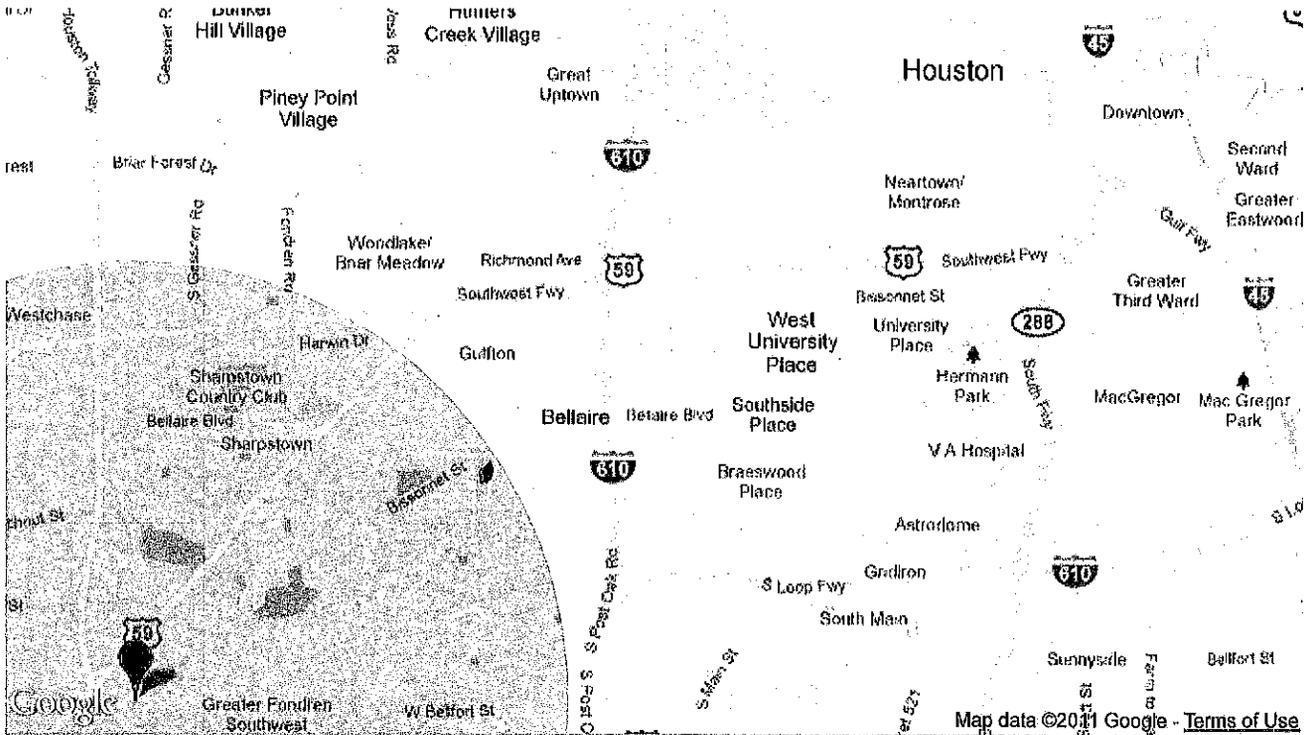
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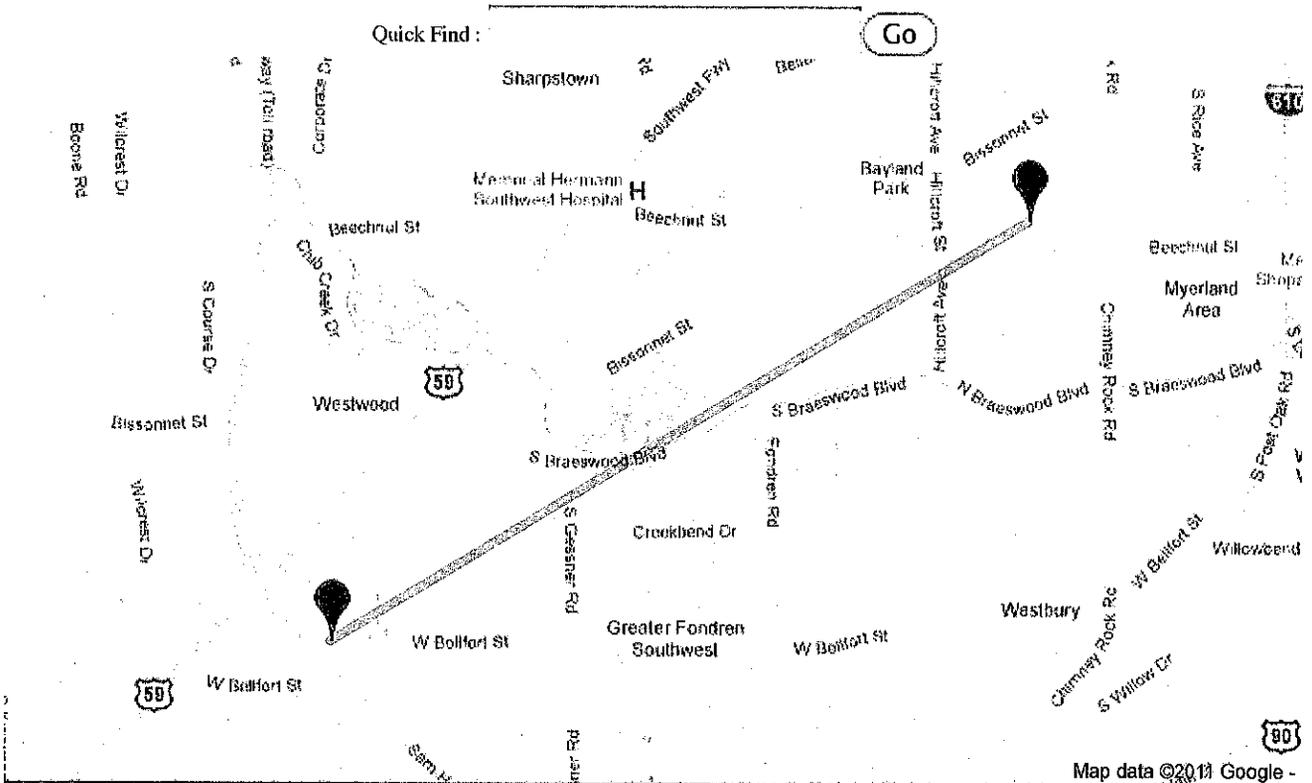
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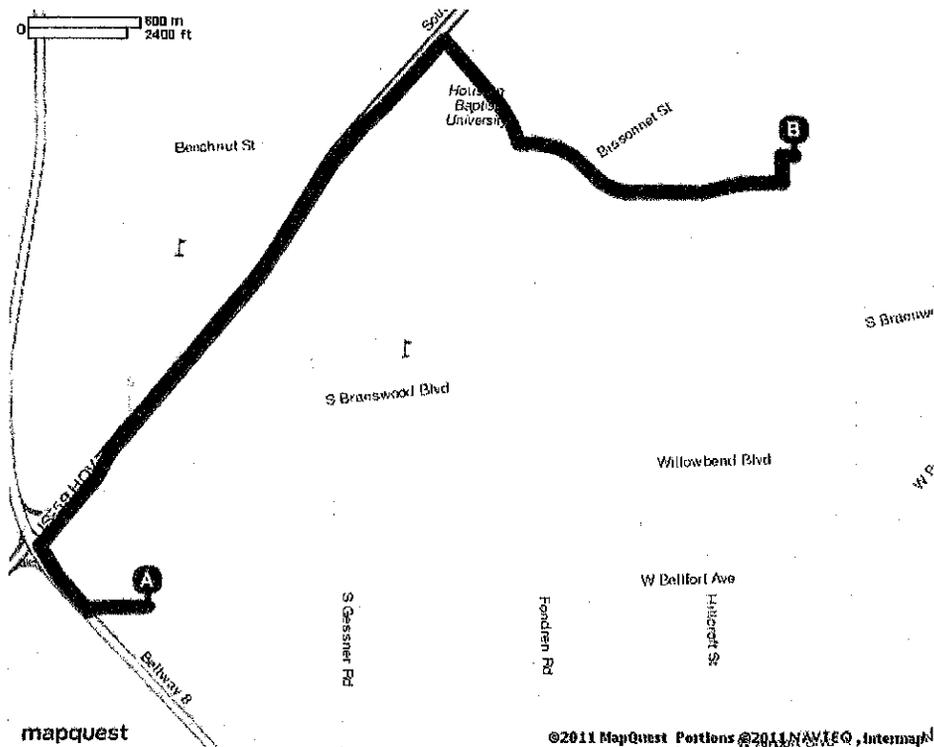
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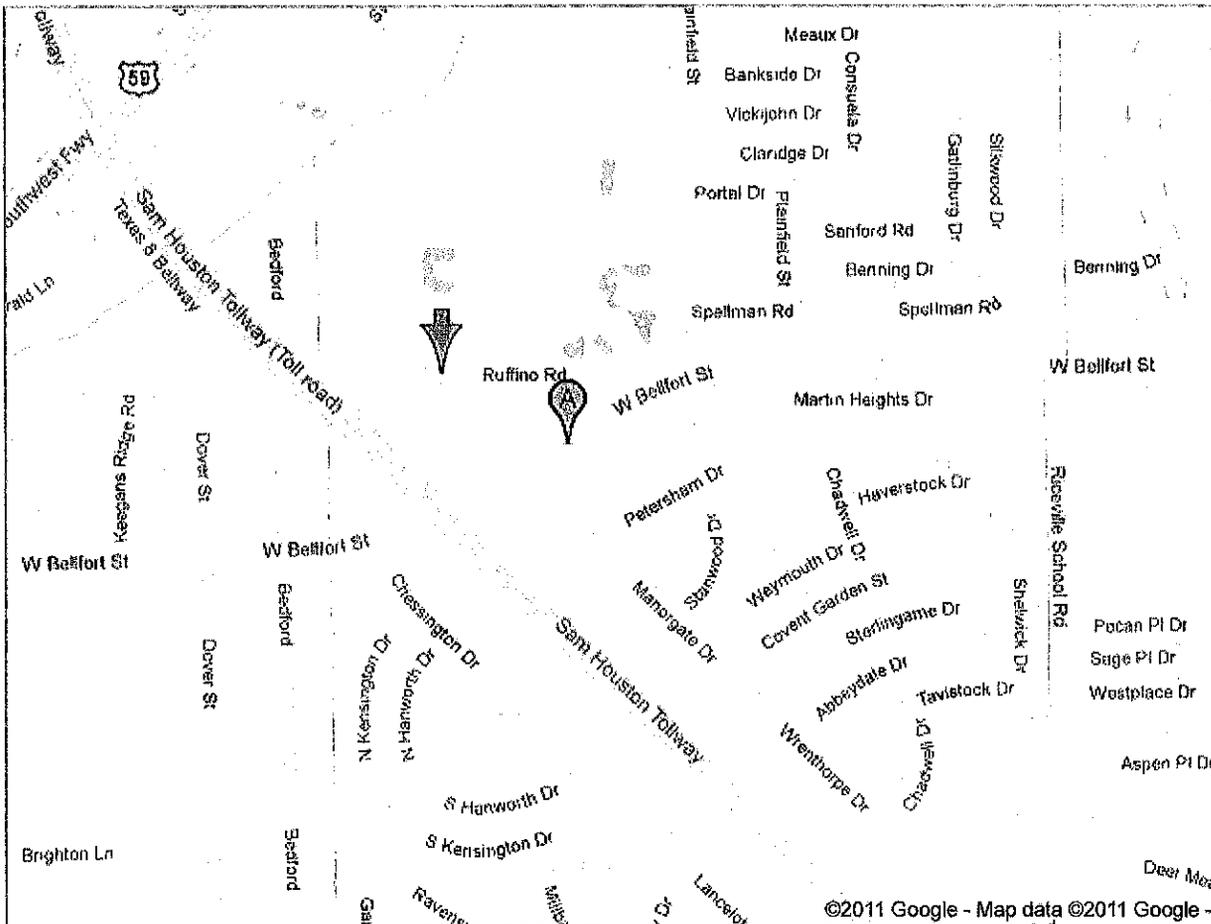
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**REGULATED ENTY NAME** RUFFINO HILLS TRANSFER STATION

**RN NUMBER:** RN101664233

**PERMIT NUMBER:** 1355A

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** HARRIS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** RUFFINO HILLS TRANSFER STATION LP

**CN NUMBER:** CN602656142

**FROM**

**NAME:** Nancy Letness

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**COMPANY:** Greater Fondren Southwest Super Neighborhood Council #36

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HOUSTON TX 77071-1802

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**FAX:** 7137741272

**COMMENTS:** The Greater Fondren Southwest Super Neighborhood Council #36 ('Council') is: (1) making a public comment, and (2) requesting a public meeting regarding Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP's ('Ruffino Hills') Proposed Permit Number 1355A. Ruffino Hills wants to expand its hours of operation from 3:00 a.m. (at least 4 hours earlier and the middle of the night when people are sleeping) until 9:00 p.m. (at least 2 hours later), 7 days per week. Ruffino Hills also has requested to increase its daily tonnage from 850 tons per day to 2,000 tons per day, an increase which would more than double the daily limit of trash which Ruffino Hills would be permitted to process. The interests the Council seeks to protect are relevant to the Council's purpose. Article III, Section 3 of the Council's By-Laws provide: "The Council also supports activities that will increase property values, beautify our neighborhood and raise the quality of life for all within the GFSSN #36." It is the Council's purpose to protect and raise the quality of life for all residents located within the boundaries of Greater Fondren Southwest Super Neighborhood #36 ('GFSSN #36'). Ruffino Hills is located in very close proximity to two residential areas located within the GFSSN #36 boundaries, Glenshire and Braeburn Valley West. These residential communities existed in this area before Ruffino Hills was built. The Council's representative for receiving future correspondence regarding Ruffino Hills' Proposed Permit No. 1355A is Ms. Elaine Gaskamp, P.O. Box 114, Stafford, TX 77497. Her email address is: [gaskampe@hotmail.com](mailto:gaskampe@hotmail.com). The Council's other representative is Nancy Letness, 9430 Portal Dr, Houston, TX 77031. Her email is: [nletness@rice.edu](mailto:nletness@rice.edu). The main entrance to Glenshire is only approximately 1/8 of a mile from Ruffino Hills. Some of the Braeburn Valley West residents live within 1/2 mile of Ruffino Hills. A couple of months ago Carol Meshell, a Glenshire homeowner, smelled a foul odor coming from Ruffino Hills. She had to call Houston City Council Member Anne Clutterbuck's office to complain about the stench. Council Member Clutterbuck's office contacted the Houston Health Department which sent an inspector to Ruffino Hills. The inspector issued a ticket to Ruffino Hills for not using misters to control the smell. Ruffino Hills knew or should have known that it was creating a foul odor which spread to the surrounding areas. However, it took receiving a ticket from the Houston Health Department to get Ruffino Hills to correct the problem. Although the Houston Health Department said

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that it would try to keep an eye on Ruffino Hills, both City Council Member Clutterbuck and Houston Controller Ron Green told the Council during the August 3, 2010 and September 7, 2010 Council meetings, respectively, that the City of Houston will have to lay off employees because Houston has limited funds. Therefore, it will be extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the Houston Health Department to monitor Ruffino Hills although Ruffino Hills' proposed substantial increase from 850 tons to 2,000 tons of trash processed daily and proposed substantial increased operating hours to 18 hours per day, 7 days per week, will exacerbate this stench problem. In addition, the increased daily diesel truck traffic, which will be substantial with a minimum of 6 additional hours and a maximum of 18 additional hours of business per day and an additional 1,150 tons of trash per day (an additional 2,000 tons on Sundays), more than doubling the current tonnage, will increase the air pollution in these residential areas which include older citizens and children. It has been observed that most of the garbage trucks entering Ruffino Transfer Station are old and emissions from these heavy-duty diesel-fused trucks contribute to toxic diesel particulate matter levels that are a danger to public health. Doubling the tonnage per day may double the toxic diesel particulate matter in the surrounding residential neighborhoods which are already located near the intersection of US Highway 59 and West Sam Houston Tollway. The increased hours will also disrupt residents, many of which are families, who are trying to sleep. How many hours of sleep would the members of the TCEQ lose each night if they were woken up every day of the week at 3:00 a.m. by the noise of a trash transfer station in operation close to their homes? How would it affect the members' quality of life, including their ability to function at work or even safely operate a motor vehicle? That is what the adult residents of Glenshire and Braeburn Valley West will suffer if Ruffino Hills is allowed to commence operation at 3:00 a.m. every day. In addition, the health and school work of the children whose families live near Ruffino Hills will suffer because of the substantive sleep deprivation these children will suffer each night when Ruffino Hills opens at 3:00 a.m. Considering the adverse impact that the granting of Ruffino Hills' request for substantially increased daily hours of operation and daily trash tonnage on the residents of Glenshire and Braeburn Valley West, the Council requests that the TCEQ grant a public meeting regarding Proposed Permit No. 1355A and, ultimately, that the TCEQ deny granting Proposed Permit No. 1355A to Ruffino Hills. Sincerely, Nancy Letness, Assistant Secretary On behalf of Greater Fondren Southwest Super Neighborhood Council #36

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**RN NUMBER:** RN101664233

**PERMIT NUMBER:** 1355A

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** HARRIS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** RUFFINO HILLS TRANSFER STATION LP

**CN NUMBER:** CN602656142

**FROM**

**NAME:** Mehmet Okumus

**E-MAIL:** [president@turkishhouse.org](mailto:president@turkishhouse.org)

**COMPANY:** Raindrop Turkish House

**ADDRESS:** 9301 W BELLFORT ST

HOUSTON TX 77031-2101

**PHONE:** 7139741412

**FAX:** 7139741418

**COMMENTS:** Dear Sir/Madam: We, all members of the Raindrop Turkish House, request a Public Hearing on the following applicant's Solid Waste permit: Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP c/o Fort Bend County Regional Landfill Permit No. 1355A 9720 Ruffino Road Houston, TX 77031 The Transfer Station's distance from the Raindrop Turkish House W. Bellfort, is approximately 1/8th mile, while the present stench from the landfill is overwhelming-and unbearable most times for many residents. The thought of having almost 2.5 times more garbage per week being transported within our area's immediate proximity (increasing the tonnage to 14,000 per week from 5,950 tons per week) is unconscionable-and will, undoubtedly, exasperate the current stench problem beyond comprehension. Also, the Transfer Station's proposed new hours of operation (from 3 am-9 pm, 7 days per week) is of great concern, especially since the proposed increase in hours and tonnage per week would automatically increase the number of 18-wheeler garbage trucks entering and exiting the Transfer Station's facility. These additional 18-wheelers, coupled with normal everyday truck traffic, will only increase the traffic hazard that presently exists on the Beltway 8 access roads. We

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trust we have satisfactorily complied with the requirements needed for a public hearing. For health reasons and for an overall good quality of life, we sincerely hope we are able to halt the Transfer Station's proposed hours and garbage tonnage increase. Sincerely, Mehmet Okumus, M. Ed. Board President Raindrop Turkish House 9301 W Belfort Ave. Houston, TX 77031 Cell, 713 517 3463 Tel. 713 974 1412 Fax. 713 974 1418 [president@turkishhouse.org](mailto:president@turkishhouse.org)

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# TCEQ Public Meeting Form

March 24, 2011

## Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP

### Proposed Municipal Solid Waste Permit Amendment No. 1355A

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Mehmet Okumus

Mailing Address: 9301 West Bellfort Houston TX 77031

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Email: president@turkishhouse.org ✓

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• Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group?  Yes  No  
If yes, which one? Raindrop Turkish House

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**COUNTY:**HARRIS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:**RUFFINO HILLS TRANSFER STATION LP

**CN NUMBER:**CN602656142

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**Requests for a PUBLIC MEETING  
and a CONTESTED CASE HEARING**

Dear Sir/Madam:

We, all members of the Glenshire Community Association subdivision consisting of 1,329 homes, request a Public Meeting and a Contested Case Hearing on the following applicant's Solid Waste permit: **Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP - Permit No. 1355A.**

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Debra Wilke is hereby designated as the Association's representative. Correspondence may be sent to Debra Wilke at [board@glenshire.org](mailto:board@glenshire.org) or via U.S. Mail to Debra Wilke, c/o Glenshire Community Association, P. O. Box 710867, Houston, TX 77271-0867.

We trust we have satisfactorily complied with the requirements needed for a contested case hearing. For health reasons and for an overall good quality of life, we sincerely hope we are able to halt the Transfer Station's proposed hours and garbage tonnage increase.

Sincerely,

Margaret Ellis, President

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**COMMENTS:** September 27, 2010 Office of the Chief Clerk CERTIFIED MAIL #7006 0100 0001 5679 4817 MC 105, TCEQ P. O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087 Dear Sir/Madam: We, all members of the Glenshire Community Association subdivision consisting of 1,329 homes, request a Public Meeting and a Contested Case Hearing on the following applicant's Solid Waste permit: Ruffino Hills Transfer Station, LP - Permit No. 1355A. The Transfer Station's distance from our subdivision's entrance, located at Stanwood Drive and W. Bellfort, is less than .4 miles, so, consequently the present stench from the nearby landfill is overwhelming—and unbearable most times for many residents. The thought of having almost 2.5 times more garbage per week being transported within our subdivision's immediate proximity (increasing the tonnage to 14,000 per week from 5,950 tons per week) is unconscionable—and will, undoubtedly, exasperate the current stench problem beyond comprehension. One of many residents adversely affected by the stench, Ms. Carol Meshell, 8903 Weymouth, Drive, Houston, TX 77031, who lives .62 miles from the Transfer Station, complains of big black flies associated with the putrid odor during her daily walking routine. Also, the Transfer Station's proposed new hours of operation (from 3 am-9 pm, 7 days per week) is of great concern, especially since the noise from the operation would be for longer periods during the time nearby residents are asleep. Another major concern is that the proposed increase in hours and tonnage per week would automatically increase the number of 18-wheeler garbage trucks entering and exiting the Transfer Station's facility. These additional 18-wheelers, coupled with normal everyday truck traffic, will only increase the traffic hazard that presently exists on the Beltway 8 access roads. Many individuals in our subdivision continue to call our councilmember's office to complain about the foul odor. As a result of actions taken by that office, warnings have been issued to the Transfer Station by the Houston Health Department after its investigation confirmed that a foul garbage odor was evident and determined it was a nuisance to the public. During the investigation, the investigator noticed several inoperable misters; whereby, as a result, the Health Department says it will continue to monitor the facility's operation. Debra Wilke is hereby designated as the Association's representative. Correspondence may be sent to Debra Wilke at [board@glenshire.org](mailto:board@glenshire.org) or via U.S. Mail to Debra Wilke, c/o Glenshire Community Association, P. O. Box 710867, Houston, TX 77271-0867. We trust we have satisfactorily complied with the requirements needed for a contested case hearing. For health reasons and for an overall good quality of life, we sincerely hope we are able to halt the Transfer Station's proposed hours and garbage tonnage increase. Sincerely, Margaret Ellis, President

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