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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:13 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004996000

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From: Jenn_osu@me.com [mailto:Jenn_osu@me.com]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 9:37 PM
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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004996000

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COUNTY: FANNIN

PRINCIPAL NAME: NORTH TEXAS MWD

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FROM

NAME: Jack D Bradshaw

E-MAIL: Jenn_osu@me.com

COMPANY: Bradshaw Land & Livestock, LLC

ADDRESS: 1761 N 4258 RD
GRANT OK 74738-5003

PHONE: 5803264545

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am wanting to file a contested case against permit WQ0004996000. We have a family farm on the Red River. We have figured into the near future that we would like to irrigate out of the Red River for our crops. We are concerned about the waste water may be hazardous to our crops.

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FROM

NAME: Julia Trigg Crawford

E-MAIL: redarcfarm@gmail.com

COMPANY: Red'Arc Farm

ADDRESS: 690 COUNTY ROAD 37500
SUMNER TX 75486-3003

PHONE: 7134438789

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. It would be on this proposed permit No. WQ0004996000. My water right number is 3924, and unlike the general public, we have State given water rights to draw from Bois d'Arc Creek AND/OR backwater from the Red River. Should this permit for a desalination plant be granted, and the highly salted residual water from the plant be released into the Red River, it would increase the salinity of the Red River, and thus my water...and would diminish the quality of my water.

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NAME: Mayfield McCraw (Duane Gibbs)

E-MAIL: mayfield@mccrawco.com

COMPANY: MCCRAW MATERIALS

ADDRESS: PO BOX 9
TELEPHONE TX 75488-0009

PHONE: 9036642333

FAX:

COMMENTS: Adjoining Landowner letter received regarding permit number above.

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March 12, 2014

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MC 105, TCEQ

P.O. Box 13087

Austin, Texas 78711-3087

RE: PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT
FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER, PERMIT NO. WQ0004996000

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you today because of a Public Notice that ran on February 11th in the Fannin County Leader. I object to this application on the grounds TCEQ and NTMWD should be held accountable, and better inform affected parties like me.

Discharge of "desalination concentrate" will most certainly be severely hurtful to farmers who rely on irrigation and groundwater from an "unnamed tributary" which this salinated concentrate solution will be dumped.

This "Industrial Wastewater" permit application was made on June 12, 2012 by the TCEQ. A Public Hearing is needed to properly inform affected landowners, and talk about what this means, when it is going to happen, other alternative plans for discharge, volume of water, etc.

I request a public meeting on this matter. This is important to me and others.

I have 2440 acres on the Red River

Sincerely,

Deane Gibbs

6170 FM2554

Ivanhoe TX

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Ms. Bridget Bohac, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087
Via e-file

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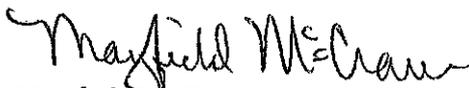
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Subject: TCEQ Confirmation: Your public comment on Permit Number WQ0004996000 was received.

From: donotreply@tceq.texas.gov

Date: 10/23/2014 3:52 PM

To: mayfield@mccrawco.com

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PHONE: 9036642332

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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

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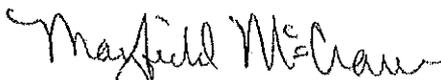
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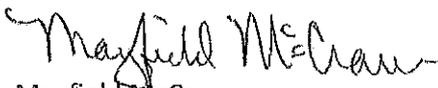
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COMMENTS: PUBLIC COMMENT DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 13, 2014 February 24, 2014 Office of the Chief Clerk MC 105, TCEQ P.O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711-3087 RE: PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER, PERMIT NO. WQ0004996000 To Whom It May Concern: I am writing you today because of a Public Notice that ran on February 11th in the Fannin County Leader. You will find the TCEQ Notice on page 30, and it takes up most of

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the page. Mr. Robert McCarthy at North Texas Municipal Water District is the contact person set forth in the Public Notice. I have not called Mr. McCarthy, but will do so after I speak with several affected farmers who may be critically damaged by this action of discharging a pollutant into irrigation waterways. I object to this application on the grounds I have standing, and that TCEQ and NTMWD should be held accountable. I own and operate an 860+ acre sod farm in Fannin County (Hope Plantation Turf) in Telephone, Fannin County, Texas. This operation is a major supplier of sod (specifically Tifton 419) in the North Texas region since 2006. Sod is in short supply, it mitigates erosion storm water run-off, which clearly has a major environmental impact on suburban and urban infrastructure improvements, as well as residential and commercial projects in the Metroplex, and beyond. This sod farm is also a form of reclamation to separate sand mining, and clearly a "green" business. I also own a trucking enterprise that transports my sod crop. Please Google hopeplantationturf.com for more information. These combined operations employ between 75 and 80 people at any given time, placing me near the top of private employers in Fannin County. This is big news for farmers who utilize irrigation from an "unnamed tributary" and the Red River. This discharge of "desalination concentrate" will most certainly be severely hurtful to farmers like me who rely on irrigation, and who have invested substantially in irrigation equipment, pump stations, pivot systems, etc. to grow various cash crops. I estimate I have well over \$1 million in capital improvements directly attributable to irrigation. This does not include the many millions I have in rolling stock, tractors, cutters, mowers, motor graders, bulldozers, excavators, donkeys, UTVs, various farm implements, tools, vehicles, private housing etc. committed to my sod farm and trucking business operations. While this "Industrial Wastewater" permit application was made on June 12, 2012 by the TCEQ, I was only made aware last week of this TCEQ Industrial Wastewater Application. Minimally, it would seem there would be a direct mail or notice sent to adjoining landowners to the Red River relating to any pollutant release of contiguous land (including the unnamed tributary). A called Public Meeting, with appropriate landowner contact, is absolutely appropriate. More specificity and detail should be made by both NTMWD and TCEQ. Likewise, the public is due more time to discuss, understand and process an informed response (and objection) is only fair. Frankly, I feel this action was intended to "fly under the radar." I know several farmers who are unaware of this, and are stunned by the information. I also serve on the Red River Authority Board, and have heard no mention of this matter at the quarterly meeting I attend in Wichita Falls. The State of Oklahoma would likewise seem to have a say in this action as Oklahoma owns the land under the Red River; but, I haven't investigated who would be the right contact in Oklahoma. I have been told the Choctaws are preparing comment. I request for public meeting on this matter, and may mobilize with other locals who will be impacted. My direct cell# is (903)583.0108, or feel free to contact my representative, David Hargrove at (214)823-3885. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Mayfield McCraw Hope Plantation Turf P.O. Box 9 Telephone, Texas 75488 mayfield@mccrawco.co

Curtis L. and Brenda Schulz
Stoneybroke Ranch ph 580-326-4288
2840 E 2158 Rd.
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Ms. Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk
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Sincerely,
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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing this letter concerning the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for Water Quality TPDES Permit for Industrial Wastewater, TPDES Permit No. WQ0004996000, by North Texas Municipal Water District Leonard Water Treatment Plant. This permit affects my husband and me since we live approximately 60 miles across country down river from the proposed location of this facility at Stoneybroke Ranch, 2840 E 2158 RD, Grant, OK 74738. Our ranch borders the Red River and in the summer of 2012 we installed 4 irrigation pivots on our farm ground. Three of these pivots obtain water pumped directly from the Red River and we have permits from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to use this Red River water. We are concerned with the quality of water for our cropland that will be supplied from the Red River after the concentrate from the desalination treatment is discharged through an unnamed tributary ultimately into the Red River. Also, the water from the Red River may affect the wells that supply water to the other irrigation pivot that was installed at the same time. The build up of this salt will no doubt affect the corn, soybeans, wheat and grass that we currently raise on this ground and any other subsequent crops grown. We also fish in the river.

This desalination concentrate should not be allowed to be discharged into any fresh water, and especially into water that ultimately runs into the Red River. The Red River runs through our deeded property as we own the land to the vegetative growth on the far bank (Texas state line) of the Red River in the state of Oklahoma. The water belongs to the state of Oklahoma and us, and we also believe that the Indian Tribes of Oklahoma are of the assumption that the water belongs to them, also. It has certainly not been designated as belonging to the state of Texas and therefore Texas should not be able to issue any kind of permit, etc. concerning water that ultimately runs into the Red River with

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potential concentrated pollutants, which in our case, can damage the water quality and thereby the grain crops and beef cattle we raise right next to the Red River.

Therefore, we request a contested case hearing on this matter. We would also like to be added to the mailing list for this application No. WQ0004996000 made by North Texas Municipal Water District, PO Box 2408, Wylie, Texas 75098.

Sincerely yours,

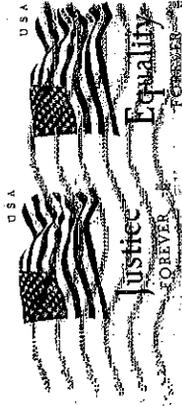


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Sincerely yours,

Brenda Schulz

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North Texas Municipal Water District
Water Quality TPDES
Permit No. WQ0004996000

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Name: Curtis + Brenda Schultz

Mailing Address: 2840 E 2158 Rd

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Grant, OK Zip: 74738

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Email: _____

Phone Number: 580-326-4288

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

If yes, which one? _____

Please add me to the mailing list.

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

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

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

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Marisa Weber

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 11:35 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004996000

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From: harold.witcher@cpsagu.com [mailto:harold.witcher@cpsagu.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 10:36 AM
To: donotreply
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004996000

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REGULATED ENTY NAME NORTH TEXAS MWD LEONARD WTF

RN NUMBER: RN106437320

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0004996000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: FANNIN

PRINCIPAL NAME: NORTH TEXAS MWD

CN NUMBER: CN601365448

FROM

NAME: Harold Dean Witcher, JR

E-MAIL: harold.witcher@cpsagu.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 972 COUNTY ROAD 2705
TELEPHONE TX 75488-6066

PHONE: 9032497083

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing pertaining to Permit Number WQ0004996000. I am employed by a large retailer of agriculture chemicals, seed and fertilizer. I have numerous customers down the Red River who irrigate their crops with the river water. If the water is to saline and kills or causes a yield reduction then my customers can't pay for the inputs they purchased. This would cause a economic hardship on me and the people I work for. In the Executive Director's Response to Public Comment on page 5 under

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Response 1,second paragraph, it states the TSWQS is to maintain the quality of water for the operation of existing industries. Increasing the salinity of the Red River's waters would destroy an existing industry, farming. On page 7, Response 3, it states, TCEQ expects the greater river flow during the summer months to provide adequate mixing. This is farthest from the truth. The river is at it's lowest and at times is not even moving. Estimated TDS's are not going to cut it. These farmers need to know what the concentrations are going to be. Page 8, Response 4, at the public hearing held in Bonham, Texas, I understood the 9.3 MGD was an average, meaning during high demand times the daily discharge would go up to 18.6 MGD for extended times and then when demand decreased the daily discharge would fall below the 9.3 MGD bringing the average flow within terms of the permit. The questions I asked at the public hearing have not been answered to my satisfaction and because of this I am filing this Contested Case against Permit Number:WQ0004996000. Sincerely, H. D. Witcher, Jr.

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Name: H. D. Witcher, Jr.

Mailing Address: 972 CR 2705

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Telephone, TX

Zip: 75488

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PERMIT NO. WQ0004996000

My concern for the proposed Permit # WQ0004996000 is how it could have an adverse effect upon my livelihood. I am employed by Crop Production Services as a Crop Consultant and salesman, with my office located in Paris, Texas. My sales territory runs from Whitesboro, on the west, to Clarksville on the east, Highway 70 in Oklahoma on the north, to Interstate 30 in the south. Another salesman, from our Pittsburg office, takes over at Clarksville and goes to Texarkana working both sides of the Red River. We are both concerned about how adding 9,300,000 gallons of super saline water back into the Red River, which already has a high saline content, is going to affect our customers who irrigate out of the Red River. Our farmers have to take soil samples on a regular basis to monitor the salt content of their soils, so if they are high, they can apply amendments to the soil to help flush the salt on down through the soil profile.

Take a year like we have had this year, with Texoma 8 to 9 feet low and not releasing any water into Red River, if North Texas Municipal Water District were to dump ~~9,300,000~~ ^{18,600,000} gallons of super saline water into Red River every day what would the dilution factor be? Will it mix at all? When you have two liquids with different densities they don't want to mix easily. They will either stratify, heavy on the bottom, light on the top or move with perpendicular boundaries(see attachment A). If they stratify, then the farmers intake pipes are going to be in the deeper water pulling the more saline part. Has this been studied? Just how high will the salt content go? If the high salt content of the water ruins the farmers crops, they can't pay Crop Production Services for the inputs they purchased or pay the other business's that furnish inputs for their crops. The next year they will probably spend less money causing a trickle down affect for many business's, not just mine.

It is my understanding that the proposed water treatment plant in Leonard is to be a reverse osmosis system which only has a 50 % yield factor. That means for every 100 gallons of water treated there will be 50 gallons of good water and 50 gallons of dump water(the super saline part). The above mentioned permit is for an ^{Maximum} ~~average~~ flow of dump water not to exceed ~~9,300,000~~ ^{18,600,000} gallons per day. Is this the largest amount per day that will ever be dumped in a 24 hour period? Some time in the future will there be an amendment applied for to increase the dump gallonage per 24 hour period?

From the information I have gathered the pipeline from Desert to Leonard is a 66 inch diameter pipe covering a distance of approximately 9 miles. With the water stagnant, not moving, in that 9 mile distance, at any one time, the pipe will contain approximately 8,500,000 gallons of raw water. The way this permit reads, North Texas Municipal Water District's plan is to just cycle the water in the pipeline twice in a 24 hour period. Is this correct?

There are considerable more issue's that need to be reviewed and studied before this permit is approved. Water is an essential compound that everyone must have to live, but it should not be used as a luxury, such as watering lawns, washing cars, filling swimming pools and other none essential uses. When we start adversely affecting the environment and people's livelihoods to satisfy another's luxury, that is wrong!

Sincerely,



H. D. "Thump" Witcher, Jr.

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Attachment A.

In the resort town of Skagen you can watch an amazing natural phenomenon. This city is the northernmost point of Denmark, where the Baltic and North Seas meet. The two opposing tides in this place can not merge because they have different densities.

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Marisa Weber

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Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 8:21 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004996000

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customer's and I are afraid it will kill the crops or cause enough harm that they won't yield. I would like to know what studies have been done on this subject.