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

RE: Applicant: City of White Oak, Texas
 Permit No. WQ0010940001
 Request for Reconsideration

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a request for reconsideration for either dismissing the hearing case and/or extending the deadline for the hearing. Since notice of the hearing procedures the City has contacted the property owners by mail to initiate dialog about the objection to the proposed permit amendment. In detailed discussions with two of the three property owners, Mr. Williams and Mr. Kowalik, it was conveyed that they have an objection to the permit amendment due to the amount of water that is draining to and through their property along Hawkins Creek. They cited continual flooding, loss of trees, damage to property and drainage structures, among other issues. It is my understanding that the three parties would like someone to clean out the creek and put restrictions on the flow into Hawkins Creek to curb future increases in runoff.

In these conversations I explained that the increase in discharge is a fraction of the flow that is conveyed along Hawkins Creek. Hawkins Creek receives approximately 15,735 cubic feet per second (cfs) of runoff at the Highway 80 crossing immediately upstream of the wastewater treatment plant. The increase from 1.1 MGD to 2.0 MGD represents an 83 cfs increase at the one percent chance event, or a .5 overall percent increase. Additionally, the area of objection is an area that is outside the City of White Oak's city limits and is on private property. The City of White Oak does not have the authority or resources to maintain and clean Hawkins Creek as requested by the contested parties. The majority of the Hawkins Creek watershed is from the City of Longview and unincorporated Gregg County.

In the dialog with the parties, we have discussed sitting down with all parties to discuss the objections in an attempt to come to an understanding or compromise. With the Holidays and varying schedules, this meeting has not occurred. An extension would allow the City to meet with the three parties prior to formal hearing procedures.

Should you require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,
HAYES ENGINEERING, INC.



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Project Manager