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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 25, 2006

TO: Persons on the attached mailing list.

RE: Lonestar Prestress MFG, Inc.
Permit No. 76688L001

Decision of the Executive Director.

The executive director has made a decision that the above-referenced permit application meets the requirements of applicable law. **This decision does not authorize construction or operation of any proposed facilities.** This decision will be considered by the commissioners at a regularly scheduled public meeting before any action is taken on this application unless all requests for contested case hearing or reconsideration have been withdrawn before that meeting.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the Executive Director's Response to Comments. A copy of the complete application, draft permit and related documents, including public comments, is available for review at the TCEQ Central office. A copy of the complete application, the draft permit, and executive director's preliminary decision are available for viewing and copying at the Harris County Public Library, 7122 North Gessner, Houston, Texas.

If you disagree with the executive director's decision, and you believe you are an "affected person" as defined below, you may request a contested case hearing. In addition, anyone may request reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A brief description of the procedures for these two requests follows.

How To Request a Contested Case Hearing.

It is important that your request include all the information that supports your right to a contested case hearing. You must demonstrate that you meet the applicable legal requirements to have your hearing request granted. The commission's consideration of your request will be based on the information you provide.

The request must include the following:

(1) Your name, address, daytime telephone number, and, if possible, a fax number.

(2) If the request is made by a group or association, the request must identify:
   (A) one person by name, address, daytime telephone number, and, if possible, the fax number, of the person who will be responsible for receiving all communications and documents for the group; and
   (B) one or more members of the group that would otherwise have standing to request a hearing in their own right. The interests the group seeks to protect must relate to the organization's purpose. Neither the claim asserted nor the relief requested must require the participation of the individual members in the case.

(3) The name of the applicant, the permit number and other numbers listed above so that your request may be processed properly.

(4) A statement clearly expressing that you are requesting a contested case hearing. For example, the following statement would be sufficient: "I request a contested case hearing."

Your request must demonstrate that you are an **"affected person."** An affected person is one who has a personal justiciable interest related to a legal right, duty, privilege, power, or economic interest affected by the application. Your request must describe how and why you would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a manner not common to the general public. For example, to the extent your request is based on these concerns, you should describe the likely impact on your health, safety, or uses of your property which may be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activities. To demonstrate that you have a personal justiciable interest, you must state, as specifically as you are able, your location and the distance between your location and the proposed facility or activities. A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a contested case hearing. A person permanently residing within 440 yards of a concrete batch plant under a permit by rule is an affected person who is entitled to request a contested case hearing.

Your request must raise disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the commission's decision on this application. The request must be based on issues that were raised during the comment period. The request cannot be based solely on issues raised in comments that have been withdrawn. The enclosed Response to Comments will allow you to determine the issues that were raised during the comment period and whether all comments raising an issue have been withdrawn. The public comments filed for this application are available for review and copying at the Chief Clerk's office at the address below.

To facilitate the commission's determination of the number and scope of issues to be referred to hearing, you should: 1) specify any of the executive director's responses to comments that you dispute; and 2) the factual basis of the dispute. In addition, you should list, to the extent possible, any disputed issues of law or policy.

How To Request Reconsideration of the Executive Director's Decision.

Unlike a request for a contested case hearing, anyone may request reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A request for reconsideration should contain your name, address, daytime phone number, and, if possible, your fax number. The request must state that you are requesting reconsideration of the executive director's decision, and must explain why you believe the decision should be reconsidered.

Deadline for Submitting Requests.

A request for a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision must be in writing and must be **received by** the Chief Clerk's office no later than **30 calendar days** after the date of this letter: You should submit your request to the following address:

LaDonna Castañuela, Chief Clerk
TCEQ, MC-105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Processing of Requests.

Timely requests for a contested case hearing or for reconsideration of the executive director's decision will be referred to the alternative dispute resolution director and set on the agenda of one of the commission's regularly scheduled meetings. Additional instructions explaining these procedures will be sent to the attached mailing list when this meeting has been scheduled.

How to Obtain Additional Information.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the procedures described in this letter, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

Sincerely,

LaDonna Castañuela
Chief Clerk

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Enclosures

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Permit No. 76688L001

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TCEQ PROPOSED STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION NO. 76688L001

APPLICATION BY	§	**BEFORE THE**
	§	
LONESTAR PRESTRESS MFG, INC.	§	**TEXAS COMMISSION ON**
	§	
HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS	§	**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

The Executive Director ("ED") of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") files this Response to Public Comment ("Response") on the request to register Standard Permit No.76688L001 filed by Lonestar Prestress MFG, Inc., ("Lonestar" or "Applicant") and the ED's preliminary decision. As required by 30 Texas Administrative Code ("TAC") § 55.156, before an application is approved, the ED prepares a response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant comments. The Office of Chief Clerk received a comment letter from the following persons: Mary W. Carter with Blackburn & Carter for Tommy Shelton, Jr. and Richard A. Ashby, President of Reid Estates Civic Club, submitting a petition signed by the following 94 commenters: Kenneth Bengle, Annisa Blanchard, Paul Blancard, Ann Bonefas, Maurice Bonefas, Hans Boone, Zoe Bradstreet, Octavia Cabrera, Maricela Cano, Mary W. Carter, Dolores Castillo, Henry Castillo, Gladys Chaloupka, Gilbert Charros, Doris Chesser, James Chesser, Donald L. Christian, Judy A. Christian, ZsuZsanna Cohen, Concerned Citizen at 9202 Reid Lane Drive, Jay Conlin, Mary Craft, Dennis Gulberston, Sharmon Deas, William Deas, Pedro Deleon, Glenda Deveau, Jim Deveau, Rajinder Dmillon, Steve Donn, Robert Elliott, Barbara Farley, Dennis Farley, Glen J. Fornerette, Irene Mae Fritz, Flore Garza, Pablo Garza, M. Elena Gomez, Rod Jackson, Angel Juarez, Melba La Mountain, Mireca Lengyel, Patricia Lengyel, Alyssa Lengyel, Wray Lilly, Johnny T. Lott, Billiejo Malone, Gerald Malone, Jeanette Malone, Michael Malone, Tommy Malone, Ken Mathews, J. Meyer, Angelina Mireles, Susana Mireles, Alma Mongonia, Kenneth Mongonia, Mary A. Moral, Gracila Mosqueda, Leticia Mosqueda, James Murray, Kim Murray, Melba Jo Murray, Tim Murray, Gertrude Nowak, Sara Nugent, Gail Prasek, Harvvey Prasek, Juan Razo, Maria Razo, Carlos Reyes, Maria Reyes, Elsie Rhea, Cipriano Ruvalcaba, Tim Sandusky, Kathi Schatz, Tommy Shelton Jr, Rhjinder Singh, Donna Stanley, Karen Tank, Ted Tank, Floyd Telschow, Calvin Vu, Nguyen Vu, Ernest L. Wallingford, Artu Weathers, Asa Weathers, Mark Wilde. This Response addresses all timely public comments received, whether or not withdrawn. If more information about this permit registration or the permitting process is needed, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information about TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

BACKGROUND

Description of Facility

Lonestar applied to the TCEQ for an Air Quality Standard Permit Registration No. 76688L001, which would authorize the operation of an existing specialty concrete batch plant ("CBP") located at 9316 Reid Lake Drive, Houston, Harris County. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including, but not limited to, aggregate, cement, and road dust.

Procedural Background

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 21, 2005 and was declared administratively complete on September 26, 2005. The Notice of Receipt and Intent to Obtain an Air Quality Permit was published on October 27, 2005 in the *Houston Chronicle* and the Alternative Language Notice was published on October 26, 2005 in the *La Voz de Houston*. The technical review was completed on November 21, 2005, and the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision was published on February 2, 2006, in the *Houston Chronicle* and the Alternative Language Notice was published on February 1, 2006, in the *La Voz de Houston*. The public comment period ended on March 6, 2006. Since this application was administratively complete after September 1, 1999, this action is subject to the procedural requirements adopted pursuant to House Bill 801.

COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

COMMENT 1: Commenters believe dust produced by the batch plant will adversely affect the surrounding air quality and consequently cause harmful effects to all the people, homes, animals, and vegetation located in near proximity.

RESPONSE 1: The stated purpose of the Texas Clean Air Act ("TCAA") is to "safeguard the state's air resources from pollution by controlling or abating air pollution and emissions of air contaminants." In accordance with this policy, every facility that emits air contaminants must be authorized by permit or qualify for an exception before construction or modification begins.

In this case, Applicant is registering under the Air Quality Standard Permit for concrete batch plants. A standard permit authorizes the construction or modification of new or existing facilities, which are similar in terms of operations, processes, and emissions. A standard permit is one permit that multiple facilities may register under and receive authorization from if each facility meets the criteria specified by the standard permit. To be authorized under this particular standard

permit, Applicant must, among other things, register with the TCEQ, pay a registration fee, complete the concrete batch plant checklist to ensure that its facility complies with the permit, and submit appropriate plot plans, maps, and process descriptions to the TCEQ for review and approval.

Before a standard permit was issued for CBPs, the TCEQ conducted a protectiveness review of the permit's requirements. The protectiveness review determined that CPB facilities, operating under the standard permit will meet the requirements of 30 TAC § 111.155[1] (off-property concentration limits for total suspended particulate matter.). The standards are 400 μg/m3 (micrograms per cubic meter) for a one-hour period and 200 μg/m3 for a three-hour period.

Furthermore, for all types of CBPs considered under the protectiveness review, emissions were calculated based on reasonable worst-case assumptions of plant design, layout, and operation. Full air dispersion modeling was used in the protectiveness review to evaluate each plant configuration and corresponding emissions. Emissions sources evaluated for this standard permit included three storage silos, a central baghouse exhaust point (with horizontal release), aggregate storage bin drop point, feeder bin drop point, sand and aggregate stockpiles, in-plant road fugitive emissions, and a front-end loader source. The modeling results were reviewed by several divisions within the TCEQ to ensure compliance with the state and federal standards and guidelines for air quality permit reviews. All production limits are directly proportional to emissions and are based on site-wide limits. The site-wide production limit is calculated by adding all concrete being produced by all plants at a given property, regardless of their authorization mechanism. Lonestar represented that its facility will produce concrete at a rate of 150 cubic yards per hour and 200,000 cubic yards per year. The standard permit limits production at a given site to a maximum of 300 cubic yards per hour, regardless of how many batching facilities are located at the site. Detailed information on the review conducted for the standard permit is available upon request from the TCEQ's Air Permits Division or by visiting the agency's website at www.tceq.state.tx.us. The document is entitled "Air Quality Standard Permit for Concrete Batch Plants."

CBPs operating under a standard permit are required to meet Best Available Control Technology ("BACT") for emissions controls. BACT standards for CBPs include, but are not limited to: production limitations, cartridge and fabric filters, water and chemical suppression devices, maintenance and cleanliness standards, fencing requirements and warning devices on storage silos.

Also, when creating policies, setting emission rates, and issuing permits to protect the state's air, the TCEQ must comply with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS") developed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). NAAQS are

1 30 TAC § 111.155 has since been repealed.

standards set for certain primary pollutants considered harmful to human health and the environment. One of the contaminants specifically regulated by NAAQS is particulate matter, which is the contaminant most commonly associated with concrete batch plants. Although NAAQS are promulgated by the federal government, the Texas Administrative Code specifically states that NAAQS "will be enforced throughout all parts of Texas." 30 TAC § 101.21. The protectiveness review determined emissions from facilities operating under the standard permit will meet the NAAQS for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less, and applicable TCEQ toxicology and risk assessment health effects guidelines.

The EPA has set both Primary and Secondary NAAQS. While Primary NAAQS are designed to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety, Secondary NAAQS are those which the Administrator of the EPA determines are necessary to protect the public welfare and the environment, including animals, crops, vegetation, and buildings, from any known or anticipated adverse affects associated with the presence of an air contaminant in the ambient air. Since the TCEQ observes both Primary and Secondary NAAQS, it must issue permits which are protective of humans, homes, plants, and animals. If the Applicant is allowed to register under the standard permit and Applicant fully complies with the permit, there is no reason to expect that the welfare of people, property, plants, or animals will be harmed by Applicant's permitted emissions.

In addition to complying with the federal and state standards and guidelines mentioned above, Applicant must also comply with 30 TAC §101.4, which prohibits nuisance conditions. Specifically, the rule states, "No person shall discharge from any source whatsoever one or more air contaminants or combinations thereof, in such concentration and of such duration as are or may tend to be injurious to or to adversely affect human health or welfare, animal life, vegetation, or property, or as to interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of animal life, vegetation, or property." As long as the concrete batch plant is operated in compliance with the terms of the standard permit for CBPs, nuisance conditions are not expected.

However, if at anytime there is a question of whether or not Applicant's plant is being operated in compliance with the standard permit, contact the Beaumont Regional Office by mail at 3870 Eastex Fwy., Beaumont, Texas 77703-1830 or by phone at (409) 898-3838. You may also call the Environmental Complaints Hot Line to report your concerns at 1-888-777-3186.

COMMENT 2: Commenters are concerned with the harmful effects that dust from the concrete batch plant might cause to sensitive subpopulations, such as people with asthma and other respiratory related illnesses.

RESPONSE 2: As discussed above, the primary NAAQS, which must be observed throughout Texas, are set to protect public health, which includes sensitive members of the population, such as asthmatics, children, and the elderly. Thus, emissions levels established in air quality permits are set within parameters that are protective of those same sensitive subpopulations.

COMMENT 3: Commenters allege that Applicant's facility will cause harm to their community's water wells, their lake, and the fish inhabiting their lake's water.

RESPONSE 3: Applicant has applied to TCEQ for Air Quality Standard Permit Registration No. 76688L001, which governs emissions into the air. Depending on Applicant's operations, it may be required to apply for authorizations governing water quality. However, water quality issues are beyond the scope of this particular permitting action. Any concerns about whether Applicant's plant is in compliance with a water permit or whether Applicant has contaminated the water should be directed to the TCEQ's Beaumont Regional Office at (409) 898 -3838, or the Environmental Complaints Hot Line at 1-888-777-3186.

COMMENT 4: Commenters claim noise caused by the operation of Applicant's plant, along with the noise created by vehicles driving in and out of the plant, will destroy the serenity of the neighborhood.

RESPONSE 4: The TCEQ's jurisdiction is established by the Legislature and limited to the issues set forth in statute. Accordingly, the TCEQ does not have jurisdiction to consider noise from a facility when determining whether to approve or deny a permit registration. However, the limited scope of the Agency's regulatory jurisdiction does not affect or limit landowners' ability to seek relief from a court in response to activities that interfere with the landowners' use and enjoyment of their property.

COMMENT 5: Commenters complain that Applicant has been operating without a permit for years to the detriment of the surrounding environment.

RESPONSE 5: In response to complaints from the public, Lonestar was investigated by the Pollution Control Department of the Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services Office, and the TCEQ Beaumont Regional Office. At the time of the investigations, Lonestar voluntarily closed the concrete batching portion of their facility.

CHANGES MADE IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT:

No changes to the standard permit have been made in response to public comment.

Respectfully submitted,

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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