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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

September 27, 2017

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center
Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0260
Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: *Federal Register*, vol. 82, No. 144, Pages 35198 – 35200, July 28, 2017, EPA's Notice of Request for Scientific Views: Draft Updated Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum in Freshwater.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Draft Updated Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum in Freshwater. The notice of availability was published on July 28, 2017 in the *Federal Register*, vol. 82, No. 144, Pages 35198 – 35200. The TCEQ supports the overall approach of incorporating site-specific factors into criteria development; however, additional information, justification, and guidance is needed to assist states when considering adoption and implementation of the criteria. Comments are enclosed in the attached document for consideration by the EPA.

If you have questions concerning the enclosed comments, please contact L'Oreal W. Stepney, P.E., Deputy Director of the Office of Water at (512) 239-1321, or by e-mail at loreal.stepney@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R A Hyde".

Richard A. Hyde, P.E.
Executive Director

Attachment