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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

January 24, 2013

Re: Priority Call Rescinded in the Brazos River Basin

Dear Water Right Holder:

On January 15, 2013, I issued the third of three orders relating to the suspension or adjustment of junior water right holders which prohibited these water right holders from diverting or impounding water in the Brazos River Basin with a priority date of February 15, 1942 or later, except under temporary higher flow conditions. I issued these orders in response to a senior priority call from Dow Chemical Company (Dow) received on November 14, 2013.

On January 23, 2013, Dow rescinded its senior priority call. In accordance with the above-issued order, the order automatically terminated upon receipt of Dow's rescinded priority call. As a result, the provisions set forth in the order are no longer in effect.

The TCEQ continues to monitor drought conditions closely. Please note that should another priority call be made, adjustments or suspensions of junior water rights may again be necessary.

In recognition of drought conditions, all water right holders should continue to take actions necessary to conserve water and require your customers, if any, to do the same. You can find drought information, conservation tips, and other helpful information at the TCEQ drought page at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>. We recommend that you continue to implement your drought contingency plan (DCP).

In accordance with your DCP, you are required to notify TCEQ when there are changes in your drought response stages. You may notify the agency by using the online form available on the TCEQ drought page referenced above. If you need assistance completing the form, would like to provide notification by phone, or need answers to any of your questions, you can call our Small Business and Local Government Assistance hotline at 1-800-447-2827.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ms. Melissa Keller, TCEQ Water Rights Liaison at 512-239-1768.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zak Covar".

Zak Covar
Executive Director