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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

July 27, 2018

Dr. Griff Thomas  
102 E. Young Street  
Llano, Texas 78643

Re: Response to Priority Call by Dr. Griffith "Griff" Thomas, MD in the San Saba Watershed of the Colorado River Basin

Dear Dr. Thomas:

On July 24, 2018, you submitted a priority call based on your superior domestic and livestock use to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) San Angelo Regional Office. San Angelo Region staff conducted investigations of your priority call on July 24, 2018. Additionally, the San Angelo Region staff had conducted routine field investigations of the area on July 23, 2018. Based on those investigations and as discussed below, sufficient water was observed as available for beneficial use at your location. Therefore, suspension of diversion or impoundment of state surface water by junior water rights is not appropriate at this time.

TCEQ field investigations were conducted at your location and at two sites located upstream of your property in the San Saba River watershed. Flow measurements and photographs were taken at the time of the investigation. Very low flow or no flow was observed in the locations investigated in the areas upstream of your Blockhouse Ranch property. Additionally, small pools of water were observed in the San Saba River. At your Blockhouse Ranch property, large pools were present at the eastern and western boundaries. Smaller pools were present at the Block House Creek low water crossing, Calf Creek confluence, and throughout the middle of the property. Very low flows appeared to connect the pools.

If the river condition changes on your property, and you believe a new priority call is warranted, please contact Mr. Christopher Mayben at TCEQ's San Angelo Regional Office via email at [Christopher.Mayben@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Christopher.Mayben@tceq.texas.gov) or by phone at (325) 655-9479. Contacting Mr. Mayben to discuss the river conditions and to coordinate arrangements for access will greatly assist the Regional Office in investigating your priority call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephanie Bergeron Perdue".

Stephanie Bergeron Perdue  
Interim Executive Director