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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

September 30, 2019

The Honorable Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas
State Capitol
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Abbott,

Consistent with the Governor's Proclamation of September 19, 2019 regarding Tropical Storm Imelda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested approval for suspension of certain of its rules because they potentially impeded response and recovery efforts. As set forth in the attached Request for Suspension of Rules dated September 19, 2019 and additional rule suspension dated September 19, 2019, each suspension was requested only to the extent the rules actually prevented, hindered, or delayed necessary action in coping with disaster. TCEQ has determined that the rules suspension is no longer necessary. Therefore, TCEQ respectfully requests that you lift the suspension or allow it to expire, effective September 30, 2019.

TCEQ will continue to evaluate activities related to ongoing and future recovery efforts and will utilize its enforcement discretion on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact Ramiro Garcia, Deputy Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, (512) 239-4481, or Margaret Ligarde, Deputy Director, Office of Legal Services, (512) 239-3426, with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toby Baker", written over a horizontal line.

Toby Baker
Executive Director

Enclosure

CC: Jordan Rodriguez, Policy Advisor, Environmental Regulation
Jeff Oldham, General Counsel