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In re: WRPERM 13404

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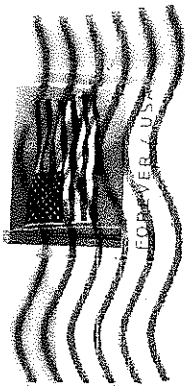


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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2020 10:57 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-  
WWW-WRAS  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404  
**Attachments:** TCEQ Pub Comm 08252020 [sig]3.pdf

**From:** barhamglenn1122@gmail.com <barhamglenn1122@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 5:15 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** WRPERM 13404

**RN NUMBER:** RN109830679

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WRPERM 13404

**DOCKET NUMBER:**

**COUNTY:** CLAY

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF WICHITA FALLS

**CN NUMBER:** CN600129316

**FROM**

**NAME:** MR Harvey Glenn Barham

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**FAX:**

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## Elisa Guerra

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:09 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-  
WWW-WRAS  
**Subject:** FW: Question to Kathy Alexander

-----Original Message-----

From: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:52 PM  
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
Subject: FW: Question to Kathy Alexander

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From: Margo Denke <denke@att.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 7:41 PM  
To: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>  
Subject: Question to Kathy Alexander

I don't understand. Water demands are going to be affected by drought.  
Why can't the city dredge their existing reservoir to meet the demands? Why do they have to make another reservoir when they might need to dredge this later.?



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**Marisa Weber**

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
**Sent:** Friday, February 21, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-  
WWW-WRAS  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**From:** brentd127@aol.com <brentd127@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:51 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

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**FROM**

**NAME:** Brent Durham

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**COMMENTS:** Please see attached letter

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
**Sent:** Monday, March 2, 2020 3:16 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-  
WWW-WRAS  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**From:** mason.t.martin@okstate.edu <mason.t.martin@okstate.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 1, 2020 11:01 PM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

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**PHONE:** 9406360853

**FAX:**

**COMMENTS:** I am against the proposed Ringgold reservoir. The lack of information on impacts on the Red River ecosystem is worrisome. The waterways which lead into the river would be stopped, hurting river flow and ecosystem viability. This is a large concern for myself as an Oklahoman and our shared environment. This does not include the worry of the ranch land that would be taken out of production, which as productive ranches help with carbon sequestration, and add to county tax roles.

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**From:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 9:39 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-  
WWW-WRAS  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

**From:** devins@wf.net <devins@wf.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2020 9:25 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WRPERM 13404

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**COMMENTS:** Building Lake Ringgold needs to be a priority for North Texas' future. Not only do residents of Wichita Falls rely on the City of Wichita Falls' water supply, but all the surrounding communities that buy water from the City. Please approve this permit ASAP!

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**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-  
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**From:** Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:05 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Lake Ringgold

This is on WRPERM 13404

**From:** Carole Worley <ceeworl@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 9:03 AM  
**To:** Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Lake Ringgold

I am not a resident of Clay County, but I agree wholeheartedly with Frank Douhitt's opinion piece in Sunday's edition of the Times Record News regarding the Lake Ringgold project, and his assessment of it as a scam. I am a resident of Wichita Falls, but I, too, object to the environmental impact! I also have to pay for my water!

This project has been debated for years, and for good reason! There are now apparently very influential special interests with a large and profitable stake in this project, and have somehow managed to bypass the requirements for a bond issue to be put before the public. It sounds very much like graft has corrupted the normal process.

They seem to have also over-run the environmental objections!

We are very proud of our water solutions developed during that long and painful time of drought, and feel that they will see us through for a very, very long time. WE DO NOT NEED LAKE RINGGOLD! But we do need to be protected from the special interests who do not have the whole public interest at heart, and who do not abide by the rules set forth for getting public approval of such a massive project through voting for or against a bond issue.

Such machinations smack of treachery.

If this is NOT the proper avenue for my comments to be heard and to be useful, please send me a contact name or email address.

Thank you very much.

Carole Worley 4500 Westward Dr. Wichita Falls, TX 76308 (940) 689-8812