

TCEQ Interoffice Memorandum

To: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk

From: Yen Tran, Senior Attorney ^{YVT}
Contracts, Employment Law and Ethics, General Law Division

Date: February 7, 2023

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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

| Donating Organization | Gift Donation - Waiver Description | Location | Date Received | Value |
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| Greater Houston Retailers Association (GHRA) | Offered to waive rental fee for a booth at their annual Trade Show on November 2, 2022. The booth will help outreach to the regulated community and provide educational material on petroleum storage tank regulations, compliance, and rules to members of the GHRA. | Houston, TX | 10/4/2022 | \$3,000.00 |
| TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS | | | | \$3,000.00 |

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| TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD | \$18,934.12 |
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**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**

AGENDA REQUESTED: 2/22/2023
DATE OF REQUEST: 11/28/2022
**NAME & NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS
REQUEST, IF NEEDED:** Yen Tran, (512) 239-4610

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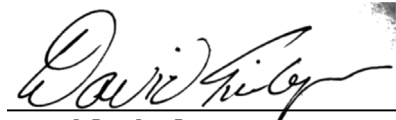
Chief Clerk must send Notice of Application/Hearing: N/A

Type of Matter: Miscellaneous

County: All

Uncontested: N/A

Contested: N/A



**David Timberger, Deputy Director
General Law Division**

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The Executive Director is authorized by Section 5.233 of the Water Code to receive and accept money and other assistance from any source to carry out the powers and duties of the Commission. Following your acceptance, Chapter 575 of the Government Code requires the Commission to acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

The attached listing describes the gifts made to the agency, including the name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation received. We recommend your approval by signature below. Upon your approval, these gifts will be presented to the Commission at the February 22, 2023 Agenda.

I acknowledge and accept the gifts listed in attached on behalf of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.



Erin E. Chancellor
Interim Executive Director

Date: 1/13/2023

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Exhibit A contains the Executive Director's approval of the gifts received, including the name of the donor, a description of the gift or donation, and a statement of the purpose of the gift or donation.

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Enclosure

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| | | | | TAX | \$56.22 |
| Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) | BURNETT, CLINT | 11/13/2022 - 11/18/2022 | Corpus Christi, TX | To attend the Health Physics for Uranium Mining meeting. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses. | \$900.24 |
| | | | | Reimbursed Expense Description | Reimbursed Amount |
| | | | | LODGING | \$412.00 |
| | | | | MEALS | \$352.00 |
| | | | | PARKING | \$60.00 |
| | | | | TAX | \$76.24 |
| Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN) | HIGGINBOTHAM III, JACK | 12/04/2022 - 12/09/2022 | San Marcos, TX | To attend a training course hosted by the Hays County Sheriff's Office, on increasing investigative skills with search warrants and other criminal investigation operations. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses. | \$887.50 |
| | | | | Reimbursed Expense Description | Reimbursed Amount |
| | | | | LODGING | \$400.00 |
| | | | | MEALS | \$320.00 |
| | | | | TAX | \$76.50 |
| Southern Environmental Enforcement Network (SEEN) | GORMAN, PAUL | 11/14/2022 - 11/18/2022 | Houston, TX | To attend the "Team Approach to Environmental Enforcement" training, covering specialized methods and techniques to environmental investigations. TCEQ paid for other travel expenses. | \$830.96 |
| | | | | Reimbursed Expense Description | Reimbursed Amount |
| | | | | LODGING | \$574.47 |
| | | | | MEALS | \$125.00 |
| | | | | PARKING | \$100.00 |
| | | | | TAX | \$31.49 |

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| TOTAL FOR TRAVEL RELATED EXPENSES | \$15,934.12 |
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B. NON-TRAVEL RELATED GIFTS AND DONATIONS

| Donating Organization | Gift Donation - Waiver Description | Location | Date Received | Value |
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| Greater Houston Retailers Association (GHRA) | Offered to waive rental fee for a booth at their annual Trade Show on November 2, 2022. The booth will help outreach to the regulated community and provide educational material on petroleum storage tank regulations, compliance, and rules to members of the GHRA. | Houston, TX | 10/4/2022 | \$3,000.00 |
| TOTAL NON-TRAVEL GIFTS AND DONATIONS | | | | \$3,000.00 |

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| TOTAL GIFTS AND DONATIONS FOR THIS PERIOD | \$18,934.12 |
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



A RESOLUTION Regarding acceptance of gifts and donations in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code concerning acceptance of gifts and donations by certain state agencies; TCEQ Docket No. 2022-1625-MIS

WHEREAS, Chapter 575 of the Government Code provides that a majority of the Commission must acknowledge the acceptance of all gifts of money or property with a value of \$500.00 or more in an open meeting no later than the 90th day after the date the gift is accepted.

WHEREAS, the list of gifts and donations submitted for acknowledgment is attached. The gifts have been accepted by the Executive Director. The list includes a description and amount of each gift or donation with a value of \$500.00 or more, the donor's name, and a statement regarding the purpose of each gift or donation in accordance with Section 575.004 of Chapter 575.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY that the Commission acknowledges acceptance of the gifts and donations listed in accordance with Chapter 575 of the Government Code.

Issued this the ____ day of _____, _____.

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Jon Niermann, Chairman