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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 1:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Opposition letter to Permit No. WQ0016046001
Attachments: Senator Joan Huffman Opposition to Permit No. WQ0016046001..pdf

From: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:43 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>; Deornette Monteleone <Deornette.Monteleone@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Opposition letter to Permit No. WQ0016046001

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From: Catarina Gonzales <Catarina.Gonzales@gov.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Steven Schar <Steven.Schar@Tceq.Texas.Gov>; Ferrell Fields <Ferrell.Fields@tceq.texas.gov>; Toby Baker <Toby.Baker@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Opposition letter to Permit No. WQ0016046001

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From: Courtney Hjaltman <Courtney.Hjaltman@gov.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:19:22 AM
To: Catarina Gonzales <Catarina.Gonzales@gov.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Opposition letter to Permit No. WQ0016046001

FYI, wanted to share the following...no anything about this?

From: Nancy Wollam <Nancy.Wollam@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:08 AM
To: Courtney Hjaltman <Courtney.Hjaltman@gov.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Opposition letter to Permit No. WQ0016046001

Importance: High

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Good morning Courtney,

Rep. Vasut asked that I forward the email below to you to alert the Governor regarding the opposition in Brazoria County for Permit No. WQ0016046001 for Undine Texas Environmental LLC. This company wants to discharge up to 250,000 gallons of treated effluent per day that will materially impair the use of Bastrop Bayou for fishing, recreation, and drainage. (more details below)

As you can see, we have also requested Senator Taylor, Representative's Ed Thompson and Miles Middleton to send an opposition letter to the TCEQ and wanted to see if the Governor would oppose this as well.

Thank you!

Nancy Wollam
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From: Nancy Wollam

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 9:51 AM

To: Larry@larrytaylor.com; Cari Christman <Cari.Christman@senate.texas.gov>; Ed Thompson <Ed.Thompson@house.texas.gov>; Benjamin Williams <Benjamin.Williams@house.texas.gov>; Mayes Middleton <Mayes.Middleton@house.texas.gov>; Andrew Herrell <Andrew.Herrell@house.texas.gov>

Subject: RE: Opposition letter to Permit No. WQ0016046001

Good morning,

Rep. Vasut would appreciate if each of you would consider sending a similar letter (attached) to Chief Clerk Gharis with TCEQ in opposition to Permit No. WQ0016046001 for Undine Texas Environmental LLC. This is for the discharge of up to 250,000 gallons of treated effluent per day from this project and will materially impair the use of Bastrop Bayou for fishing, recreation, and drainage. A greater discharge upstream will naturally result in an increase in silting downstream. The lower reaches of the bayou have already experienced substantial silting, which has impaired fishing, recreation and drainage in the area. The bayou is also a delicate eco-system, fluctuating between fresh and brackish water. An increase in the discharge of fresh water upstream threatens to disrupt that delicate balance in salinity. The off shoot of the watershed go into SD 11 and Rep. Thompson will have the lower Bastrop Bayou section starting in January 2023.

Rep. Vasut requested and was granted by Executive Director Tobey Baker a Public Meeting held on July 28, 2022 and over 250 residents attended that meeting. There was also opposition from the entire Brazoria County Commissioner's Court, city mayor's, and the CCA.

If you have any questions, please contact Rep. Vasut at 979-481-0715 or by email at cody.vasut@house.texas.gov.

Kind regards,

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Friday, August 5, 2022

Laurie Gharis
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
TCEQ
PO Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: TPDES Permit No. WQ0016046001

Chief Clerk Gharis:

I am writing to you today in opposition to TPDES Proposed Permit No. WQ0016046001. Many of my constituents in the affected area have contacted my offices to register their opposition to the proposed permit and because of the overwhelming opposition made apparent during the public hearing on July 28th, I am opposing this proposed permit.

I look forward to your timely response. Thank you for your taking my opposition into consideration and for your service to the State of Texas. Please contact my office at 512-463-0117 or joan.huffman@senate.texas.gov with any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Huffman".

Senator Joan Huffman, SD-17

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Monday, April 25, 2022

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By GCW

RE: TPDES Permit No. WQ0016046001

Chief Clerk Gharis:

Please consider this an official request for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to hold a public meeting regarding TPDES Proposed Permit No. WQ0016046001. Many constituents of Senate District 17 have contacted my office expressing concerns about this proposed waste water treatment plant and request to have their opinions heard in a formal public meeting. As local residents that may be directly impacted by this proposed project, I too agree that holding a public meeting on this proposed permit is both warranted and appropriate.

I look forward to your timely response regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the State of Texas. Please contact my office at 512-463-0117 or joan.huffman@senate.texas.gov with any questions.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Huffman".

Senator Joan Huffman, SD-17

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Joan Huffman
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SENATOR LARRY TAYLOR DISTRICT 11

August 17, 2022

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RE: TPDES Permit No. **WQ0016046001**

Chief Clerk Gharis:

Concerns regarding Undine Environmental LLC's TPDES Proposed Permit No. WQ0016046001 have been brought to my attention. I ask that TCEQ carefully consider the points of contention raised at the public hearing held on July 28th, and oppose the approval of any requests that would negatively impact the safety of private property or the delicate ecosystems on the Texas Gulf Coast.

The proposed permit allows for the discharge of 250,000 gallons of treated wastewater per day. The increased flow of treated water in the region will increase silt deposits and unbalance salinity levels in wetlands of Brazoria County. Frequent flooding in the region requires strict maintenance of drainage ways. Any potential silt deposited as a result of upstream activities will increase the flood risks and endanger lives downstream. I ask that TCEQ review the impacts that this permit will have on flood mitigation and understand the drainage capabilities in the area. Additionally, the ecosystem of Bastrop Bayou which is listed as a segment of discharge is located within the Brazoria National Wildlife Refuge. This region is not only home to a diverse number of species, but is a recreational attraction for people around the state. The bayou's ecosystem relies on a delicate balance of fresh and brackish water to remain healthy. I ask that TCEQ take into account any impact or disruption additional treated water will have on the habitat's equilibrium.

The Commission's charge is to ensure the safety of our residents and the protection of our environment. As I'm sure you are aware, the well-being of the Texas Gulf Coast is vital to our state's economic infrastructure, and the sustainability of Bastrop Bayou is crucial for tourism and recreation in the area. Thank you for your time and consideration of the potential impacts of this proposed permit.

Sincerely,

Larry Taylor
State Senator
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MEMORANDUM

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Attachments: SenLarryTaylorLetterToTCEQ.TPDESProposedPermitWQ0016046001.pdf

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Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 3:34 PM
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From: Sarah Ceraldi <Sarah.Ceraldi@senate.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Josh Amador <Josh.Amador@Tceq.Texas.Gov>
Subject: Senator Taylor Letter on TPDES Permit WQ0016046001

Hello Laurie -

Senator Taylor would like to submit the attached letter regarding a proposed TCEQ Permit that impact Senate District 11 and Bastrop Bayou. Thank you for taking his comments into consideration as you review the request.

Best,

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Sarah Ceraldi
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