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Laurie, please see the attached email. I will draft a response to comments for your review and approval.

Thank you,

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE Thomas D. Neely

June 15, 2022

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC105 PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Permit Number WQ0004636000

Dear Sirs.

As County Judge of the one-third largest county in Texas (area wise), I am writing this letter to advise you that there is almost universal opposition to granting a new permit for the sludge dump located in the northwestern portion of Hudspeth County.

This area for the most part serves as a bedroom community for El Paso and I refer you to a letter written to you on June 1st by County Commissioner Johny R. Sheets who serves as County Commissioner for that area. In his letter, Commissioner Sheets lays out a plethora of valid reasons of why El Paso should not continue to dump their sludge in a neighboring county, especially since it creates a very unpleasant situation near many people's homes.

As I previously mentioned, many of the residents in this area have moved out of the hustle and bustle of El Paso to find a quieter and more serene existence and it is an area that is growing quite rapidly.

As the constitutional County Judge of Hudspeth County I urge your Commission on Environmental Quality to carefully investigate this situation and urge the authorities in El Paso to make other arrangements for the disposal of this unwanted problem in our County.

Hudspeth County Judge

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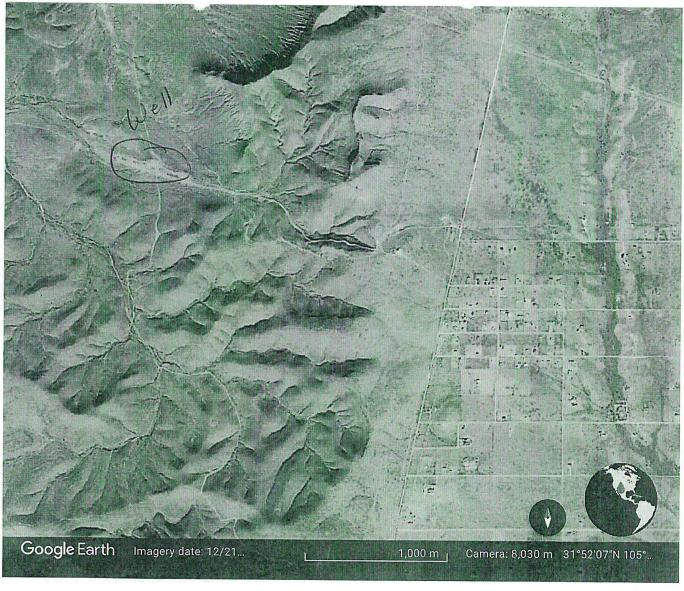
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PRECINCT 3 COUNTY COMMISSIONER Johny Sheets

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Honorable Johny R. Sheets, Commissioner 19224 Kimberly Avenue Desert Haven, TX 79938

June 9, 2022

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin Texas 78711-3087

R.E. Permit Number WQ0004636000, Update to letter on 1 June 2022

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This community has been here since, 1983 on the south side and 2003 at Deer Mountain. On behalf of myself and the constituents I represent as commissioner I am against renewing this application for the following reasons:

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- d. The notice in that is required to be placed in the local publication, are they supposed to be in English and Spanish. There are numerous residents' which are not proficient in in the English language or Bilingual. As, I read the requirements of the published notices, I do not know what the difference is between English as a second language or bilingual education program in our school system, according to TEC. Chapter 29, subchapter B, and 19 Tex. Admin code 89.1205(a).
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3. Unanswered questions and concerns:

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At this time, I am respectfully asking for a public meeting or request for reconsideration in Desert Haven, Tx. Where the Water Treatment Plant Residuals are being disposed of.

For additional information please contact me at 915-250-9925.

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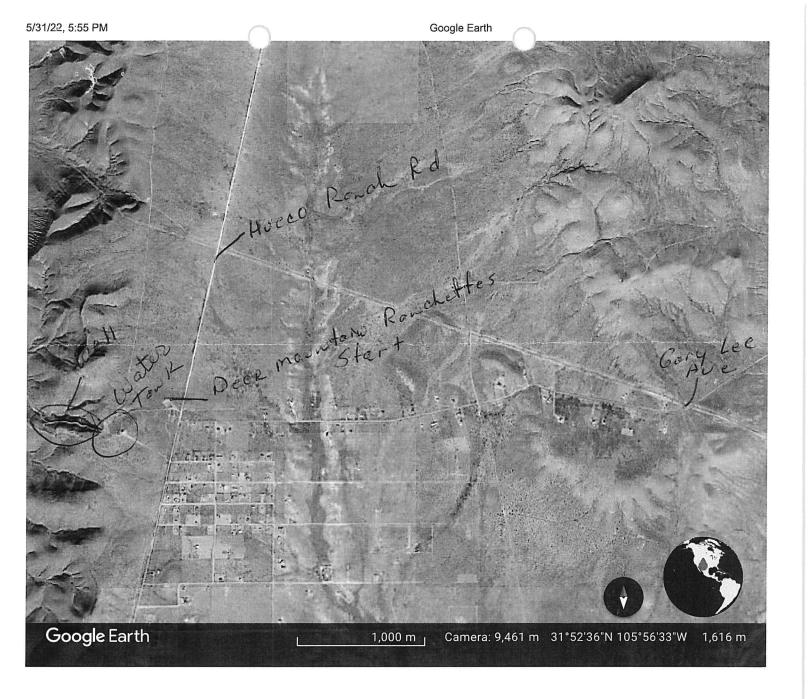
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CN603403973	CEMEX CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS SOUTH LLC	OWNER	¬
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Industry Type Codes

Code	Classification	Name
562211	NAICS	Hazardous Waste Treatment and Disposal
4953	SIC	Refuse Systems

Permits, Registrations, or Other Authorizations

There are a total of **3** programs and IDs for this regulated entity. Click on a column name to change the sort order.

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Program 🛦	ID Type	ID Number	ID Status	
MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE PROCESSING	PERMIT	42036	ACTIVE	
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RESOLUTION

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIROMENTAL QUALITY, DENY GCC OF EL PASO, TEXAS 79930, A RENEWAL PERMIT TO PROCESS AND DISPOSE OF SEWAGE SLUDGE, PERMIT # WQ0004636-000

- WHEREAS, human waste and other toxic materials are contained in municipal, domestic and commercial sludge and biosolids; and
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OF HUDSPETH COUNTY, TEXAS that on June 28, 2022, this Resolution was adopted to request that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality deny the Renewal Permit #WQ0004636-000.

APPROVED this the 28th day of June, 2022 by the Hudspeth County Commissioners Court upon motion made by <u>Commissioners Stories Stories</u> and seconded by <u>Commission View J</u>and <u>Li</u> members of the court being present and voting.

Thomas D. Neely, County Judge

Andrew Virdell, Commissioner Precinct No. 1

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Sergio Ouijas, Commissioner Precinct No. 2

Ben Snow, Commissioner Precinct No. 4

ATTEST:

Brenda Sunchez, County Clerk



From: Robert Gilliam

Sent: Tuesday, July 26, 2022 2:15 PM

To: Johny Sheets

Subject: GCC Monofill (Question)

Good Afternoon Commissioner Sheets,

Hope all is well, please review the answers to your questions regarding GCC Monofill. Please feel free to email me if you have any further question.

Mr. Gilliam

I have a few questions on the Monofill Site in Desert Haven, Hudspeth County Texas.

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- 4. What can Hudspeth County do about this serious violation? See previous responses.
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Texas Health and Safety Code

§ 361.089

Permit Denial or Amendment; Notice and Hearing

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Melissa Schmidt

From:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC

Sent:

Monday, August 2, 2021 11:19 AM

To:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ

Subject:

FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004636000

From: jsheets@co.hudspeth.tx.us <jsheets@co.hudspeth.tx.us>

Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 10:20 AM

To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov> **Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WQ0004636000

REGULATED ENTY NAME CERRO ALTO MONOFILL SLUDGE

RN NUMBER: RN103155024

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0004636000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: HUDSPETH

PRINCIPAL NAME: GCC SUN CITY MATERIALS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN605241686

FROM

NAME: Johny Sheets

E-MAIL: jsheets@co.hudspeth.tx.us

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 19224 KIMBERLY EL PASO TX 79938-8207

PHONE: 9152509925

FAX:

COMMENTS: As Commissioner of the PCT#3 Hudspeth County. These trucks are destroying our county road. The smell these trucks have when traveling behind them is outrageous, especially when wet. these trucks are going over private property (roads) while traveling to the sludge site, raising dust and smells up the neighborhood. El Paso sewerage should be dumping in their own county, not in the neighboring county. Hudspeth county officials were not aware of this dump. Now they are. I believe that the sludge is seeping into the ground and contaminating the ground water, since it smells, at

the faucet. Some residence here were getting sick and they have stopped drink the water and have no problems anymore. this sludge dump needs to be discontinued.



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE Thomas D. Neely

June 15, 2022

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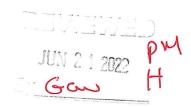
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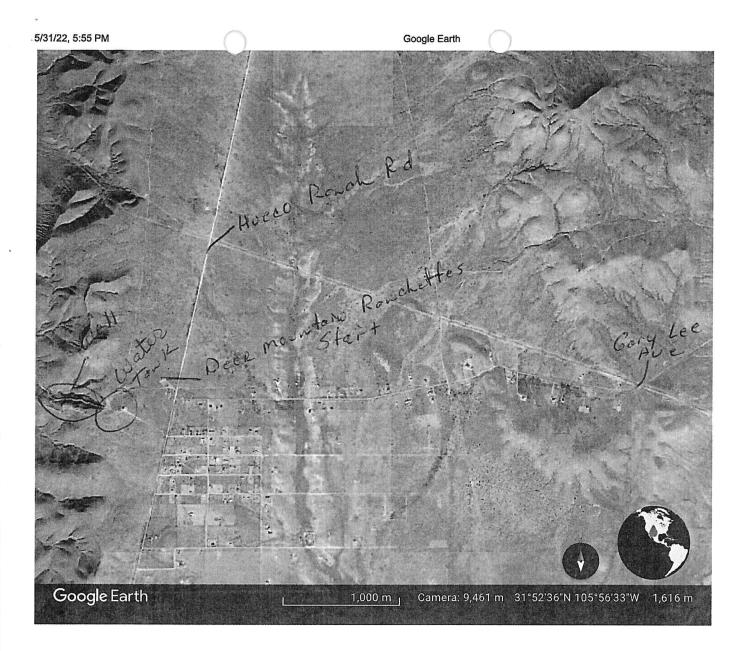
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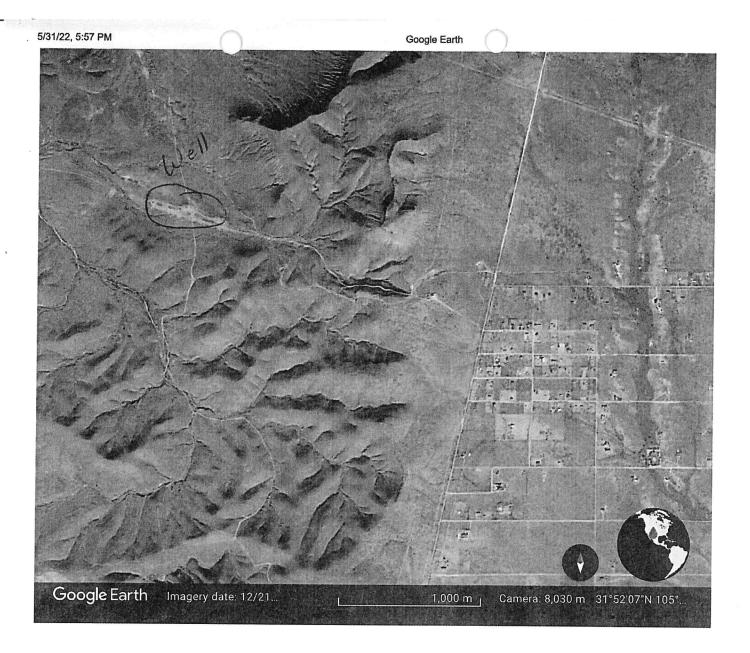
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Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:52 AM

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Subject:

FW: Letter of urgency for Sludge Dump

Attachments:

MX-M3051_20220615_150542.pdf; Desert Haven Sludge Dump Letter 06.01.22.pdf

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Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2022 9:31 AM

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Thank you,

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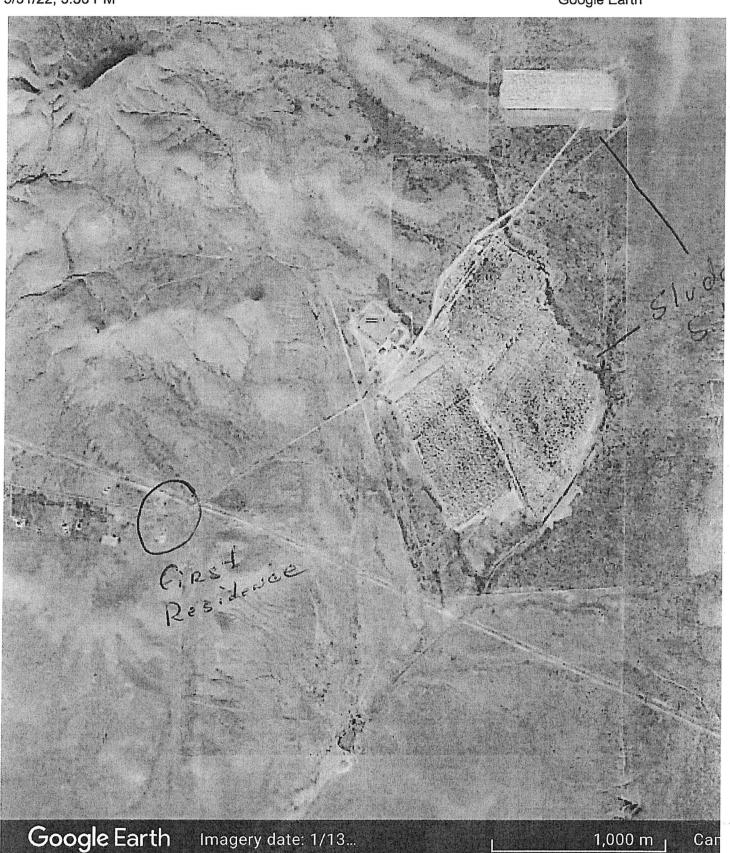
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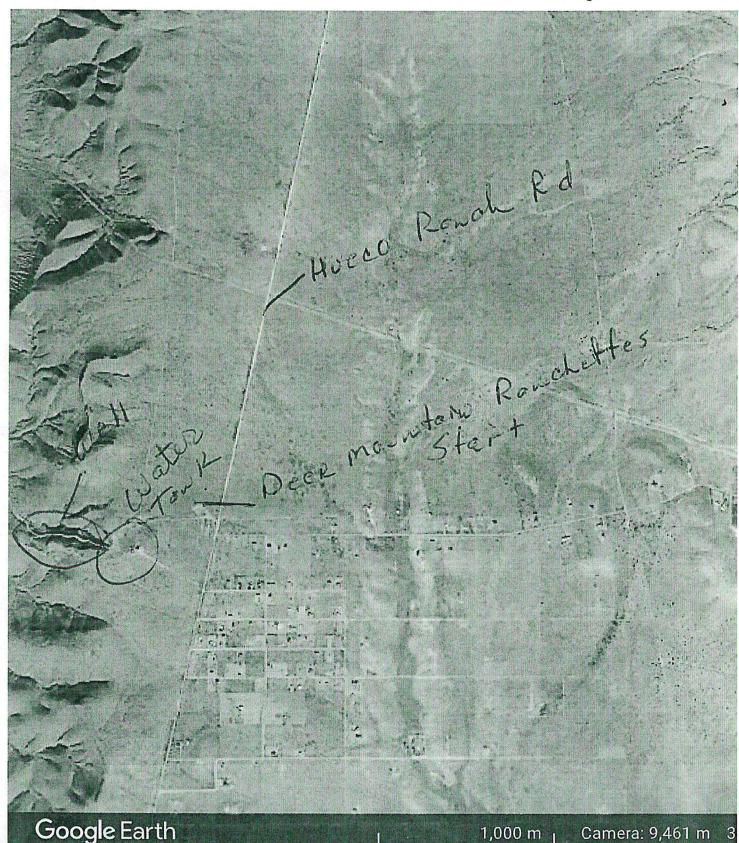
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