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Name: Kirsten Aguilar

Mailing Address: 7037 Islander Way APT# 9104

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, Tx **Zip:** 78412

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Email: kirstenaguj@gmail.com

Phone Number: (325) 433-9273

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Name: Armon Alex

Mailing Address: PO Box 5 Corpus Christi

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78417

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Email: armon.alex101@gmail.com

Phone Number: (832) 542 2547

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Name: Eric Allmon

Mailing Address: 1206 San Antonio St.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Austin TX **Zip:** 78723

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Email: eallmon@txenvirolaw.com

Phone Number: (512) 469-6000

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: ralmaguer@ccredc.com <ralmaguer@ccredc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:46 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Randy Almaguer

EMAIL: ralmaguer@ccredc.com

COMPANY: CCREDC

ADDRESS: 800 N SHORELINE BLVD
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78401-3700

PHONE: 3618827448

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support the draft permit for a water discharge permit for the City of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination Treatment Plant. The desalination plant is needed sooner than later. It provides a reliable source of fresh water; it alleviates the pressure on existing freshwater resources and provides another avenue to meet the constant and growing water demands of cities and industrial areas and will reinforce the support for economic growth in the region.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: abialvarez0820@gmail.com <abialvarez0820@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2024 9:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Abigail Alvarez

EMAIL: abialvarez0820@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5902 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78415-2236

PHONE: 3614292420

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Name: Amayrisa

Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 643

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Taft TX **Zip:** 78390

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (210) 416 3767

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:03 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Tara Anders

EMAIL: tara.anders@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4006 SANTA FE ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1241

PHONE: 5129937136

FAX:

COMMENTS: TCEQ has put the lives of Corpus Christians in jeopardy by allowing the shift of scarce water resources from citizens to large industrial polluters through its support of irresponsible city and county leadership in their desal pursuit. By allowing semantic betrayal in the use of the label 'minor' polluters for MAJOR polluters in bureaucratic documents (see report from Texas Tribune: https://www.texastribune.org/2024/01/05/texas-pollution-companies-permits-tceq-epa/), no penalties have been imposed for previous violators of dumping into Corpus Christi Bay. This precedent paves the way for more deadly pollution in the form of desal discharge should this sham permit be approved, one that CC citizens voted AGAINST due to the costly and environmentally damaging brine and overuse of electricity associated with this plant being built in an alienated area of the city. TCEQ repeatedly shows its lack of accountability to Texas citizens in favor of damaging, water-sucking business, and needs to work in service of preserving our precious natural resources.

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Name: Chuck Anderson

Mailing Address: 706 Imperial Harbor Corpus Christi 78402

Physical Address (if different): Same.

City/State: CC **Zip:** 78402

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Email: Megas1214@Yahoo.com

Phone Number: (617) 429-5157

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  If yes, which one? Certified Quality Foods

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

PM

From: celebrateoften@gmail.com <celebrateoften@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:37 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: MS Nell Angelo

E-MAIL: celebrateoften@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4471 COUNTY ROAD 2211
ODEM TX 78370-4080

PHONE: 3617382139

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit: WQ0005289000. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:43 PM
To: celebrateoften@gmail.com
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

A copy of your email will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list for this application. After the opportunity to submit comments ends, a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments will be mailed to you. If a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a hard copy of the public meeting notice in the mail.

The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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Name: Al Arreola Jr

Mailing Address: 301 Louise

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: al@unitedcorpuschristi.org

Phone Number: (210) 240 1764

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From: ginny@unitedcorpuschristi.org <ginny@unitedcorpuschristi.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 11:27 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Al Arreola, JR

EMAIL: ginny@unitedcorpuschristi.org

COMPANY: United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce

ADDRESS: 602 N STAPLES ST Suite 150
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78401-2403

PHONE: 3618811800

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see the attached comment in favor of the permit from Al Arreola, Jr.; President and CEO; United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce.

United Corpus Christi
CHAMBER of COMMERCE

April 18, 2024

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Circle Bldg. 7
Austin, Tx 78753

Re: Permit Application Number:WQ0005289000

At the United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce (UCCC) we collaborate and advocate for our members to advance economic prosperity in the Coastal Bend.

The UCCC has long advocated for reliable and affordable water resources for our drought-prone region. Developing seawater desalination will ensure a drought-proof water supply that will enable the region, its citizens and businesses to thrive and prosper now, and in the future. Seawater desalination is a viable option for the 500,000 residents of the Coastal Bend region supported by the City of Corpus Christi's water resources and infrastructure.

On behalf of our over 1000 members, we would like to express support for the City of Corpus Christi's permit for the proposed seawater desalination plant and we encourage the Commission to move expeditiously to approve the application. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Al Arreola, Jr.
President & CEO

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Name: Alex Balderas

Mailing Address: 7816 Lovain Kings Crossing

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus, Texas **Zip:** 78414

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Email: Live2fish34@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (361) 960-1493

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Name: Stacy Barna

Mailing Address: 15508 Spillman Ranch Loop

Physical Address (if different):

City/State: Austin TX **Zip:** 78738

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Email: bour sbarna13@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (~~512~~ 614) 975 5424

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Name: Cody Benavides

Mailing Address: 1013 Barracuda

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi / Texas **Zip:** 78411

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Email: Phatkidcody95@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 5378614

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Name: Tanya Bergstrom

Mailing Address: 9501 Lovebird St.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC, TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: tgarcia86@delmar.edu

Phone Number: ( )

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TCEQ (2 meetings)

1. Marcos Alaniz stated theres a rule that water can't be sold if it goes over the 75% however, at a different meeting
2. Marcos Alaniz stated the rule is if it goes over 75% another water source must be found."

Can't be verified
open Acts
Record has
gone unresponsed
by TCEQ
water district #3
City of Robstown
City of CC

Partially tax funded by county commissioners w/ our tax dollars has these buiness sign non-disclourse forms

CCREDC
Port of CC
Avina
water distict #3
RADC
Marcos Alaniz
working on this
for over a year (2019)

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1. Desal - will not solve the water insecurity we will have built 1 billion infusture portially covered by federal grants but not completely. w/ the industries coming in the desal will only cover the industry to correct todays problem but if we continue 2 accept big industries we'll be in the same boat but w/ a desal plant that can't produce enough water

2. Refineries are using 90%
   - Avina 8/10 million
   - Tesla 1/8 million
   - Permico (not enough info) but we estimate about 10 million

3. What if they need more water? These industries just have 2 give a 72hr notice
   & what if we can't produce the water they can sue.

Not to mention:
Desal plant is costly to maintain & the salt water is harmful

You guys are selling our water
one permit at a time.
Desal is a temporary solution
we might run out of water in
5 years. Once these big industries
rape us from our resources
they'll move on and hide behind
there lawyers.

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Name: Lisa Bertman

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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Email: _____

Phone Number: ( ) _____

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Name: Ciara Bohn

Mailing Address: 6515 6-6298 Ocean Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: Ciara.bohn15@gmail.com

Phone Number: (808) 315 6038

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It is clear to me that this plant is not only ill advised, but malicious to the community. The board seems selfish and unprepared for the consequences on the community. I, too, have lived in Corpus Christi for a year and therefore have equal ground to stand on in this matter. I have lived near polluted water for the majority of my life and know it affects the environment surrounding it. How dead lakes created dead community, and now this proposition looks to create dead water.

Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

This water is already at risk, and the federally unregulated proposition looks to find a cheap, bandaid solution to an industrial issue. Relying on another plant to purify your wastewater is irresponsible and unsafe. This 'young' grant is four years old and does not have the backing to ensure the public it is safe. The public does not feel safe. There actions are endangering the Flavorful community. Do not allow this to pass without further research.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Shane Bonnot

Mailing Address: 6919 Portwest Drive Suite 100

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Houston TX **Zip:** 77024

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Email: sbonnot@ccatexas.org

Phone Number: (281) 953-6612

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Attachments: CCA Texas Comments - WQ0005289000-signed1.pdf

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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:07 AM
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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Shane Bonnot

EMAIL: sbonnot@ccatexas.org

COMPANY: Coastal Conservation Association - Texas Chapter

ADDRESS: 6919 PORTWEST DR STE 100
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PHONE: 2819536612

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see attached document.

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April 17, 2024

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision For TPDES Permit No. WQ0005289000

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Coastal Conservation Association - Texas ("CCA") is a national non-profit organization of over 70,000 recreational anglers and outdoor enthusiasts. The purpose of CCA is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources. The objective of CCA is to conserve, promote and enhance the present and future availability of coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public.

Per notice of application and preliminary decision for TPDES Permit Number WQ0005289000, the City of Corpus Christi proposes to operate a desalination facility in the City of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor at the intersection of Nueces Bay Boulevard and East Broadway Street, with a discharge effluent in the Corpus Christi Channel, located within the Corpus Christi Bay ecosystem.

CCA Texas opposes TPDES Permit No. WQ0005289000. CCA Texas recognizes that sound desalination technology is crucial in securing dependable freshwater sources for Texas but accepted marine science mandates that the intake and discharge points be located offshore to minimize impacts to the estuary.

CCA Texas acknowledges the role desalination plays in the search for reliable freshwater resources for Texas and understands the crucial role water plays in sustaining the economic vitality of the Coastal Bend. However, the environmental and ecological risks of siting a desalination facility within an estuary are far too great, adversely affecting native flora and fauna adapted to specific salinity ranges. Any new freshwater source for industrial or municipal purposes in the Coastal Bend, particularly in Corpus Christi, necessitates ongoing and unbiased environmental assessments of the bay environment. The dire effects of rising salinity levels are not merely theoretical; they are already being experienced, with 99% of freshwater inflow once flowing into Corpus Christi Bay now

curbed, placing the system under significant salinity stress. The discharge of brine, a byproduct of the desalination process, will exacerbate salinity levels and has potential to introduce unnecessary and adverse chemicals into the estuarine environment.

A heightened salinity profile poses a threat to various marine species in Corpus Christi Bay, including oysters, blue crabs, Atlantic croaker, and white shrimp. With the average bay salinity already at 28.5 parts per thousand (ppt), even a slight increase could have detrimental effects on the abundance and diversity of these species. The vast majority of economically important fish and crustaceans rely on moderate salinities within the bay's nurseries for larval development, habitat recruitment, and adequate food availability for maturation. Adverse water quality conditions, specifically heightened salinities, can jeopardize existing coastal resources in the region. Additionally, as salinities increase, dissolved oxygen exponentially decreases, further compromising the nursery quality within the estuary.

A compromised fishery can have significant socio-economic impacts. The Corpus Christi Bay system offers abundant fishing opportunities and is a favored fishing destination for locals and visitors alike. The Texas economy benefits from recreational fishing trips through angler spending on goods and services such as lodging, food, tackle, gear, ice, bait, and fuel. In 2016, Texas A&M Agrilife Extension and Sea Grant Texas published a report detailing the economic impacts of marine recreational fishing specific to the Corpus Christi Bay system. The total annual economic impacts of marine recreational fishing in the Corpus Christi Bay System were estimated to be 611 jobs, $21.7 million in labor income, $33.8 million in value-added, and $59.4 million in output. Without healthy fisheries, the local economy supported by recreational fishing, birding, and tourism will suffer greatly.

Finally, it is imperative that TCEQ analyze desalination and other projects collectively and cumulatively. For previous similar projects, CCA Texas has expressed concerns regarding the escalating salinity levels in the Coastal Bend region. There are over 40 identified projects in the region, each having direct and indirect effects on the region's environment and key resources including coastal processes, physical oceanography, water quality, mineral resources, air quality, noise, wetlands, submerged aquatic vegetation, aquatic resources, wildlife resources, cultural resources, migratory birds, navigation, and socioeconomics. Factors such as the deepening of channels, increased rates of evaporation, and diminished freshwater inflows are already contributing to this issue. Introducing this proposed facility, along with other planned desalination projects, will collectively exacerbate the salinity levels in the bay, bringing them closer to those of seawater.

For the reasons mentioned above, CCA is opposed to TPDES Permit No. WQ0005289000, which authorizes the discharge of water treatment waste at a daily average flow not to exceed 34,300,000 gallons per day (gpd) for the initial phase and 51,500,000 gpd for the final phase. As stated, we understand the need to supply industries and municipalities in the Coastal Bend with a consistent supply of freshwater and that desalination will be considered moving forward.

For any operation to be considered, we offer the following recommendations:

- Intake and Discharge points should be located in offshore waters to minimize the impacts on fragile ecosystems.
- Intake piping for any desalination plant should be installed below the seabed via directional drilling. This will prevent impingement of organisms on intake screens exposed to open water and entrapment of other organisms carried with the feedwater through the intake screen.
- Site-specific studies of conditions at proposed locations should be conducted to identify environmental impact and risks to the ecosystem.

Implementing an offshore intake and discharge for a desalination plant offers several advantages, minimizing direct impacts on ecosystem by avoiding the disruption of sensitive habitats and species within the estuary. Offshore intake also allows for the extraction of seawater from deeper and cleaner waters, and discharging the brine offshore disperses it in a larger volume of seawater, diluting its concentration and mitigating its impact on marine life and water quality in coastal areas. In summary, opting for offshore intake and discharge for desalination plants provides a more ecologically sound solution while still feasibly addressing freshwater needs in Texas.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Shane Bonnot

Shane Bonnot
CCA Texas Advocacy Director

Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:07 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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FAX:

COMMENTS: I am submitting these remarks on behalf of the Texas Chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association. We are requesting a public meeting to facilitate a project presentation from both the applicant and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). This meeting would allow for the addressing of questions from the public and provide an additional opportunity for public input. It is imperative that TCEQ analyze desalination projects collectively and cumulatively. For previous similar projects, CCA Texas has expressed concerns regarding the escalating salinity levels in the Coastal Bend region. Factors such as the deepening of channels, increased rates of evaporation, and diminished freshwater inflows are already contributing to this issue. Introducing this proposed facility, along with other planned desalination projects, will collectively exacerbate the salinity levels in the bay, bringing them closer to those of seawater. Heightened salinities pose a threat to various marine species in Corpus Christi Bay, including oysters, blue crabs, Atlantic croaker, and white shrimp. With the average bay salinity already at 28.5 parts per thousand (ppt), even a slight increase could have detrimental effects on the abundance and diversity of these species. In addition to increased salinity levels, CCA Texas has concerns about adequate mixing in the Inner Harbor for effluent discharge and entrainment/entrapment with the potential future intake. Please consider a public meeting where the public can view a project presentation and openly share their concerns. Thank you.

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

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Name: Donna Boone

Mailing Address: 468 Sunset Ingleside On The Bay, TX

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Ingleside On The Bay **Zip:** 78362

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Email: donnamboone@sbcglobal.net

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I am very concerned about putting brine back into our bay. This will affect our marine life (plants and animals) and create a dead zone. Who does this benefit? Industry is using this water it isn't benefitting this community at all.

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Name: Mariah Boone

Mailing Address: 710 Ponder St.

Physical Address (if different): ↓

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Mailing Address: 618 DEL MAR BLVD.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CORPUS CHRISTI, TX **Zip:** 78404

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Phone Number: (361) 739-0698

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Jennifer J. Bray

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 3:35 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
Attachments: Resolution Discharge IH signed.pdf

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Brian G. Williams

EMAIL: bgw@spmwd.net

COMPANY: San Patricio Municipal Water District

ADDRESS: PO BOX 940
INGLESIDE TX 78362-0940

PHONE: 3616436521

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please submit the attached Resolution from the San Patricio Municipal Water District in support of the City of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor Desalination Plant discharge permit to the record.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Corpus Christi submitted a water discharge permit application to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality in order to operate a seawater desalination facility to be located on the Inner Harbor in Corpus Christi;

WHEREAS, the City seeks to discharge up to 34,300,000 gallons per day (gpd) for the initial phase and 51,500,000 gpd for the final phase via Outfall 001 for the proposed Inner Harbor seawater desalination plant;

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has considered this application and has accordingly prepared draft discharge permit number WQ0005289000;

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality seeks written public comment on this draft permit and will also hold a public meeting on this draft permit on April 18, 2024;

WHEREAS, the San Patricio Municipal Water District, established in 1951 by the by the Texas Legislature (52nd session), receives its water supply from the City of Corpus Christi which acts as the regional developer and provider of water;

WHEREAS, the San Patricio Municipal Water District supplies potable water to nine municipalities (Aransas Pass, Gregory, Ingleside, Ingleside on the Bay, Odem, Portland, Rockport/Fulton, Taft, and jointly with City of Corpus Christi, Port Aransas) in three counties (San Patricio, Aransas and Nueces) which is used to meet the residential and commercial needs of customers in these municipal areas;

WHEREAS, the San Patricio Municipal Water District, also supplies potable water to Rincon Water Supply Corporation and Seaboard Water Supply Corporation;

WHEREAS, the San Patricio Municipal Water District, also supplies industrial process and untreated water to San Patricio industrial customers, which is critical to the economic viability of San Patricio County and the people living in it;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the San Patricio Municipal Water District is a seven member elected body with its members representing distinct geographic areas of San Patricio and Aransas County that roughly correspond with the municipalities served within and one appointed member that has historically represented industry;

WHEREAS, securing new water supplies that are sustainable, responsible, affordable and drought resistant is critical to the future of this region in order to meet the needs of its current customers and allow for additional potable water to serve residential and commercial needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAN PATRICIO MUNCIPAL WATER DISTRICT:

SECTION 1. The District supports all viable alternate water sources including, but not limited to this source, supported by the City of Corpus Christi's application and the corresponding draft permit number WQ0005289000 prepared by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and requests that this resolution be presented in writing and during the formal comment period at the April 18, 2024 public meeting on the draft permit.

SECTION 2. The District further appreciates the work of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the City of Corpus Christi and stands ready to continue active participation in the efforts to enhance the water supply for this region.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 12th day of March, 2024:

Troy Mircovich, Ingleside Director	Absent
Thomas Bridges, Portland Director	Thomas Bridges
Doil Kellar, Aransas Pass Director	Doil Kellar
Alan Miller, Taft Director	Alan Miller
Larry Kalich, Gregory Director	Larry Kalich
Danny Cox, Rockport Director	Absent
Yolanda Carr, Odem Director	Absent
Mark Evans, Appointive Director	Mark Evans

ATTEST:

Karen Ivey
Assistant Secretary

San Patricio Municipal Water District

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Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 11:56 AM
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Daniel Brodhag

EMAIL: floyboy31@msn.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 10652
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78460-0652

PHONE: 3617657843

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 2:53 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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FROM

NAME: MR Brad Brumback

E-MAIL: BRADBRUMBACK@GMAIL.COM

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 2268
ROCKPORT TX 78381-2268

PHONE: 3612303798

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay.

Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:09 PM
To: BRADBRUMBACK@GMAIL.COM
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

A copy of your email will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list for this application. After the opportunity to submit comments ends, a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments will be mailed to you. If a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a hard copy of the public meeting notice in the mail.

The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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Name: ERIC BURNETT

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Physical Address (if different): _____

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Email: EBURNETT@NUECES-RA-ORG

Phone Number: (830) 278 6810

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Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

I am Eric Burnett and I reside in Portland, Texas. I have served on the Nueces River Authority Board of Directors since October of 2014 and Governor Abbott appointed me as President of the Board in March of 2024. I am here today to represent the Authority.

The Nueces River Authority serves as the sponsor of the Texas Water Development Board's Region N Planning Group which is responsible for water supply planning for 11 South Texas Counties which includes the Coastal Bend Area.

The most current plan adopted by the Development Board, the "2022 Water For Texas State Water Plan" projects a water supply shortage of 28.4 million gallons per day by 2030 growing to a 44.2 million gallon per day shortage by 2070 for the Coastal Bend Region. These projections include all water demands with the exception of any additional industrial water needs.

The state of Texas has tasked the Nueces River Authority with a mission that obligates us to provide vision and leadership for water and other resource issues within the 17,500 square mile Nueces Basin. As we review the water demands of the Coastal Bend and the much larger Nueces Basin, we find deficits in the future to be in excess of 71 million gallons.

Although there are opportunities available to provide additional water supply for the Coastal Bend Region, the likelyhood of developing a supply other than seawater desalinazition that is capable of providing sustainable water within the needed timeframe is unlikely.

The Nueces River Authority supports the development of seawater desalanization as a water supply strategy due to its abundance and sustainable qualities to meet all future water needs.

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Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC **Zip:** 78404

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Phone Number: (303) 521 8107

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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: DR. Abigail Cannon

EMAIL: abigail.l.cannon@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4224 OCEAN DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1206

PHONE: 4154127739

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

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Name: Teresa A Carrillo

Mailing Address: 730 Harrison St

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78404

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Public Comment

Tina G Carrillo as on front →

Please Do NOT issue this permit to the City of Corpus Christi.

The project is irresponsible in that

(1) No consideration of Endangered species
Yes, there are documented cases of manatee in the ~~Inner~~ Harbor (IH)
Must consider End Sp.

(2) the sediments of IH are Contaminated with heavy metals and dangerous hydrocarbons
Ship passage resuspend these materials. Dangerous

(3) Entrainment & entrapment must be considered
Brown Shrimp, white shrimp, fish larvae,

(4) Brine discharge is damaging / heavy, and will not mix w/ ambient marine waters?

(5) Full ESIS must be required

(6) IF you decide to issue the permit - must be discharge 50 miles offshore into Gulf

why are you not working w/ Shrimpers, Guides Assoc, Rec. Fishermen, Surfers and others?

Thank you

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Jonathan F Carpency

EMAIL: hamradioslither@gmail.com

COMPANY: ExxonMobil Chemical

ADDRESS: 616 MEMORIAL HEIGHTS DR
HOUSTON TX 77007-5985

PHONE: 8324631942

FAX:

COMMENTS: Having worked with the company pushing this project, with professional cohorts who have studied this project and its impact on the environment, and experience myself in desalination technologies, I vehemently disagree with the notion that this project should go forth as proposed. There is a NOTICABLE impact to salinity 50ft from the discharge location, something claimed which I do not agree with having studied desalination applications myself for 3 years in college as a chemical engineer for a research project. This application to the inner harbor should warrant further study and consider other discharge methods than the one proposed.

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Robin Carstensen

Mailing Address: 449 Claremore St. (C.C. TX 78412)

Physical Address (if different): ↓

City/State: C.C. TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: robincarstensen@gmail.com

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How I am differently impacted → the fish I eat + we eat will be contaminated.

We need an Environmental Impact study to show prevention of high salinity on Oyster Reefs, which feed our fish, birds, eco system.

What is my concern on the ↑ desalinated water being pumped back into a limited access reservoir — the proper, commensurate conditions of our bay have not been tested properly by an Independent Environmental Impact Study

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NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Community commments

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CHISPA TX

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Signature: Veronica Arreola

Printed Name: Veronica Arreola

Address: 629 Collingswood Dr 78412 CC Tx

Additional Comments:

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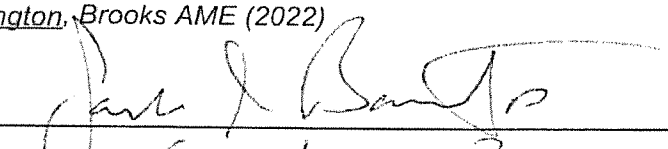
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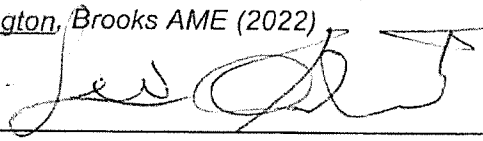
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Additional Comments: Preserve our Wildlife!

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PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

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Signature: Grace Marez

Printed Name: Grace Marez

Address: 1614 Brentwood

Additional Comments:

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Signature: JoAnn Beltran

Printed Name: JoAnn Beltran

Address: 4613 Blue Belle Ln CC 78416

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Signature: Goldie Wooten

Printed Name: Goldie Wooten

Address: 3038 Carver Dr, Corpus Christi, Tx 78405

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Signature: Marilena Garza

Printed Name: Marilena Garza

Address: 1008 Marguerite St. Corpus Christi Tx, 78401

Additional Comments:

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Signature: Frances Morey

Printed Name: Frances Morey

Address: 2033 18th St.

Additional Comments: Tourism is a growing industy!

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Signature: Laura Estrada

Printed Name: LAURA ESTRADA

Address: 434 Pennington CC TX 78412

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: NANCY VERA

Address: 4405 Carlton Corpus Christi, Tx. 78415

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Victoria Reyes

Address: 15637 Coralina Dr. Ce TX 78418

Additional Comments:

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Elisa Castillo

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 643

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Taft, TX **Zip:** 78390

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My main Concern is the amount of energy Desail requires; our grid could barely sustain the community as it is. I know our wildlife would be harmed if this permit is passed. If you all have any morales you all should not pass this permit.

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Name: MADELYN CHAPMAN

Mailing Address: 1617 Peabody Ave.

Physical Address (if different): —

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:15 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: lechildress@att.net <lechildress@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:52 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Lamar Childress

EMAIL: lechildress@att.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5910 CROOKED CREEK DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-2508

PHONE: 3617398522

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Name: Destiny Clay

Mailing Address: 1773 Ennis Joslin Apt 3107

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi Tx **Zip:** 78412

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Email: _____

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When I moved here the Comment I got that pushed me was the Community. Since I have moved here I have come to love the culture and the beauty it brings.

My name is Destiny Clay, I want to Share that I Strongly disagree with the decision to completely Pollute our bay. The decision goes beyond your whole plan that you think will work. ~~Releasing these~~ Dumping this into the bay won't help it will destroy and ruin the beloved bay that this beautiful City is known for.

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Name: Kelli Coates

Mailing Address: 12 Maverick Trail

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: ~~Ingleside~~ Aransas, Texas **Zip:** 78336

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Name: Robyn Cobb

Mailing Address: 7032 Lake View Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi Tx **Zip:** 78412

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Email: racobber@gmail.com

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Re: City of Corpus Christi's proposed desalination permit - Inner Harbor

I oppose TCEQ permitting this facility as it is proposed. This is not a minor permit; the implications of building/operating this facility are major with regard to environmental impacts

1) - Where will the 51.5 mgd discharge dilution water come from? If the facility produces desalinated water, that water goes to industry (or to residents) then there has to be a water source to dilute the produced brines - what is that water source?

2) Does the City of CC propose to mix desalinated water with the rest of the City's water supply that goes to residences + to commercial use? If yes, how can they be sure that desalinated water does not contain any of the toxic + forever chemicals that are found in the Inner Harbor?

3) Just because the City decided to discharge within the Inner Harbor because its the cheapest location does not mean that this is an environmentally sound plan. A lot of evidence, good, solid, scientific exists to show the harmful effects of doing this.

4) If industry is the beneficiary of this proposed facility - which industry is paying for it?

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Jeremy L. Coleman

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** _____

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Email: connect@naacpcctx.com

Phone Number: (361) 884 8541

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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EMAIL: naacp.cctx@gmail.com

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ADDRESS: PO BOX 60715
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: DR. Edgar Cortes

EMAIL: elcid11111@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 27 CAMDEN PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2612

PHONE: 3612154376

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear Commissioners and Staff As a resident of Corpus Christi and pediatrician in Corpus Christi for the past 51 years, I strongly support permit number WQ0005289000. I value our Corpus Christi Bay and Nueces Bay as well as the need for a more viable long term water plan for out entire Coastal Bend Region. I believe that this water permit for a desalination facility will help the families and industry of our community and have minimal impact on our bays. Our city staff has worked hard to develop a desalination initiative that will be environmentally responsible and will provide for the security of our water supply for the future. I respectfully encourage the TCEQ to approve and issue the TPDES permit for the city's Inner Harbor facility as expeditiously as possible. Our community needs a dependable source of water and this permit will point the way to the water security of our entire Coastal Bend Region. Thank you for your consideration. Edgar L. Cortes, MD.

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April 18, 2024

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Name: Alé Cotera

Mailing Address: 1701 Ennis Joslin Rd. Apt 921

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, Texas **Zip:** 78412

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Email: alecotaix@gmail.com

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To Whom it may Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant's TPDES Permit to discharge waste into Nueces and Corpus Christi bays.

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I am concerned that the discharge from the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant will utterly destroy in its degradation of our bay beyond fishable 1/3 swimmable quality. I disagree that dumping millions of gallons of brine from the Inner Harbor plant and its waste that will be discharged will impede the economic development of local businesses that rely on the bay's current water quality. In addition to the negative ecological impact this waste will have on Nueces and Corpus Christi bays, at the very least, I believe that the proposed location of the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant should be reconsiderd. The chosen site is too close to a residential neighborhood. The permitting of this plant should be placed on hold until the Title VI Complaint against the city for environmental racism is solved.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 11:37 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Virginia Cross

EMAIL: ginnygunderson@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1910 PERCIVAL AVE
ROCKPORT TX 78382-3434

PHONE: 2022465540

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of Aransas County, who is dependent on the City of Corpus Christi for water, I support seawater desalination as a drought-proof source of water that will benefit our entire region. Please approve the necessary permits.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 4:48 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Comments from Community Members

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Angelica T. Cuevas

Address: PO, Box 583

City, State, TX: Gregory TX, 78359

Additional Comments:

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Arturo Lima JR.

Address: 317 Peoplo St.

Additional Comments:

Good stuff!

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Lydia DE LA Rosa

Address: P. O. Box - 353

City, State, TX: Gregory, Texas 78359

Additional Comments:

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Signature: Eli

Printed Name: Eli McKay

Address: 1008 Marguerite St.

Additional Comments:

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Signature: Shirley Rascon

Printed Name: Shirley Rascon

Address: 914 Nandina Drive - 78408 (Corpus Christi, Tx)

Additional Comments:

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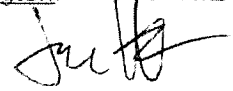
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Printed Name: Jason Hale

Address: 4421 Hamlin Dr

Additional Comments:

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Leandra Marie Sanchez

Address: 2205 Alcalde De La Bahia

City, State, TX: Goliad Texas

Additional Comments:
Your poisoning our water. and the future of our Children.

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Name (Printed): Dorothy Peña

Address: 2114 Meadowpass Drive

City, State, TX: Corpus Christi, TX

Additional Comments:

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Maria Fernandez

Address: PO Box 628

City, State, TX: Gregory TX 78359

Additional Comments: Need more information

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Genovevia Labenza

Address: Box 408

City, State, TX: Gregory, TX 78359

Additional Comments:

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Name: Jose Cruz

Mailing Address: 606 Ralston Ave

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78404

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Email: josemjcruz9175@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 799-9293

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Name: MIKE CULBERSON

Mailing Address: 3006 MOORE AVE #2

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: PORTLAND, TX **Zip:** 78374

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Mike Culbertson

EMAIL: mculbertson@ccredc.com

COMPANY: Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation

ADDRESS: 800 N SHORELINE BLVD Suite 1300 South
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78401-3700

PHONE: 3618827448

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support this application. We represent four taxing entities and over 130 manufacturers in the Coastal Bend. The need for a drought proof water supply is dire for south Texas and other water providers will certainly be looking for this type of water source. I believe that the city's application will be found to be be complete and environmentally sound. I urge the TCEQ to approve this permit. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Dr. Jaclyn Curry

Mailing Address: 8 Virginia Hills Drive

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78414

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Email: jaclyn.n.curry@exxonmobil.com

Phone Number: (630) 297 5330

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 12:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: jaclyncurry11@gmail.com <jaclyncurry11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 7:27 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: DR. Jaclyn Curry

EMAIL: jaclyncurry11@gmail.com

COMPANY: GCGV

ADDRESS: 8 VIRGINIA HILLS DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-4073

PHONE: 6302975330

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am in support of the City's efforts to build a desalination facility.

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Austin, Texas 78711-3087

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Chief Clerk,
I find it hard to believe you don't believe how the Desalination plant will destroy our water + kill all sea life with the salt it's our Aquifer. Not real big we need Water we can drink it from other ways!
Concerned Resident

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: LEO DAHLBECK

Mailing Address: POBOX 6634 CC TX

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78466

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: barber-06.buggy@icloud.com <barber-06.buggy@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:01 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Aubrey Dauria

EMAIL: barber-06.buggy@icloud.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2921 AIRLINE RD Apt 426
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-3483

PHONE: 2145000304

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am originally from Dallas, Texas, where the tap water is drinkable. I now live in Corpus Christi, as I have for a few years, and the water quality here is horrendous. I filter our water twice using the best filters available, and it is still testing with a TDS greater than 490 after the double filtration using new filters. If you know anything about Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), 300-500 is considered poor water that is not good for drinking. 500+ (where our water is AFTER DOUBLE FILTRATION) is considered the MAXIMUM RECOMENDED LEVEL ESTABLISHED BY THE Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of the United States. A lot of the time, our water is 500+ when I test it after double filtration. I maintain all of our filters according to the instructions (e.g. allow fresh, filtered, distilled water to pour through the filters before use) and replace them according to the instructions. I am also a laboratory scientist, and understand/actively use the appropriate methods for verifying my tests, including when I test our water with the TDS. This is purely unacceptable. Water is the most basic need of humans, and our city is providing the worst possible. It makes you wonder if they WANT us to drink bad water and suffer the consequences associated with such, especially after hearing about how they plan to use desalination. Our water is practically undrinkable, even with the best filters money can buy. I am lucky enough to afford filters, but not all are capable of this. IT IS ABSOLUTELY DISGRACEFUL that the industries are trying to capitalize off desalination and at the expense of already marginalized communities. We need to focus on fixing our drinkable water, FOR THE MUNICIPALITIES, and fixing our environment, not making it worse so the already rich can financially gain even more at others expense. I am ashamed of Corpus Christi and its representatives for allowing this to even be considered. I will continue to spread word of this until something is done. Shame on you!

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:23 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: kenny.davenport@vectorcag.com <kenny.davenport@vectorcag.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:07 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Kenneth Davenport

EMAIL: kenny.davenport@vectorcag.com

COMPANY: Vector Controls and Automation Group

ADDRESS: 7838 ELK DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-5967

PHONE: 3614466034

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, I am a resident of Corpus Christi. I support this project and encourage the issuance of the permit by TCEQ. Corpus needs a new water supply in our drought prone region, and I believe this city can operate such a facility in an environmentally responsible manner. Thank you.

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Molly Davis

Mailing Address: 4025 Markins Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78411

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Email: mollygreenhamdavis2@gmail.com

Phone Number: (936) 333-8547

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TCEQ,

My name is Molly Davis & I am a community member of Corpus Christi, Texas. I am a student at TAMUCC & I am actively against desalination in our bay.

This permit would allow dumping of brine into our CLOSED bay, destroying ecosystems due to skyrocketing salidity. Our bay & our taxpayers do not need this, nor do we want it. The reason our city is seeking water is for industry, not the people. I know this is not your concern, but it concerns the livelihood of our people & our environment.

Please deny this permit. Do your work & serve in the intrest of our environment.

Sincerely,

Molly

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Omar Davis

EMAIL: Oddavis777@gmail.com

COMPANY: Crashabell

ADDRESS: 5422 HOLLY RD
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-4635

PHONE: 3473839240

FAX:

COMMENTS: My concern is that the model itself that is agenda based. The wording is strategic and carefully using purposefully hides other factors that can have a drastic affect on the community and the environment. What is most insulting to the people of corpus is that it has been state that the jobs and city will thrive and grow from this desal plant. And the people of corpus will be the focus of this plant. Based on the Model the water is specifically for big industry and monetary gain. Not for the people! Not only have you pushed a group of people out (African American community). The wording all are choosing to use is more of a slight of hand or smoke and mirrors. Lastly, why are the residents of Nueces County paying for more per gallon and those using the majority are paying 4 dollars less that it's residence? I do not truly believe that those standing for this is not for the people. But I believe you all are smart enough to look and find a better solution. Prove to us that our leaders are conscious and as brilliant as we need you to be. You can find a better solution. Unless it's about money!

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From: Hercermer@msn.com <Hercermer@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2020 9:46 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Matthew Thomas De La Rosa

E-MAIL: Hercermer@msn.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 717 W A AVE
KINGSVILLE TX 78363-3651

PHONE: 9563831936

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating that any

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Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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Vincent Redondo

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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: auntiekim@sbcglobal.net <auntiekim@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:24 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Kim Dees

EMAIL: auntiekim@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4221 NOLFORD PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-3828

PHONE: 3615857589

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:15 PM
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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 4:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: DR. Jiangang "Daniel" Deng

EMAIL: climber1241@GMAIL.COM

COMPANY: City of Corpus Christi

ADDRESS: 7741 LOVAIN DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-6161

PHONE: 3614461560

FAX:

COMMENTS: I strongly support the Seawater Desalination project at the Inner Harbor of the City of Corpus Christi. I have been living in the Corpus Christi since 2013. We need water!!

Ellie Guerra

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Michael Dole

EMAIL: michael.dole@dchstx.org

COMPANY: Driscoll Children's Hospital

ADDRESS: 3533 S ALAMEDA ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1721

PHONE: 3618002491

FAX:

COMMENTS: Driscoll Children's Hospital favorably supports the approval of TCEQ permit WQ0005289000. Water is critically important to healthcare facilities like Driscoll for sterilization, sanitation, and appropriate patient care. The plant when approved assures a water source in the future and ensure Driscoll has access to the necessary resources needed to provide live saving services for our community.

Misty Botello

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:45 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Jeff Donaldson

EMAIL: luxethemescapes@gmail.com

COMPANY: Luxembourg Environmental

ADDRESS: 5901 OCEAN DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2851

PHONE: 3615330331

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a marine biologist with 58 years of experience studying the Corpus Christi Bay, I am deeply concerned about the potential impact of brine waste on this delicate ecosystem. This proposed action has the potential to cause irreparable harm. Corpus Christi is already facing environmental challenges, and this additional stressor could lead to the collapse of both the ecosystem and the human community that depends on it. It is crucial that we consider the long-term consequences of such actions on both marine life and human sustainability or both will perish from this area.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 12:48 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Shannon Dougherty

EMAIL: doughertyshannon2@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 7321 RIDGE CREEK DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-5076

PHONE: 3618089417

FAX:

COMMENTS: Thanks for giving me the opportunity to share my opinion. I hope that TCEQ will deny the permit for the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant for three reasons. Desalination plants aren't needed to supply Corpus Christi residents with water--we have enough. The need for these plants is mainly to supply corporations with the huge amounts of water they need to operate. Not only do these corporations use up more than their share of water, they pollute the air and ocean and don't pay for cleanup. Corporations such as Exxon don't pay enough taxes or create enough jobs to justify their presence in the Coastal Bend, and now with desal they are about to cause residents' water bills to go up. We don't need desal, corporations do, and they should pay for it if it's going to happen. Furthermore, desalination plants will discharge polluted water into our bay--pollutants that aren't going to be washed back out to sea and may remain permanently. We risk losing the bay as a recreational and tourist attraction. The apparatus that is going to draw in water to be processed may damage the environment of the bay, too, as it pulls in seaweed and bay creatures that contribute to the health of the water. No one really knows if this project is going to work. It hasn't been done before. In addition, desalination plants will be the final blow to the Hillcrest neighborhood, whose history and neighborly relationships have been destroyed by the building of the new Harbor Bridge. Finally, I'm not an activist or a scientist, but I live in this city and care about its air, water, and survival as a birdy city, a tourist destination, and a quality place to live. There are others who not only don't want water bills to rise, but also enjoy Corpus Christi's water and wildlife activities. In the last mayoral election we had no choice about desal--both candidates were for it. Please put the issue to a regional vote and deny the permit for the Inner Harbor desalination plant.

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April 18, 2024

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Name: Tom Ellis

Mailing Address: 160 County Road 262

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Georgetown, Tx **Zip:** 78633

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Email: Tom.Ellis@Ferguson.com

Phone Number: (512) 635-1865

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I think this is a great Project for Both the City & the State of Texas.

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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 4:39 PM
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Tammy Embrey

EMAIL: tammyembrey98@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3909 PRISCILLA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-5630

PHONE: 9795256133

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of the City of Corpus Christi, I urge the TCEQ to grant the permit for the City of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Years of careful consideration and research has led the City's efforts to develop a drought resistant water supply for the Coastal Bend Region and it is time to move forward with this necessary project. Our region continues to grow and this project will give more diversification and reliability to the region's water portfolio. Sincerely, Tammy Embrey

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 7:22 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: erikolav@yahoo.com <erikolav@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 21, 2024 12:58 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Erick Engen

EMAIL: erikolav@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 2
CORP CHRISTI TX 78403-0002

PHONE: 2146954170

FAX:

COMMENTS: DeSal discharge into the inner bay would be disastrous for the marine environment ecosystem, negatively impact tourism and devastate inner-bay fishing. Some "Sparking City by the Bay" If Industry needs water then they can pay for it and discharge the brine out in the Gulf where it can be more safely absorbed by a greater body of water.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:46 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: melbell76@mail.com <melbell76@mail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 7:08 PM
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Melanie Estes

EMAIL: melbell76@mail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 10
SAN DIEGO TX 78384-0010

PHONE: 8173069553

FAX:

COMMENTS: Desalination is not the answer. Putting extra salt back into the bay is unacceptable and will be detrimental to Marine life.

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Name: Ammon Eubanks

Mailing Address: 1110 Sealane Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: ammoneubanks@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 371-9012

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I support desal and approval of the permit

Level 3 water restrictions are forecast to be coming to town this summer — we need a reliable water source! We live in a drought-prone region

A vibrant, growing community need jobs, yes, including industry — we need high quality jobs, industry needs water

We also need clean air and water, but it's easy to oppose solutions to problems when you accept no responsibility for solving difficult scenarios

I don't think desal is perfect, I do believe it to be the best solution to the potentially catastrophic problem of running out of water

We need a new water supply, all of us, even the protesting mob.

Please approve the permit

- Ammon Eubanks

Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: eric.evans@hcahealthcare.com <eric.evans@hcahealthcare.com>
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Eric Evans

EMAIL: eric.evans@hcahealthcare.com

COMPANY: Corpus Christi Medical Center

ADDRESS: 3315 S ALAMEDA ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1820

PHONE: 3617611701

FAX:

COMMENTS: As the CEO of a major medical center serving Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend, I am keenly aware of the need for water. This comment is submitted in support of the application of the City of Corpus Christi for a TPDES discharge permit (number WQ0005289000). Potable water is absolutely essential for the health, safety and economic vitality of our region, and our region needs additional water including a drought-proof source of water. The City has been very forthcoming providing the public information on all aspects of the effort to develop seawater desalination as a new water source. Their care and diligence in the development of this project, including extensive field data collection and analysis and state of the art technologies in the discharge, process is documented. Not only will this new plant provide additional water, but it will also add needed redundancy to the treatment system. Weather issues during Uril disrupted treatment at the city's only water treatment facility which resulted in our facilities having to truck water in to continue critical activities. I also serve on various community boards working hard to see business expansion and retention in our region. We regularly vet projects that require substantial amounts of water many of which are part of the new "green economy." Given the needs and the approach for plant operations and discharge, I encourage the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue the requested discharge permit. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Name: Francisco Falcon

Mailing Address: 1808 Bay Landing Drive

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Portland, TX **Zip:** 78374

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (361) 246 9688

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Francisco Falcon

EMAIL: paco.falcon.pf@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1808 BAY LANDING DR
PORTLAND TX 78374-2632

PHONE: 2612469688

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am pro desal with discharge in inner harbor. Improves reliable water supply for the community and stimulates local economy by creating jobs. Jobs for the project and jobs with industry expansion.

Misty Botello

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Alex Flucke

EMAIL: alexandra@tfn.org

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 729 SAM ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2947

PHONE: 9204618241

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: mandaford417@gmail.com <mandaford417@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 5:30 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Amanda Ford

EMAIL: mandaford417@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 9211 MARE COUNTRY
SAN ANTONIO TX 78254-6181

PHONE: 2103261518

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: naboowookie@yahoo.com <naboowookie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 11:38 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Christopher Forrest

EMAIL: naboowookie@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 7114 GRAPE ARBOR DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-6234

PHONE: 3615480915

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Name: Art Francis

Mailing Address: 449 Coral Place

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78411

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Email: 32005keeter@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 500 2612

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:41 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

PM

From: christopher.frazier@tamucc.edu <christopher.frazier@tamucc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 8:17 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Christopher Frazier

E-MAIL: christopher.frazier@tamucc.edu

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1802 ENNIS JOSLIN RD Apt 6311
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-4338

PHONE: 2695012151

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating that any

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:46 PM
To: christopher.frazier@tamucc.edu
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

A copy of your email will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list for this application. After the opportunity to submit comments ends, a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments will be mailed to you. If a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a hard copy of the public meeting notice in the mail.

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Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Christopher Frazier

E-MAIL: christopher.frazier@tamucc.edu

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1802 ENNIS JOSLIN RD Apt 6311
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-4338

PHONE: 2695012151

FAX:

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
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Address: 1908 Willow st

City, State, TX: Austin TX 78702

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Name (Printed): AUSTIN LUNDY

Address: 1621 SPADRE ISLAND DR

City, State, TX: CORPUS, TX 78418

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Address: 1601 E Slaughter In apt 512

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Address: 3225 Ivanna Dr. C.C. Tx. 78414

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Address: 1141 FDR Drive Apt. 13H New York NY 10009

City, State, TX: New York

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Name (Printed): ISMAEL FIGUEREDO

Address: 8403 Birmingham Dr

City, State, TX: Austin Texas

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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:24 PM
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Daisy Fuentes

EMAIL: fuentesdaisy50@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3642 CURTISS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78405-2814

PHONE: 3616875709

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, please consider moving the discharge permit for the Inner Harbor forward. The drought conditions in Texas and globally are getting worse every season. Without a desalination plant in Corpus Christi, the drought conditions will only exacerbate our growing water supply for all. Water is essential for life.

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EMAIL: gloriangelia72@gmail.com

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ADDRESS: 2449 GOLDSTAR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-2944

PHONE: 3616883755

FAX:

COMMENTS: as a resident of Corpus Christi, I support seawater desalinization as a drought-proof source of water that will benefit our entire region. Please approve the necessary permits!

CITY OF KINGSVILLE

P.O. BOX 1458 - KINGSVILLE, TEXAS 78364

March 20, 2024

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Applicant Name: City of Corpus Christi
Comment Due Date: at close of meeting with date not yet determined but can be submitted now
Comment submission information (can be mailed or submitted at public meeting verbally or both):
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
TCEQ
12100 Park 35 Circle Bldg. 7
Austin, Tx 78753

Applicant Name: City of Corpus Christi\

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We encourage the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to consider positively the permit referenced above.

Sincerely yours,

Sam R. Fugate

Mayor Sam R. Fugate
City of Kingsville

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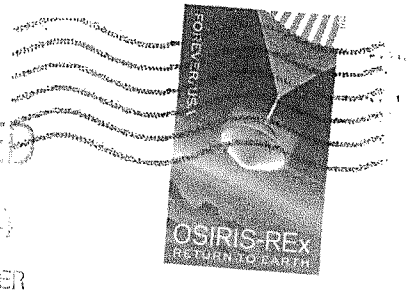
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COMMENTS: I oppose TCEQ issuance of this permit to the City of Corpus Christi that will allow brine discharge into a poorly circulated industrial ditch at the far westerly point of Corpus Christi Bay. No desalination intake or discharge should be allowed in a bay, especially one that takes 1.4 years to fully circulate out with the Gulf of Mexico. There is a reason for the approved and adopted guidance Marine Seawater Desalination Diversion and Discharge Zones Study. Though the TCEQ gives the excuse that the adopted guidance is for Expedited permitting, it needs to be the standard for all proposed desalination facilities on the Texas Gulf Coast. Salinity continues to increase in the Corpus Christi/Nueces bay system and it is just ludicrous to discharge concentrated brine in massive quantity directly in the bay without dilution and not expect increasing salinity at a faster rate. TCEQ does very poor review and modeling as reflected in 2 contested case hearings on the Port of Corpus Christi's application WQ0005253000. Should this permit be issued, at the minimum the additional requirements required by the ALJs for WQ0005253000 must be part of this application or any stupid permit that would discharge into our bay system. Additionally, the City of Corpus Christi needs to be required to dilute the effluent before discharge into inner harbor. Why is TCEQ sitting on its ass and not even making that recommendation? Do you jobs and protect the environment and marine life. Salinity of less than 2 PPT above ambient at the edge of the ZID must be required. Actual physical water sampling at the ZID must also be required (as ALJs required for POCCA permit).Finally, there is not any discussion nor is algae blooms like red or brown tide addressed. Red tide thrives at high salinity and has devastating effects to marine, human and animal life. The permit must define operation procedures during these type of algae blooms. In the end, we know the bays are already salinity stressed and this permit will only add to the stress. This permit should be denied. Thank you.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

An assessment of trends in the frequency and duration of *Karenia brevis* red tide blooms on the South Texas coast (western Gulf of Mexico)

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Abstract

Limited data coverage on harmful algal blooms (HABs) in some regions makes assessment of long-term trends difficult, and also impedes understanding of bloom ecology. Here, observations reported in a local newspaper were combined with cell count and environmental data from resource management agencies to assess trends in *Karenia brevis* "red tide" frequency and duration in the Nueces Estuary (Texas) and adjacent coastal waters, and to determine relationships with environmental factors. Based on these analyses, the Coastal Bend region of the Texas coast has experienced a significant increase in the frequency of red tide blooms since the mid-1990s. Salinity was positively correlated with red tide occurrence in the Nueces Estuary, and a documented long-term increase in salinity of the Nueces Estuary may be a major factor in the long-term increase in bloom frequency. This suggests that freshwater inflow management efforts in Texas should consider impacts on red tide habitat suitability (i.e., salinity regime) in downstream estuaries. Natural climate variability such as the El Niño-Southern Oscillation, which is strongly related to rainfall and salinity in Central and South Texas, was also an influential predictor of red tide presence/absence. Though no significant change in the duration of blooms was detected, there was a negative correlation between duration and temperature. Specifically, summer-like temperatures were not favorable to *K. brevis* bloom development. The relationships found here between red tide frequency/duration and environmental drivers present a new avenue of research that will aid in refining monitoring and forecasting efforts for red tides on the Texas coast and elsewhere. Findings also highlight the importance of factors (i.e., salinity, temperature) that are likely to be altered in the future due to both population growth in coastal watersheds and anthropogenic climate change.

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1. Introduction

Red tides formed by the marine dinoflagellate *Karenia brevis* have affected Gulf of Mexico coastlines for centuries [1, 2], typically during late summer-fall. The most notable effects are fish kills, shellfisheries closures, marine mammal and seabird mortality, and respiratory and digestive distress in humans [3–5]. In the United States, the West Florida and Texas coastlines are most commonly affected, with Florida historically suffering the most damage [1, 5–7]. An analysis of trends in *K. brevis* red tide occurrence was conducted for Florida coastal waters and indicated that frequency of occurrence, intensity, and duration were higher in the years 1994–2002 compared to 1954–1963 [2]. Magaña et al. [1] reported that the frequency of red tides on the Texas coast increased over the period of 1996–2000 compared to earlier years. In both instances, availability of historical data limited the scope of inferences that could be drawn from study findings [8–10].

Eutrophication is often cited as the cause of increases in harmful algal blooms (HABs) globally [11–13]. In the case of *K. brevis* however, its ability to use nutrients from a wide variety of sources has called into question the role of eutrophication as the main factor causing increased bloom frequency and intensity [10, 14]. In Florida for example, studies suggest that a complex suite of environmental conditions determine bloom formation. Briefly, downwelling conditions followed by upwelling concentrates *K. brevis* and subsequently transports it shoreward [6, 15, 16]. During transport, *K. brevis* is thought to acquire nutrients from sediment porewater (directly or via benthic flux), zooplankton excretions, bacterial remineralization, upwelled deep-water nutrients, and "leaky" *Trichodesmium* blooms in an otherwise oligotrophic environment [9, 10, 14]. It is only in the nearshore and estuarine environments where blooms come into contact with relatively high nutrient waters [9, 10, 14].

In Texas, physical concentration and advection of cells is also important in the initiation of red tides. Recent modeling work suggests a southern origin of red tides and a general transport pattern of: 1) summer upcoast winds carry seed populations from the southern Gulf of Mexico to the Texas coast, and 2) a switch to downcoast winds from summer to fall that produce Ekman transport towards the coast, delivering *K. brevis* to the near-shore environment [17–19]. Though physical mechanisms are critical in the development/transport of *K. brevis* in West Florida and Texas blooms, environmental conditions in coastal waters must also be suitable. Field and laboratory studies have consistently demonstrated strong relationships between *K. brevis* and salinity and temperature, with higher salinities (20–40) and low to moderate temperatures (7˚C—32˚C) related to greater *K. brevis* success [14, 20, 21]. Blooms in Texas are frequently transported into estuaries [22], and there is also anecdotal evidence of blooms developing within the estuary as opposed to coastal waters [23]. Unfortunately, there have been no studies to date on *K. brevis* population dynamics in Texas estuaries. Additionally, despite occurrences of *K. brevis* red tides in Florida estuaries on the Gulf and Atlantic Coasts [24–28], few have addressed questions regarding *K. brevis* ecology in an estuarine setting [20, 29, 30], highlighting a critical gap in our knowledge.

A major challenge for assessing trends in the environmental sciences is the lack of long-term data [13, 31]. Nonetheless, since the early 2000's significant advances have been made by utilizing non-traditional data sources, resulting in emergence of a new field, marine historical ecology [32, 33]. Successful case studies have used newspaper articles, diaries, correspondence, photographs, and maps to reconstruct historical fisheries populations and ranges, assess loss of historical ecosystem services, and set ecosystem restoration targets [32, 33]. Here we combined information on red tide occurrences from local news articles with cell count data from resource management agencies to assess long-term trends in red tide frequency and duration in the Nueces Estuary (Texas) and adjacent coastal waters. The goals of this study were to: 1)

extend the temporal record of red tides in a portion of the Texas Coastal Bend using validated newspaper accounts, 2) quantitatively assess trends in red tide frequency in a data poor region (estuarine/nearshore waters of the South Texas coast) and environmental factors associated with red tide occurrence, and 3) use these data to increase understanding of *K. brevis* red tide dynamics in an estuarine setting. This is important because estuaries of the South-Central Texas coast are undergoing significant environmental change due to rapid population growth and climate change [34]. Furthermore, climate scenarios suggest that the region will become hotter and drier in the future [35, 36]. Results from this study offer insight into the utility of non-traditional data for detection of long-term trends and red tide population dynamics in a data poor region (Texas coast). Additionally, these results can be used to inform monitoring programs, improve predictive capabilities, and to develop targeted studies to address key questions regarding *K. brevis* ecology.

2. Materials and methods

Daily newspaper articles from *Corpus Christi Caller Times* from 1955 through 2016 were obtained and read for relevant articles on red tide. Information from the newspaper articles was then aggregated into yearly presence/absence and duration (days) datasets for each of two segments, the Nueces Estuary and the coastal zone from Port O'Connor to Land Cut (Fig 1).

In cases when a single red tide spanned two calendar years, its presence and total duration would only be recorded in the first year. For example, if a bloom began in September of Year 1 and ended in January of Year 2 the total duration in days across both years was recorded as the duration for year 1.

Cell counts of *K. brevis* were obtained from the NOAA repository (2005–2013; https://data.nodc.noaa.gov) [37] and the Texas Department of Health Division of Seafood Safety (1996–2016; TXHD). Each cell count record was converted to categorical presence/absence. A comparison between the newspaper and agency presence/absence and duration data was conducted using three cell count thresholds from the agency data: 5,000 cells L^{-1} (shellfisheries closures), 10,000 cells L^{-1} (fish killing levels), and 100,000 cells L^{-1} (visual detection likely) [6, 20].

2.1 Accessory data collection

Bay-wide salinity and temperature data (monthly) were obtained from the Texas Parks & Wildlife trawl sampling dataset (S1 Table). Monthly climate indices for the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO), the Pacific Decadal Oscillation (PDO), and the North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) were accessed through NOAA's National Climatic Data Center (https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov). Daily meteorological data were also accessed through NOAA's National Climatic Data Center, using a weather station located at the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi (Fig 1). Average daily air temperature, precipitation, and wind speed were chosen as the variables of interest because of known linkages between these indicators and *K. brevis* [6, 9, 38]. Air temperature was used as a proxy for water temperature due to the relatively short and intermittent water temperature record (1995–1996; 2006-present) available for the study area. Air and water temperature showed a strong linear relationship, though at air temperature <15˚C the relationship was not as strong (S1 Fig). However, these cooler temperatures are outside the typical seasonal window for *K. brevis* in Texas.

2.2 Statistical analysis

The following analyses were conducted in R v 3.6.2. The associated code can be found in the GRIID-C data repository at http://doi.org/10.7266/7VRN6BXA.

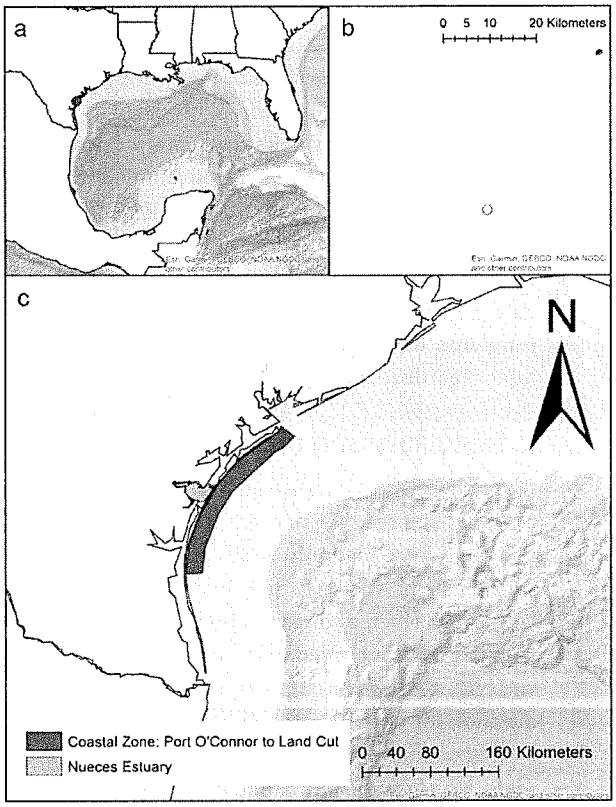


Fig 1. Map of study areas on Texas Gulf of Mexico coastline. (A) location of Nueces Estuary in the Gulf of Mexico (red circle), (B) zoomed in view of the Nueces Estuary and the location of Naval Air Station Corpus Christi (yellow circle), and (C) location of the Nueces Estuary relative to the adjacent coastal zone. The coastal zone segment (purple) extends from the Land Cut in the south to Port O'Connor in the north.

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2.2.1 Trends in bloom presence/absence & relationship with environmental factors. Logistic regression (LogisticDx v 0.2) [39] was used to explore trends in red tide occurrence, and relationships with environmental variables. Year was used as the sole explanatory variable to assess changes in the frequency of red tide occurrence for the Nueces Estuary and adjacent Coastal Zone. To better understand any changes detected with the year-only logistic regression, non-parametric change point detection was performed using Pettitt's Test for both locations (trend v. 1.2.2) [40, 41]. Yearly averages of ENSO, NAO, PDO, and fall (Aug-Nov) averages of water temperature and salinity were used, in addition to year, to assess the influence of environmental variability on red tide occurrence in the Nueces Estuary and the Coastal Zone. No collinearity was detected among the regressors, and all variables were used in creation of the initial full model. Dredge and a summary of model averages (MuMIn v 1.43.6) [42] were used to determine the importance of each explanatory variable and the best models were built. The models were compared for relative quality using Akaike's Information Criterion (AICc) and assessed for goodness of fit using the Hosmer-Lemeshow test (LogisticDx v 0.2) [39]. The year-only and final explanatory models were compared to the null model (only presence/absence and the intercept included) as a final check for model suitability. Nagelkerke pseudo R^2 values (pscl v 1.5.2) [43] were also calculated to assess the variability explained by each of the models and can be interpreted similarly to a traditional R^2 value [44, 45]. Finally, the odds ratios for each variable in the year-only and final explanatory model were calculated

to aid in the interpretation of the influence of each variable. For the year-only model, the odds ratio is interpreted as the probability of a red tide occurring for each step forward in time, e.g. an odds ratio of 1.17 indicates that there is a 17% increase in the probability of a red tide occurring with each passing year. For the explanatory models, the odds ratio is not interpreted in the same way due to differing scales among the explanatory variables, optimum temperature and salinity ranges of red tide growth/survival, and the multivariate nature of the models. Instead, the odds ratios are presented in the results section as a metric to aid in the full appreciation of the model output. For multivariate models, the odds ratio is interpreted as the likelihood of a red tide occurring due to a change in one variable with all other variables held constant, e.g. an odds ratio of 1.17 for variable a indicates that, with all else held constant, there is a 17% increase in the probability of a red tide occurring with each 1 unit increase in variable a. If model fit, pseudo R^2, AICc, and/or comparison to the null model was not acceptable, the analysis concluded with the year-only model.

2.2.2 Trends in bloom duration & relationship with environmental factors. Linear regression was used to explore trends in *K. brevis* red tide duration in the Nueces Estuary and adjacent Coastal Zone with year as the only explanatory variable. To explore relationships between environmental parameters and red tide duration, models with water temperature, salinity, NAO, PDO, and ENSO (described in section 2.1) were used to create an initial full linear regression model. Dredge and a summary of model averages (MuMIn v 1.43.6) [42] were used to determine the importance of each explanatory variable and the best models were built. The models were compared for relative quality using AICc and assessed for goodness of fit. The final model was compared to the null model (only duration and the intercept) as a check of model suitability. If model fit, pseudo R^2, AICc, and/or comparison to the null model was not acceptable, the analysis concluded with the year-only model.

2.2.3 Environmental conditions associated with bloom stages. In a given year, each day that red tide was present was assigned a "1" and a two-week (14 days) buffer of "0s" was assigned before the red tide was detected (as reported in news articles) and after detection ceased. These three periods were coded as before bloom (B), during bloom (D), and after bloom (A) stages. As a part of initial data exploration, ANOVAs were used to compare average daily air temperature, precipitation, and wind speed among the three bloom stages. To account for interannual variation and seasonal variation, year and month were included as random factors. A total of three datasets were used in the following analyses: the original daily presence/absence containing all three stages, daily presence/absence dataset containing only B and D stages, and daily presence/absence dataset containing only D and A stages. Following this, generalized linear mixed-effects logistic regression (lme4 v 1.1–20) [46] was used to model daily red tide presence/absence on the three datasets. Dredge and a summary of model averages (MuMIn v 1.43.6) [42] were used to determine the importance of each variable. The best models were built and compared for relative quality using AICc and assessed for goodness of fit. The final model chosen for each dataset was compared to the null model (only presence/absence and the intercept included) as a final check for model suitability. Additionally, Nagelkerke pseudo R^2 values were calculated for each of the three models to assess the variability explained.

3. Results

3.1 Validation of the *Corpus Christi Caller Times* dataset

Qualitative analysis of the newspaper and agency-derived cell count datasets provided evidence that the newspaper reports were a reliable source of information on the occurrence and duration of red tides in the Texas Coastal Bend. Beginning with the time frame covered by

NOAA (2005–2013) and/or TXHD (1996–2016) cell counts, there was near perfect corroboration of annual red tide occurrence reported in the newspaper (S2 Table). For the Nueces Estuary, there was one instance (2012) of a red tide being reported in the newspaper that was not in either of the agency records. The newspaper article describing the 2012 red tide does, however, quote Texas Parks and Wildlife scientists on the location of the red tide "drifting in Corpus Christi Bay through the Port Aransas Jetties" lending support to it being a real occurrence that was not documented by agency-based sampling. There were no instances of red tides reported in the agency record that were missed by the newspaper. In the Coastal Zone there were two instances (2000, 2012) of a red tide being reported in the newspaper that did not appear in the TXHD or NOAA records. The red tide occurrence in 2000 is, however, corroborated by a study by Cheng et al. [40], while the single day event reported in the coastal zone in September 2012 is from the same article mentioned above where observations were corroborated by state resource managers. There was also one instance of a red tide reported in the scientific record but not in the newspaper (2013) for the coastal zone during this time.

Prior to 1996, there is not a unified agency database for comparison. Five of the eight red tides that were reported in the newspaper to have occurred between 1955 and 1995 along the Texas coast were, however, captured in the literature (Table 1) [1, 22, 47–49].

Qualitative assessment of these articles suggests that reporters were generally aware of red tides. For example, in the newspaper articles prior to 1996, 11 articles describe a red tide occurring elsewhere, regardless of the state of red tides in Texas coastal waters. Furthermore, a majority (75%) of the articles prior to 1996 referenced interviews with local, state, and/or academic scientists, strengthening the veracity of the reports. The 25% that did not cite someone from the scientific community tended to consist of articles mentioning red tide in another context (e.g. tourism dollars lost, efforts to help the economy, town festivals). There were also two occasions when red tide reports indicated that the causative agent was an organism other than *K. brevis* and one occasion where discolored water was found to be an oil drilling fluid spill.

When comparing the duration data derived from the newspaper to the duration as derived from the NOAA and TXHD records at three abundance thresholds, it was apparent that the publishing cycle and/or the occurrence of other newsworthy events were not likely to limit reporting of red tides. In the Nueces Estuary at the 5,000 cells L^{-1} and 10,000 cells L^{-1} thresholds, the duration tended to be shorter based on newspaper articles than based on cell counts (46.46 ± 40.94 vs 65.83 ± 40.75 and 62.75 ± 38.43; S2 Table). When duration was compared using the 100,000 cells L^{-1} threshold, the duration was more similar between the two records (46.46 ± 40.94 vs 46.17 ± 32.90; S2 Table). This suggests that duration may be underestimated for the Nueces Estuary in the newspaper data at low cell abundances (<100,000 cells L^{-1}). In the Coastal Zone duration tended to be longer on average based on newspaper articles than based on cell counts at all thresholds compared (29.00 ± 21.29 vs 24.55 ± 31.79, 25.8 ± 31.82, 12.50 ± 24.53; S2 Table). In the Nueces Estuary, this may be indicative of remnant populations persisting in localized, poorly flushed regions of the estuary as has been hypothesized by others [23]. The duration estimates reported in newspapers may differ from those from agency-based data because of different response triggers. TXHD sampling efforts are initiated in response to red tide sightings and are concentrated in areas of shellfisheries whereas the NOAA dataset was a compilation of multiple sources [50], likely with different research objectives goals (i.e. toxin production, life cycle, ecophysiology). This is reflected by the fact that the NOAA dataset is more frequently the source of corroborating data in the Coastal Zone where TXHD is more frequently the corroborating source in the Nueces Estuary. Since agency-based sampling occurred in response to red tide sightings [50] the newspaper was likely to report a similar or earlier start date, as was observed in 7 out of 11 occurrences in Nueces Estuary and 6 out of 10

Table 1. Summary of *Corpus Christi Caller Times* articles addressing red tides. The start and end dates of blooms reported in articles is indicated for the Nueces Estuary and adjacent Coastal Zone. References for published work that corroborates occurrence of red tides prior to 1996 appear in the 'Notes' column along with other relevant information. NA is not applicable, NR is not reported.

Year	No. Articles	Region Affected	Start-Nueces	End-Nueces	Start-Coastal Zone	End-Coastal Zone	Notes
1955	1	Texas coast near Mexico border	NA	NA	NA	NA	Wilson and Ray [49]
1957	1	Tampico, Mexico	NA	NA	NA	NA	Discusses current diatom bloom in Coastal Bend and red tide work by US Fish and Wildlife Service
1963	2	West Florida	NA	NA	NA	NA	Discusses current scientific knowledge of red tides and previous occurrences in Texas in 1934, 1955, and 1874, the latter not authenticated.
1970	3	Nueces Estuary	7/6/1970	7/10/1970	NA	NA	
1972	2	Coastal Bend	NA	NA	10/25/1972	NR	Description of red tide in New England; Texas Parks and Wildlife data cited in Magaña et al [1]
1973	4	Coastal Bend	5/4/1973	5/4/1973	5/4/1973	5/4/1973	
1974	4	Mexico	NA	NA	NA	NA	Describes wind as potential factor for red tide to move north and work in Florida to predict red tides; Texas Parks and Wildlife data cited in Magaña et al [1]
1975	5	Nueces Estuary	8/6/1975	8/9/1975	NA	NA	Latter three articles describe other red tide on Upper Texas Coast not attributed to *K. brevis*
1980	2	Nueces and Lavaca-Colorado Estuaries	NA	NA	NA	NA	Describes discolored water and fish kills attributed to a chemical spill and an organism other than K. brevis, respectively
1986	71	Texas coast	10/8/1986	1/12/1987	9/7/1986	10/25/1986	Trebatoski [48]
1987	13	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Describes the effects of the red tide from the previous year and potential disaster relief funding
1988	2	Puget Sound, Washington, USA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Describes red tides in general, the 1986 red tide in Texas, and a red tide occurring in Puget Sound
1990	4	Mission Aransas Estuary	NA	NA	NA	NA	Buskey et al. [22]
1991	1	Lower Laguna Madre	NA	NA	NA	NA	Describes possible predatory mechanism for red tide control and a small persistent patch in a ship channel; Buskey et al. [22]
1996	21	Texas coast south of Galveston to Mexico border	9/28/1996	10/22/1996	9/12/1996	10/18/1996	
1997	11	Texas coast south of Galveston to Mexico border	9/25/1997	1/29/1998	9/18/1997	10/8/1997	
1998	2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Description of a red tide conference and potential effects of red tide on National Seashore visitor attendance
2000	12	Texas coast south of Galveston to Mexico border	9/21/2000	10/24/2000	9/24/2000	10/24/2000	Confirmed by Cheng et al. [47]
2001	2	Nueces Estuary	12/20/2001	1/22/2002	NA	NA	
2002	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	History of Corpus Christi that includes red tide of 1996
2005	8	Texas Coastal Bend and south	10/4/2005	12/19/2005	9/16/2005	9/16/2005	
2006	8	Texas Coastal Bend and south	10/2/2006	12/5/2006	10/3/2006	10/19/2006	
2009	15	Texas Coastal Bend and south	10/15/2009	12/31/2009	10/10/2009	12/19/2009	
2010	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Single article describing a *Dinophysis* bloom

(*Continued*)

Table 1. (Continued)

Year	No. Articles	Region Affected	Start-Nueces	End-Nueces	Start-Coastal Zone	End-Coastal Zone	Notes
2011	11	Texas Coast	10/7/2011	1/27/2012	10/7/2011	11/24/2011	
2012	4	Texas Coast	9/26/2012	9/26/2012	9/26/2012	9/26/2012	
2015	7	Texas Coast	10/2/2015	10/18/2015	9/6/2015	10/2/2015	Mentions co-occurring Trichodesmium bloom and how it may relate to red tide
2016	3	Texas Coastal Bend and south	9/10/2016	10/12/2016	9/7/2016	10/12/2016	Two articles earlier in the year mention previous red tides in another context

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Table 2. Summary information for the logistic regression of red tide occurrence vs year (year-only model) for each region.

Geographic Area	Estimate	Estimate Standard Error	95% Confidence Intervals	p-value	Odds Ratio	Nagelkerke Pseudo-R^2
Nueces Estuary	0.06	0.02	0.02, 0.10	0.003	1.06	0.24
Coastal Zone from Port O'Connor to Land Cut	0.07	0.02	0.02, 0.12	0.002	1.08	0.29

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in the Coastal Zone. The 2009 red tide provides an example of the effects of differing temporal and spatial sampling efforts. The duration derived from the TXHD record is longer than that derived from the NOAA dataset in the Nueces Estuary, but the reverse is true in the adjacent Coastal Zone (S2 Table).

3.2 Trends in bloom presence/absence

Results showed a statistically significant increase in the frequency of red tides for the Nueces Estuary and the Coastal Zone (Table 2). Explanation of the Odds Ratio and Nagelkerke pseudo R^2 value can be found in Methods section 2.2.1.

Additionally, Pettitt's test revealed a significant change in red tide frequency occurring around 1995 in the Nueces Estuary and the Coastal Zone (Table 3).

For the coastal zone segment, there were no explanatory models that performed better than the year-only model and the analysis concluded there. The explanatory model for the Nueces Estuary included salinity, ENSO, and NAO (Table 4). ENSO and NAO were negatively related to red tide occurrence while salinity was positively related, indicating that higher salinity,

Table 3. Results of change point analysis (Pettitt's Test), where $p \leq 0.5$ is significant.

Geographic Area	Time Point	K_T Statistic	p-value
Nueces Estuary	1995	387	0.049
Coastal Zone from Port O'Connor to Land Cut	1995	347	0.101

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Table 4. Results from final logistic regression model explaining red tide occurrence chosen for the Nueces Estuary.

Geographic Area	Explanatory Variables	Estimates	Estimate Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	Odds Ratio	Nagelkerke Pseudo-R^2
Nueces Estuary	ENSO	-1.52	0.91	-3.56, -0.11	0.22	0.50
	NAO	-3.54	1.58	-7.28, -0.83	0.03	
	salinity	0.54	0.24	0.17, 1.14	1.72	

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negative ENSO phase, and negative NAO phase are more likely to correspond with red tide presence. The models presented above met all quality controls.

3.3 Trends in bloom duration

The year-only linear regression models (year vs. red tide duration) for the Nueces Estuary and Coastal Zone were not significant, indicating that there was no change in red tide duration over time. The duration of red tides in the Nueces Estuary ranged from 1 to 127 days, with an average of 42 days and a median of 25 days. For the Coastal Zone segment, the duration of red tides ranged from 1 to 71 days, with an average and median of 24 days. For the Nueces Estuary, an explanatory model including temperature indicated a significant negative relationship between red tide duration and temperature (Fig 2). This model had an acceptable fit, was significantly different than the null model ($\alpha = 0.05$, $p = 0.03$), and had an R^2 of 0.34. For the Coastal Zone segment, there were no explanatory models that passed quality control.

3.4 Environmental conditions associated with bloom stages

For the full dataset with all stages, the final logistic regression model included average daily temperature and average daily wind speed with year and month as random factors. The model was significantly different than the null model ($\alpha = 0.01$, $p = < 0.001$) and had a Nagelkerke's pseudo R^2 of 0.46 (Table 5). The explanatory model for the dataset that included B and D stages had daily average temperature with year and month as random factors. The model was significantly different than the null model ($\alpha = 0.01$, $p = < 0.001$) and had a Nagelkerke's pseudo R^2 of 0.75. The explanatory model for the dataset with D and A stages included average daily wind speed with year and month as random factors. The model was significantly different than the null model ($\alpha = 0.01$, $p = < 0.001$) and had a Nagelkerke's pseudo R^2 of 0.64.

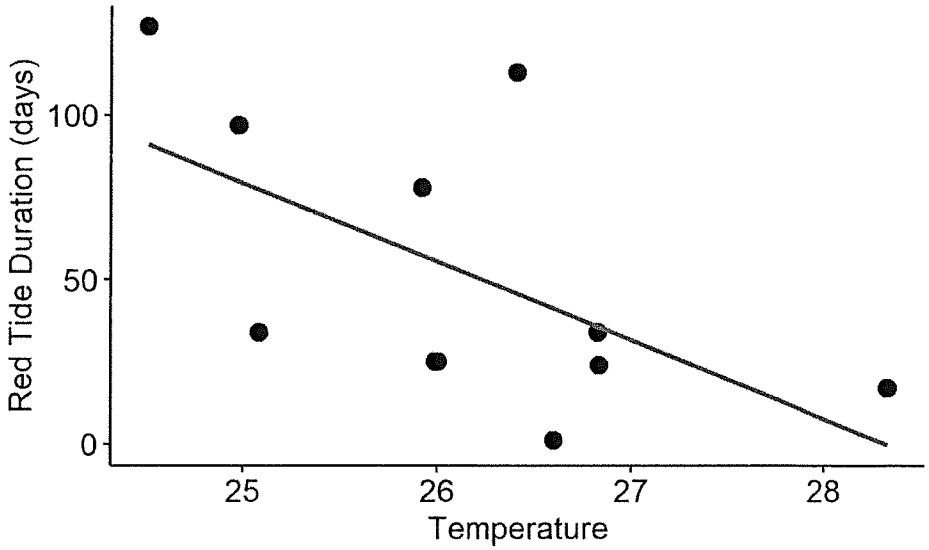


Fig 2. Red tide duration in the Nueces Estuary plotted against average fall temperatures (°C). Fall temperatures were calculated as the average of all temperatures recorded in the Texas Parks and Wildlife trawl dataset in the Nueces Estuary from August through November of each year (1982–2015). The red line represents the linear regression model fit.

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Table 5. Summary information for the final three logistic regression models chosen to explain daily presence/absence of *K. brevis* red tides in Nueces Estuary.

Dataset	Explanatory Variables	Estimates	Estimate Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval	Odds Ratio	Nagelkerke Pseudo-R^2
All Stages; B, D, A[a]	Temperature	-0.12	0.03	-0.19, -0.06	0.88	0.46
	Wind Speed	-0.12	0.07	-0.25, 0.01	0.89	
Stages B and D	Temperature	-0.52	0.09	-0.74, -0.34	0.59	0.75
Stages D and A	Wind Speed	-0.30	0.11	-0.53, -0.09	0.74	0.64

[a] Stage B indicates the period of 14 days before a red tide, D indicates the period of red tide presence, and A indicates the period of 14 days after a red tide.

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4. Discussion

HABs are influenced by human activity as well as natural climate oscillations and longer-term anthropogenic climate change [5, 13, 51]. One of the challenges in understanding long-term trends in a HAB of interest is the availability of data documenting its occurrence and duration, and that of key environmental drivers [13, 31]. The field of marine historical ecology has provided strong evidence for the use of non-traditional data sources in the assessment of historical conditions and trends [32, 33]. Here, datasets of red tide presence/absence and duration were generated using archived newspaper articles from the *Corpus Christi Caller Times*. Quantitative comparisons with modern (1996–2016) agency-based cell counts, as well as a qualitative assessment of the early record (1955–1996), provided ample support for the use of this source. A bias evident in many long-term datasets, especially those from non-traditional sources, is increased reporting due to increased awareness rather than true increases in the occurrence of events, HAB or otherwise. Articles from the early record (1955–1996) that referenced red tides from other geographical areas, listed warning signs and potential impacts of red tides, provided follow-up reports when discolored water was something other than *K. brevis*, and continued coverage on damages sustained during a previous red tide, are an indication of general awareness of red tides and interest in them by the news media. The advantages of using this non-traditional data source were two-fold: 1) it allowed for a quantitative assessment of trends in red tide occurrence from a data poor region (Texas coast, western Gulf of Mexico), and 2) it allowed us to identify climatological drivers (i.e. ENSO) as well as local environmental factors that are important for bloom initiation and demise in an estuarine setting, representing one of the first studies to do so.

The Nueces Estuary and adjacent Coastal Zone appear to have experienced a significant increase in the frequency of red tides between 1955 and 2016. In both locations, change point analysis indicated that the change from less to more frequent red tides occurred in approximately 1995. These findings agree with previous qualitative discussion of increases in red tide frequency in western Gulf of Mexico coastal waters [1, 23]. The assessment of the newspaper record leads us to conclude that these observed increases are not attributable to increased reporting in the recent record due to increased awareness. Five of the eight red tides reported in the newspaper prior to 1996 were corroborated by scientific publications and 75% of the articles written during this time referenced interviews with scientists suggesting consistent awareness of red tides among two time periods. This study examined the factors driving observed increases in red tide frequency and used that information to develop testable hypotheses with a goal of refining monitoring and forecasting approaches for *Karenia brevis* red tides.

In the Coastal Zone adjacent to the Nueces Estuary, explanatory modeling indicated that no combination of the environmental variables could explain red tide occurrence better than year alone. The finding that neither large-scale climate variability nor local conditions were important in explaining red tide occurrence aligns well with what is known about transport

induced bloom initiation. For example, Thyng et al. [18] describe the importance of downcoast winds in determining whether cells are transported from offshore to the Texas coast, and suggest that interannual variability in wind speed/direction are important considerations in whether a bloom will develop or not in a given year.

Within the Nueces Estuary, salinity (positive), ENSO (negative), and NAO (negative) were important for explaining red tide occurrence, with a pseudo R^2 of 0.50. The positive relationship between red tide occurrences and salinity is consistent with prior laboratory work on the physiological tolerances of *K. brevis*, which showed maximum growth rates at salinities of ~30–35, and decreasing growth rates at lower salinities [38, 52]. Additionally, analysis of long-term field data in Florida coastal waters indicated that only 3% of samples that were "positive" for *K. brevis* had salinity ≤ 24 [14]. Bugica et al. [34] recently demonstrated significant increases in salinity in the Nueces Estuary and other Texas Coastal Bend estuaries over the past 20–30 years due to damming and increased human demands on water resources. This trend is likely to continue with projected population growth in Texas coastal counties (Texas State Data Center, http://txsdc.utsa.edu/Data/TPEPP/Projections/Index.aspx) and warmer and drier conditions expected in the western Gulf of Mexico under changing climate pressures [35, 36]. Understanding how anthropogenic activities are affecting salinity regimes in these estuarine systems will be critical for assessing potential future frequency of red tides.

Positive ENSO phase is associated with increased rainfall on the Texas coast, as are lower salinities in estuaries [53]. This relationship between ENSO, rainfall, and salinity on the Texas coast explains the negative relationship between ENSO and red tide occurrence in the Nueces Estuary, with El Niño (positive ENSO) events leading to lower salinities that are not ideal for *K. brevis*. Aside from ENSO, the NAO was also related to red tides, exhibiting a negative relationship with red tide occurrence in the Nueces Estuary. A study by Parazoo et al. [54] examined precipitation extremes and documented that periods of strongly negative NAO amplified drought conditions in Texas, which would lead to higher salinities in estuaries and conceivably be favorable to *K. brevis*. This is consistent with our findings of a negative relationship between NAO and red tide occurrence in the Nueces Estuary. In other words, the negative phase of the NAO (drought, high salinity) would equate to greater likelihood of red tide occurrence.

A final consideration for the relationship between climate variability and red tide occurrence is the global regime shift that occurred in the mid-1990s and involved the NAO, the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation, the Subpolar Gyre, the Atlantic Multidecadal Oscillation, and the Pacific Decadal Oscillation [55, 56]. The change point analysis conducted here coincides with this global regime shift, suggesting that either the relationship between NAO and red tide is merely coincidental, or that there are as yet unknown teleconnections between Atlantic modes of climate variability and the western Gulf of Mexico. Further work to understand how and at what time scale(s) these modes of climate variability individually and collectively influence circulation, temperature, and precipitation in this region is warranted.

Tester et al. [23] suggest that while circulation and transport are critical for bloom development along the Texas coast, conditions within estuaries (poorly flushed, high salinity) may maintain seed or remnant populations of *K. brevis* prolonging bloom conditions in estuaries. Therefore, understanding factors influencing bloom dynamics in the estuary will be critical in assessing risk to coastal waters of the western Gulf of Mexico now and in the future. No significant change in the duration of red tides was detected in the Nueces Estuary though temperature was negatively correlated with the duration of red tides ($\alpha = 0.05$; $p = 0.058$). The relationship between temperature and red tide duration may be related to the physiological requirements of *K. brevis*, which has an optimum temperature range between 22°C and 28°C [9]. Magaña and Villareal [38] demonstrated highest *K. brevis* growth rates in cultures at

salinities of 30 and 35 and temperatures of 20 and 25˚C. They also found that their *K. brevis* cultures (native to S. Texas) could not be acclimated to temperatures greater than 30˚C. Errera et al. [57] also demonstrated significantly lower growth rates of *K. brevis* cultures at 30˚C relative to 25˚C. Despite the borderline significance seen here, our results offer further support for the role of temperature in the daily red tide presence/absence analyses.

To investigate climatic conditions that are associated with the time periods preceding and following a bloom relative to those during a bloom, daily red tide presence/absence was modeled using daily weather conditions. The results presented and conclusions drawn here should be considered a first step towards furthering understanding of factors that facilitate bloom demise in estuarine waters. Starting with the model for all three stages (before, during, and after), air temperature and wind speed were negatively related to red tide presence. In the before bloom/during bloom model, air temperature was also negatively related to red tide presence and the effect was much larger than in the "all stages" model. This indicates that high (i.e., summer-like) temperatures are detrimental to red tides, specifically to the timing of their initiation. This finding is also consistent with knowledge on the seasonality of red tides in Texas. Not only is regional circulation conducive to transport of *K. brevis* biomass from offshore to in- and nearshore during the fall in Texas [17–19] but fall water temperature is typically well within the physiological optimum range of *K. brevis* (24˚C– 28˚C). For example, the average summer water temperature in the Nueces Estuary during the period of 1982–2015 (this study) was 29.3 ± 1.2 while the average fall water temperature was 25.8 ± 1.2. This lends further support to the hypothesis that cooler temperatures in fall are important in supporting red tide initiation and maintenance.

The only environmental variable of importance in the during bloom/after bloom model was wind speed, which was negatively related to red tide presence and accounted for greater than half (pseudo $R^2 = 0.64$) of the variation between red tide presence and absence. Abrupt decreases in temperature and high turbulence associated with the passage of cold fronts have been suggested to be important in bloom decline based on anecdotal accounts of bloom dissipation, experimental evidence of decreased growth at sub-optimal temperatures, and field observations of lysed cells and aerosolized brevetoxin due to crashing waves [6, 9, 38]. Our finding agrees with the hypothesis that frontal passages and associated increased wind speeds and turbulence are likely critical in ending a red tide. However, they do not support a role for water temperature in bloom decline. The correlation with decreasing temperatures at the start of a bloom but lack of correlation with temperature at the end of blooms suggests that *K. brevis* may be better equipped to handle physiological stress from temperatures lower than optimum rather than higher. Culture and field studies have shown tolerance of *K. brevis* to temperatures much lower than optimum (~7˚C vs. ~20˚C/22˚C) whereas the difference between highest temperature tolerated and the upper limit optimum (~32˚C vs. ~ 23˚C/28˚C) is much smaller [20]. This supports our conclusion that *K. brevis* may handle low temperature stress more effectively than high temperature stress. When considered along with findings from laboratory-based studies on *K. brevis* temperature optima, results presented here suggest that future increases in summer-fall temperatures associated with anthropogenic climate change have the potential to delay the initiation of red tides, while increases in winter temperatures may act to delay the demise. Assuming that other environmental conditions (i.e. light, wind, salinity) are adequate for survival and growth of red tides, this could lead to scenarios where the window for red tides is shortened (if starting later in year), stays the same (if starting later but ending later), or lengthened (if starting later but extending much longer than normal).

5. Conclusion

Results show that red tides have been increasing in frequency on the Texas coast over the past 60 years, necessitating a better understanding of the environmental factors driving red tide occurrence. A recent assessment of water quality trends on the Texas coast only found clear signatures of eutrophication (high and/or increasing chlorophyll, nutrients) in two estuarine complexes (Baffin Bay-Upper Laguna Madre, Galveston Bay), although some evidence of eutrophication was found in smaller sub-estuaries and isolated regions of the larger estuaries [34]. In the Nueces Estuary, Bugica et al. [34] found increasing orthophosphate concentrations at five of nine sites in the system, but both ammonium and nitrate showed a long-term decrease throughout the estuary, and three of nine study sites showed decreasing chlorophyll levels. The lack of evidence for eutrophication argues against the hypothesis that it is a leading cause of increases in the frequency of red tides in the Nueces Estuary.

In contrast to the general lack of evidence for widespread eutrophication in the Nueces Estuary, Bugica et al. [34] found that salinity increased over time at all nine study sites in the system. The strong relationship between salinity and increasing frequency of red tides in the Nueces Estuary highlight the need to better understand the role of large-scale hydrologic forcing (rainfall, river discharge) on habitat suitability for *K. brevis* in Texas estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Although not reported here, we also found evidence of increases in red tide frequency in other central Texas coast estuaries where long-term increases in salinity were also observed (Tominack et al. unpubl. data) [34]. Long-term increases in salinity are linked to damming and growing human water demands in coastal watersheds over the past ~50 years [36]. Population and climate projections suggest that over the coming century, Texas will see additional increases in population and water demands, as well as a warmer and drier climate [35, 36]. This will likely lead to further increases in salinity in Texas estuaries, leading to conditions that are more similar to seawater and thus more hospitable to *K. brevis* [58]. Though freshwater inflow management in Texas has changed from resource- to ecosystem-based following the introduction of Senate Bill 3 in 2007 (https://www.twdb.texas.gov/surfacewater/flows/freshwater/index.asp), implications of freshwater inflow management have not considered red tide habitat suitability to date.

An additional implication of this study's findings pertains to efforts aimed at forecasting red tide blooms. Early warning detection (days to weeks lead time) of red tide in the western Gulf of Mexico is already being done through automated cell imaging and counting [59] as well as satellite remote sensing [60, 61]. The strong relationships between ENSO/NAO, salinity and red tide occurrence seen here offer an opportunity for even longer lead times considering that ENSO forecasts are often produced many months in advance [62]. Lastly, though it is recognized that many other factors (i.e. nutrient availability, grazing, viral lysis) may play a role in bloom demise [6, 9, 29, 63], our investigation offers valuable insight into factors limiting the duration of blooms. Future research in estuarine systems should consider the use of targeted monitoring programs, Lagrangian drifters, and/or modelling efforts to quantify the relative importance of environmental conditions (i.e. temperature, wind speed and direction) in determining conditions that may prolong active/remnant red tides or lead to their demise.

Supporting information

S1 Fig. Comparison of air and water temperature (˚C) at Packery Channel in the Nueces Estuary. Data were obtained from https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov, station number 8775792, for the time period of August 2012 thru October 2018.
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S1 Table. Fall seasonal average water temperature (˚C) ± standard deviation, salinity ± standard deviation, and number of observations for Texas Parks and Wildlife trawl dataset. Seasonal averages are comprised of values from August thru November of each year. (DOCX)

S2 Table. Comparison of red tide duration (days) from newspaper reports with cell counts data from the Texas Health Department (TXHD) and NOAA Harmful Algal Bloom Observation Study (HABSOS) [30]. A 2000 red tide in the Coastal Zone during the same period as in the newspaper accounts was confirmed by Magaña et al. [1] and Cheng et al. [40]. (DOCX)

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Jessica Furdock

EMAIL: jfurdock@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 402 BREEZEWAY AVE
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1780

PHONE: 2108659683

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of Corpus Christi, I support seawater desalination as a drought-proof source of water that will benefit our entire region. Please approve the necessary permits, we need more water!

Ellie Guerra

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Deanna G Galan

EMAIL: dggalan3@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 925 SAINT GREGORY ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-5737

PHONE: 3612903289

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am in support of desalination as another water source for the Coastal Bend.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Suzanne Gallagher

Mailing Address: 5419 Riverview Dr.

Physical Address (if different): —

City/State: Robstown, TX **Zip:** 78380

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Email: —

Phone Number: (361) 876-4166

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Name: CHRISTINE M. GALUS

Mailing Address: 6774 MIKAYLA ST, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78413

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CORPUS CHRISTI, TX **Zip:** 78413

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Email: polchris.galus27@gmail.com

Phone Number: ( )

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I am opposed to discharging the brine directly into the inner harbor area. Alternate methods of disposal must be used.

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Justin Garcia

EMAIL: Neverbunt@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6806 FAWN RIDGE DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-4653

PHONE: 3617791136

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Justin Garcia, and I am a lifelong resident of Corpus Christi, Texas. I am writing today to discuss an issue of importance to our community and its future water security. As we continue to face the challenges brought on by climate change, population growth, and Coastal Bend population expansion, the need for sustainable and reliable water sources has never been more critical. It is in this context that I urge you to approve a discharge permit and endorse the development of a seawater desalination plant in Corpus Christi. There are many benefits of investing in seawater desalination. Firstly, it would provide a drought-proof water supply, ensuring that our community remains resilient in the face of increasingly unpredictable weather patterns. Unlike traditional sources, which are susceptible to drought and contamination, desalination offers a consistent and clean water supply, safeguarding our community's health and prosperity. Moreover, constructing and operating a desalination plant would stimulate our local economy by creating jobs and attracting new businesses that rely on a stable water supply. This could be particularly beneficial for Corpus Christi. I am aware that concerns have been raised regarding the environmental impact of desalination, including energy consumption and brine disposal. However, I believe we can mitigate these impacts with the right technology and regulatory frameworks. Advances in desalination technology have significantly reduced energy requirements, and strategies such as brine diffusion and beneficial reuse are proving effective in minimizing environmental risks. TCEQ approving a discharge permit for a seawater desalination plant in Corpus Christi could set a precedent for sustainable water management in Texas and beyond. It is an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to innovation, economic development, and environmental stewardship. I understand the complexities and challenges involved in such a significant undertaking. However, I firmly believe that the long-term benefits for our community and future generations far outweigh the initial obstacles. I urge TCEQ to consider the many positive impacts this project could have on our city.

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Name: Kailey Garcia Kailey Garcia

Mailing Address: 706 Louisiana Avenue

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78404

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Email: Kaileygarcia107@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 549 4865

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I believe the desal plant will negatively impact our people, environment, tourism, and air/water quality. I very strictly oppose this plant; hopefully you can consider the <u>economic</u> damage it will do. No tourism, no hotel revenue, water activities, boating fishing, restaurants, ~~so~~ if the beach and water quality goes so will our livlieyhoods - and yours.

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PLEASE PRINT (LONNIE) (GARCIA)

Name: Lonnie Garcia

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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Vincent Redondo

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR San Garcia

EMAIL: sjg7450@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 10514 BANDERA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-2102

PHONE: 3618169143

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Trina Garcia

Mailing Address: 3622 Sobey

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78408

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Email: trinalonnie3@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 6580671

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Jennifer Cox

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Sarah L Garza

EMAIL: Sarah@pocca.com

COMPANY: Port of Corpus Christi Authority

ADDRESS: 400 HARBOR DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78401-1115

PHONE: 3618856163

FAX:

COMMENTS: The Port of Corpus Christi recognizes the City of Corpus Christi as the water provider for the Coastal Bend and supports the City in its efforts to develop new, drought-proof water resources for the region. The Port shares the City's commitment to protecting the safety of human communities and marine habitats and is eager to support the City in employing best available processes and technologies to address this critical need.

Ellie Guerra

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NAME: MS Sarah L Garza

EMAIL: Sarah@pocca.com

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Ellie Guerra

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Adam Wayne Gawarecki

EMAIL: adam@sanpatricioedc.com

COMPANY: San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1331
PORTLAND TX 78374-1185

PHONE: 9402933043

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Adam Gawarecki and I'm the President & CEO of the San Patricio County Economic Development Corporation, as well as a current citizen residing in Portland. I support this permit and encourage issuance of the Inner Harbor Desal Discharge Permit by TCEQ. I've been in this industry for 17 years, in 4 regions across the State of Texas, and I've never seen a region that needs water more than ours does. Our office works to recruit new businesses to San Patricio County, while also helping our current local businesses thrive and grow in our region. We also have hundreds of new homes being built in all 9 cities in San Patricio County and we can't grow unless we gain this additional water source. I have followed this movement closely and I believe the City of Corpus Christi has been diligent in the permitting effort and I believe the plant can be operated in an environmentally responsible manner and see seawater desalination as the path forward for our drought prone region and the State of Texas.

Vincent Redondo

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Rachel Gayle

EMAIL: r2gayle@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5110 CAPE ROMAIN DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2642

PHONE: 3615857076

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, July 29, 2020 9:19 AM
To: SJGEIST@AOL.COM
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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FROM

NAME: DR. Simon J. Geist

E-MAIL: SJGEIST@AOL.COM

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4600 OCEAN DR Apt603
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2589

PHONE: 3616879026

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am wondering how a) water quality concerns are addressed with the proposed plant meant to produce potable water for Corpus Christi being located in the middle of heavy industry including petroleum based industries. b) impacts on aquatic life have been addressed,in particular larval stages of fish and shrimp affected by intake as well as changing chemical composition of surrounding water by outfall? Sincerely, Simon Geist

Ellie Guerra

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Reba George

EMAIL: rebageorge327@gmail.com

COMPANY: Corpus Christi Water

ADDRESS: 8 CAMDEN PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2613

PHONE: 3612154039

FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like to voice support for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. All we have to do is look at where our community is today, on the verge of a Stage 3 drought (less than 20% combined capacity in Lake Corpus Christi and Choke Canyon), to see this project as a gigantic step towards water security. I have studied the reports by the experts and agree with them there will be minimal environmental impacts. We don't have time for politics - we need to secure this project for our future.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Janie Gifford

EMAIL: janiemundahl@outlook.com

COMPANY: Coastal Bend Employment, LLC.

ADDRESS: 14493 S PADRE ISLAND DR Suite A PMB 343
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-5931

PHONE: 3615855068

FAX:

COMMENTS: WQ0005289000 I am in favor of the desalination plant project, I want to see it become a reality. We need this for our drought concerns.

Misty Botello

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 4:44 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: gloetzners@juno.com <gloetzners@juno.com>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 7:45 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MRS Marilyn Gloetzner

EMAIL: gloetzners@juno.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2919 WALDRON RD Trlr 30
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-4800

PHONE: 3619379876

FAX:

COMMENTS: My husband & I are VERY concerned about the impact the proposed desal plant will have on the citizens of Corpus Christi. We would like to request that a full environmental impact study as well as comparison in water rate increases that have been experienced in other cities with desal plants be conducted. We find it hard to believe that our aquatic life would not be negatively affected! Our fishing, tourism, & hospitality industries could be negatively impacted. An inner harbor cannot disseminate the waste/salt like the gulf or ocean can. This seems to be totally industry driven with no thought for us residents. As retirees, we cannot afford to have rate increases, even if it doesn't happen immediately. We feel like our city counsel may be doing this for their own gain and urge you to investigate this. Sincerely, the Gloetzners

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TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Bryn Glover

Mailing Address: 537 DeForrest St

Physical Address (if different): "

City/State: CC, TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: brynaline@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 446 2762

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 9, 2020 8:14 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: bobgo1318@gmail.com <bobgo1318@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:01 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Bob Gonzalez

E-MAIL: bobgo1318@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 8033 S PADRE ISLAND DR APT 602
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-5241

PHONE: 4082204241

FAX:

COMMENTS: I oppose the granting of this seawater desalination plant permit. It should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating that any increase in salinity will

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City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

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Name: Jennifer Gracia

Mailing Address: 1118 Crescent Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: jmgracia361@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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Email: jmgracia361@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (210) 773-4993

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Potential consequences of such diesel plant/permit extend beyond immediate environmental concerns. It threatens the delicate balance of our community.

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:39 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: namaste64@live.com <namaste64@live.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:19 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Gigi Gransden

E-MAIL: namaste64@live.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4421 GAINES ST APT 16
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2585

PHONE: 3619807395

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating that any

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Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:45 PM
To: namaste64@live.com
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Name: Alexandra Gray

Mailing Address: 6515 Ocean Drive S86A, 78412

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78412

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Email: alexgray359@gmail.com

Phone Number: (214)-529-8311

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I am asking you to reject this permit. Based on the lack of adequate considerations put into the project and the existing environmental issues plaguing our bay water and the surrounding airways. Not to mention the harm to wildlife.

Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

I beg you to listen to your citizens and consider their wishes in this regard by rejecting this permit.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:50 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: kengriff56@gmail.com <kengriff56@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:14 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Kenneth W Griffin

EMAIL: kengriff56@gmail.com

COMPANY: retired

ADDRESS: 5443 AIKENS WAY
ROBSTOWN TX 78380-5925

PHONE: 3618772281

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear TCEQ Commissioners and Staff: Thank you for allowing me to file my comments on such an important issue for our Coastal Bend Region. I am in full support of approval of the City of Corpus Christi's request of obtain a discharge permit for a new Seawater Desalination Plant proposed to be built in the Inner Harbor. Over the last decade, I've been engaged in numerous meetings and attended a mulitude of presentations given by both the City of Corpus Christi Water department as well as the Freese and Nickols consultant team. All the data presented supports the recommendation that the proposed Inner Harbor is an excellent location for a new desalination plant having no real

impact to our bays and estuaries! I have been a member of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Corpus Christi Chapter and our local Saltwater-fisheries Enhancement Association (SEA) for over 20 years. As an avid fisherman, I would never support anything that could possibly cause damage to our bays eco-system. That's simply not the case here, that's why I'm in full support of approval of the discharge permit! Providing a new drought-proof drinking water supply is critical to our region! We simply can't rely on mother nature to provide ample rains to meet our needs. I respectfully request approval of this discharge permit. Our region critically needs the new water supply! Ken Griffin

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Name: Amanda Guerra

Mailing Address: 2610 Windhollow

Physical Address (if different):

City/State: Corpus Christi Tx **Zip:** 78414

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Email: aa331999@live.com

Phone Number: (361) 537-8852

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If you lived here in Corpus Christi and if it was your city would you do this and approve it? And be honest! God knows your honest answer.

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Name: Stephanie Guerrero Saenz

Mailing Address: 6022 Sweet Gum

Physical Address (if different):

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78415

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Email: stephanieguerrerosaenz@live.com

Phone Number: (361) 249-3041

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We cannot afford to lose our bay to desal. There was a time when my family & the families of my friends fished our bay on a regular basis, & our families were fed and benefited from free sustenance. I still see whole families fishing right next to the Art →

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museum on a regular basis. We need that in a community that is mostly living paycheck to paycheck. It's not just about the recreational aspect and bringing together of families. It's a way of life for some and it has been a way for us to feed our families my whole life. The science (the studies) are not complete. I haven't read anything that proves that desal will not kill the ecosystem in our bay.

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Email: stephanie.guerrero.saenz

Phone Number: (361) 249-3411

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MRS Cristina Halberdier

EMAIL: texascc@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 11405 WOODWAY CREEK DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-3218

PHONE: 3615374532

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Name: JOHN HALE

Mailing Address: 14854 Highland Mist Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christ TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: jhalesr@hotmail.com

Phone Number: (815) 342 4454

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Alice Hawkins

EMAIL: afhawkins49@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3605 COTTONWOOD ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-3225

PHONE: 3619471958

FAX:

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR John J. Hawkins

EMAIL: john.hawkins@charter.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 13926 JACKTAR ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-6124

PHONE: 3614458953

FAX:

COMMENTS: The bottom line is that without water, we will die. This town will dry up and it will be an emergency of biblical proportions. Building another reservoir won't solve the problem, because the problem isn't lack of reservoirs, the problem is lack of rain to FILL the reservoirs. The weather is changing. We're getting colder winters. Lower tides. And less rain. The time to address the problem is now while it is a problem....before it becomes an emergency....or catastrophe! Build the desal plant. It's the only clear and reasonable solution in front of us.

Vincent Redondo

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 4:18 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: DeeAnna Heavilin

EMAIL: dcates89@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 13933 PRIMAVERA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-6042

PHONE: 8652928638

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a business owner and longtime resident of the Coastal Bend, I support the issuance of the permit to the city of Corpus Christi

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 4:15 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: keith@yellowfindigital.com <keith@yellowfindigital.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2024 9:19 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Keith Heavilin

EMAIL: keith@yellowfindigital.com

COMPANY: YellowFin Digital

ADDRESS: 13933 PRIMAVERA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-6042

PHONE: 8652669477

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a business owner and long-time resident of Corpus Christi, I fully support the issuance of a permit to the city. I believe that this will contribute positively to our community's growth and development, ensuring a brighter future for all residents and businesses here.

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TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Helke

Name: Araceli G. HELKE

Mailing Address: P.O Box 5 Chapman Ranch, TX 78347

Physical Address (if different): 740 Co. rd. 51

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78415

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Email: araceli.m94@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 537 2222

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 2:59 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: jimesi34@yahoo.com <jimesi34@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:18 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Silvia Henderson Henderson

EMAIL: jimesi34@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3009 CHARLES DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-1921

PHONE: 9564660668

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please deny the permit as the city officials are going to destroy the bay ecosystem if the desalination plant is built because the plan to release brine back to the bay destroying they bay ecosystems unfortunately the city officials can't be trusted to do what's best for the citizens.

(52)

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Jake Hernandez

Mailing Address: 488 Palmetto St

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78412

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Email: jake@texasenvironment.org

Phone Number: (361) 737-9836

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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:13 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: jakehdez1219@gmail.com <jakehdez1219@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 4:06 PM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Jake William Hernandez

EMAIL: jakehdez1219@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 488 PALMETTO ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2740

PHONE: 3617379836

FAX:

COMMENTS: April 16, 2024 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78411-3087 Re: City of Corpus Christi (RN110940152) TPDES Permit number WQ0005289000 to discharge waste from the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my opposition to the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant's TPDES Permit to discharge waste into Nueces and Corpus Christi bays. My name is Jake Hernandez and I live approximately 6 miles from the outfall of the proposed desalination facility. As a resident of the Coastal Bend, I have major concerns about this proposed facility, including environmental, economic, and sociopolitical harms that could affect myself and my neighbors. I am concerned that the discharge from the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant will degrade our bay beyond fishable/swimmable quality. I disagree that dumping millions of gallons of brine from the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant into our bay system is necessary for the city's economic or social development. On the contrary, I believe the Inner Harbor plant and its waste will impede the economic development of local businesses that rely on the bay's current water quality. In addition to the negative ecological impact this waste will have on Nueces and Corpus Christi bays, I believe that the proposed location of the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant should be reconsidered. The chosen site is too close to a residential neighborhood, the Hillcrest neighborhood. The permitting of this plant should be placed on hold until the Title VI complaint against the city for environmental racism is resolved. I request TCEQ deny this permit or halt the permitting process until the Title VI complaint filed by Hillcrest residents is resolved. Jake Hernandez

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:55 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: morganryleehoward@gmail.com <morganryleehoward@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:58 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Morgan Howard

EMAIL: morganryleehoward@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5757 WOOLDRIDGE RD
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-3800

PHONE: 5809542272

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Lois Huff

Mailing Address: 5818 St Andrews Drive

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78413

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Email: LCH784@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 774-1500

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4/18/24

To Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

My concerns about the environmental impacts of the proposed desalination plant

Combined impacts – the cummulative impact when already present contaminants are concentrated.

Location – the ship channel empties into the Corpus Christi Bay, a closed, contained water body. Additionally, when (if?) the channel is dredged to 75', what possible impacts could this have on the water quality at the ~~desal~~ proposed desal site?

Timing – advances in this industry, desalination, are underway. Both in material used in the process, the process options themselves, and the currently high energy requirements.

Finally, I wonder if we will be making water an unaffordable luxury for many citizens. The same citizens who will have to put up with construction, then operation, of the proposed plant, will get rewarded with likely unaffordable water.

Please deny the permit WQ0005289000

Lora Huff

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:47 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: lch784@gmail.com <lch784@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:28 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: MS Lois C Huff

E-MAIL: lch784@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5818 SAINT ANDREWS DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-3719

PHONE: 3617741500

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay and the people of the greater Corpus Christi area are unaware of the details about this plant. This increased salinity has the strong potential to have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Our area is dependent on good water quality to support not just fishing jobs but tourism related activities. The Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system and water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. The impact of this alone is frightening. It may be possible to design a desal plant that

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:41 PM
To: lch784@gmail.com
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

A copy of your email will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list for this application. After the opportunity to submit comments ends, a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments will be mailed to you. If a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a hard copy of the public meeting notice in the mail.

The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

NOTE: Please do not respond to this email; it will not be answered. If you would like to submit additional comments, please use the online eComments system at: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/comments.html

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: hutchpa@gmail.com <hutchpa@gmail.com>
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Paul Hutchinson

EMAIL: hutchpa@gmail.com

COMPANY: ExxonMobil

ADDRESS: 211 COASTAL WILDWOOD DR
ROCKPORT TX 78382-2001

PHONE: 3342028935

FAX:

COMMENTS: To whom it may concern, I am a resident of the greater Corpus area and an engineer at the new chemical plant, Gulf Coast Growth Ventures (GCGV). The ability of this region to supply a drought-resistant fresh water source is paramount to the continued comfort, security, and prosperity of its citizens. The opposition to desalinization is rooted in trying to stop any future industrial development in this area, thus denying opportunity to its citizens and tax revenue to the region. What they fail to recognize is that new industry is held to high standards for environmental performance. Instead, they choose to view the world with a binary-- any industry is bad industry. Doing so oversimplifies the situation and outright ignores how beneficial and the necessary role industry plays in improving the lives through tax revenue, corporate citizenship, and community partnerships. Please do not allow a vocal minority to derail a foundational need for this area. As individuals and citizens, we deserve a resilient, drought-resistant fresh water supply as well access to opportunity to earn a good living here in Corpus, both for ourselves and our kids.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 4:48 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
Attachments: BRWF0A654AEF5CC_000439.pdf

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From: ecastillo@lcv.org <ecastillo@lcv.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 6:49 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Comments from Community Members

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): (Mail) Krishna Hughes

Address: 810 Morganhill Dr.

City, State, TX: Dripping Springs, TX 78620

Additional Comments: Thank you

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): María Zimmerle

Address: 12112 Scarlet Sleeve Way

City, State, TX: Del Valle Tx. 78617

Additional Comments: María Zimmerle

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Name (Printed): YARITZA SAAVEDRA

Address: 645 Barretto St. Bronx NY 10474

City, State, TX: Bronx, New York

Additional Comments:

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Name (Printed): Eliazar Campos

Address: 37-22 108th St.

City, State, TX: Queens, NY

Additional Comments:

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Name (Printed): Jairo Leon

Address: 1701 canal Ln apt FF 131

City, State, TX: Austin, Tx 78744

Additional Comments:

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Name (Printed): Jesus David Cruz Jovan

Address: 503 Park PL

City, State, TX: San marcos Tx

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Name (Printed): Alissa Padilla

Address: 926 S. 9th St

City, State, TX: Aransas Pass TX

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Name (Printed): Sarah Mendez

Address: 2463 FM RD. 1296 78959

City, State, TX: Waelder, Texas

Additional Comments:

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Name (Printed): Adam Zanes

Address: 4702 Longoria st

City, State, TX: Robstown, Texas

Additional Comments: You do not have consent for Desalination!

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Name (Printed): Richard J Cantu

Address: 245 Havana

City, State, TX: C C Tx 78405

Additional Comments: Listen to the Community!

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Name (Printed): Melissa Zamora

Address: 454 Louisiana Ave. 78404 CCTX

City, State, TX: Corpus Christi, Texas

Additional Comments: Do the right thing!

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Address: 1001 Antelope road

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Additional Comments: I DO

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Name (Printed): Meagan Alvarado

Address: 1410 Naples

City, State, TX: CC TX 78404

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Name (Printed): NICHOLAS FAIN

Address: 1825 JUANITA CT.

City, State, TX: CORPUS CHRISTI, TX 78404

Additional Comments: Remember you matter

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Name (Printed): Sabrina Chapa

Address: 4907 Mary Dr. 78415

City, State, TX: Corpus Christi, TX

Additional Comments: No more polluting industry!

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Enrique Jojekuauhtli Maestas

Address: 2463 FM 1296 Waelder Tx 78959

City, State, TX: _____

Additional Comments:

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:42 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 7:20 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Shaun Jackson

EMAIL: sj4landcattlemore@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2505 KOEPKE ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78407-2711

PHONE: 3614425675

FAX:

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Misty Botello

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Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:02 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MISS Kayla Jefferies

EMAIL: maora_amaya@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2807 JONATHAN ST
TEXARKANA TX 75503-0053

PHONE: 9032761699

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Sage Jimenez

Mailing Address: 454 Louisiana Ave

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78404

This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act

Email: Zmeliss4@898@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 425-2318

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☐ Yes ☑ No

  If yes, which one? _____

☐ **Please add me to the mailing list.**

☑ **I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.**

☐ **I wish to provide formal *WRITTEN COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.**

(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:17 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

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COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:42 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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April 18, 2024

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Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

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Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 3:26 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COMMENTS: I, a resident of Corpus Christi for over fifty years, strongly oppose the planned Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. The plant would discharge tens of millions of gallons of salty brine per day back into Corpus Christi Bay. That would be an environmental disaster devastating to fishing, birding, recreation and tourism. The Hillcrest residents have said they don't want this plant as it would threaten the health, safety and well-being of their community. Public hearings have not been held in the Hillcrest neighborhood. There is a Title 6 complaint against the city from this neighborhood. The desal plant would be for the benefit of heavy industry yet residents would be expected to pay for it in higher taxes and higher water bills. Final cost could run into millions of dollars. The money instead could be better spent on repairing the city's aging infrastructure. Other water options such as recycled water and reservoir water would be much less costly options.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:13 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
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COMMENTS: Please find our comments in the attached letter.

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Re: TCEQ Industrial Wastewater Discharge NAPD for Permit Number WQ0005289000

Dear Ms. Gharis:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on the proposed new municipal wastewater discharge permit for the City of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. (Permit No. WQ0005289000). TPWD is the agency with primary responsibility for protecting the state's fish and wildlife resources (Parks and Wildlife Code §12.0011(a)). Furthermore, TPWD is charged with providing information on fish and wildlife resources to any local, state, or federal agency or private organization that make decisions affecting those resources (Parks and Wildlife Code §12.0011(b)(3)). Please be aware that a written response to this comment letter is required by Parks and Wildlife Code §12.0011(c)–(d).

TPWD has reviewed the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) wastewater discharge permit Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision (NAPD) to discharge desalinated wastewater discharge at a final phase volume not to exceed an annual average flow of 51,500,000 gallons per day directly into the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor (TCEQ Segment No. 2484). TPWD requests information on what the expected effluent concentrations are for Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), Chloride, and Sulfate.

While TPWD understands there are no water quality standards for TSS, TDS, Chloride, and Sulfate in marine waters, without knowing the expected concentration of these constituents in the effluent, the possible effects on larval finfish and shellfish in the area of discharge is unknown. TPWD fisheries experts do anticipate that larval stages of marine life passing directly through the plume will experience stress to some degree. Larval stages of any marine life are less resilient to abrupt changes in water quality and without knowing specific concentrations, it is not accurate to state that there will be no impacts to aquatic life. The Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision and Draft Permit state that analyses and modeling were done and concluded that the discharge would not impact the salinity gradient in the surrounding waters.

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Recommendation: TPWD recommends making the analyses and modeling available to review regarding the discharge and the salinity gradient.

In addition to the lack of specific concentrations expected for TSS, TDS, Chloride, and Sulfate, specified in the draft permit, TPWD is also concerned with the potential toxicity to larval and juvenile aquatic life from the effluent in the mixing zone. For example, the 2021 Vulnerability Assessment of Coastal Bend Bays Report suggests optimal salinity to maintain high biodiversity in Corpus Christi Bay is between 22 and 24 practical salinity units (psu) and the Senate Bill 3 Bay and Basin Expert Science Team report for Nueces River and Corpus Christi and Baffin Bays recommends an optimal level of 18psu (TCEQ 2011). However, from 1987-2016 the average salinity in Corpus Christi Bay was 31.4psu. Depending on intake water salinity, reverse osmosis (RO) plant discharges have an average salinity of 60-70psu and around 50psu for multi-stage flash distillation (MSF) plants (Lattemann et al. 2008b). Estuarine species have an optimal salinity range that promotes growth and development, and elevated salinity levels can cause stress or mortality (Montagna et al. 2021; Freshwater Inflow Tools 2023).

In addition to salinity, there is a concern that elevated levels of heavy metals such as copper and zinc can have a negative impact on aquatic life. Zinc at certain concentrations can work synergistically with copper and ammonia to produce a toxic effect on fish, aquatic plants, and oyster larvae leading to developmental and reproductive defects (Mrini, 2003; Irwin et al, 1997).

From 1942-1985 a zinc ore processing plant discharged industrial wastewater into the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor and Nueces Bay. This led to the Texas Department of Health (TDH), currently known as the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), to close Nueces Bay to the harvest of shellfish in January 1995 due to high concentrations of zinc found in oyster tissue samples collected in 1994. Subsequently, Nueces Bay was classified as "impaired" and placed on the 1998 Texas Water Quality Inventory and Clean Water Act 303(d) list of impaired waters for not meeting oyster water use criteria (TDH, 2003; TDSHS, 2005) where it has remained since. In 2016, the TCEQ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program, along with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Coastal Management Program, funded a project to develop a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) zinc loading model which identified loadings of potential zinc sources that could enter Nueces Bay. The model suggested inter-basin transfers from Corpus Christi Inner Harbor into Nueces Bay through the Nueces Bay, LLC (WQ0001244000) is a significant source of zinc loading into Nueces Bay. This transfer alone contributed 66% of the overall zinc load into Nueces Bay and was identified as the largest contributor to inflow into Nueces Bay, contributing 79% of total flow (Hill et al. 2016).

Due to the immense nature of this effluent both in terms of volume and possible salinity and zinc concentrations discharging into and/or being transferred into an area that is already experiencing elevated salinity and zinc levels.

> **Recommendation:** TPWD requests the applicant conduct voluntary WET testing as specified in the TCEQ's Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards. Voluntary WET testing would help demonstrate whether or not there will be no deleterious effects from this effluent to aquatic life.

> **Recommendation:** TPWD recommends that the TCEQ include effluent limits in the permit for metals such as zinc and copper considering the proximity (approximately 1,400 feet) of the location of the proposed discharge for the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Desalination plant to the intake for the Nueces Bay LLC facility (ADJ 4505) and that the Inner Harbor (Segment 2484) and Nueces Bay (Segment 2482) are listed as impaired for copper in water (TCEQ 2022).

Nueces Bay is susceptible to hypersaline conditions due to a lack of natural freshwater inflows (Rizzo et al. 2019). Average monthly salinities are measured at a monitoring station in Nueces Bay (SALT03) and are used to determine if the freshwater pass-through volumes into the bay that are required under an Agreed Order (TNRCC, 2001) are sufficient to meet salinity standards. Considering that Corpus Christi Bay has elevated salinity levels and is the largest contributor to inflow into Nueces Bay through inter-basin transfers, there is concern that the proposed discharge could result in increased salinity levels in Nueces Bay (Montagna et al. 2021, Hill et al. 2016).

> **Recommendation:** TPWD recommends co-mingling the discharge with freshwater to minimize impacts to the salinity regime in Nueces Bay.

TPWD understands the role that desalination plays in water planning in Texas. To that effect TPWD in collaboration with the GLO published a report under House Bill (HB) 2031 to "identify zones in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM) that are appropriate for the diversion of marine seawater, and for the discharge of marine seawater desalination brine concentrate, while taking into account the need to protect marine organisms." These zones were identified using a GIS model incorporating data and overlays from GLO state submerged land tract boundaries, TPWD coastal fisheries programs, GOM ocean currents and bathymetry, submerged structures (man-made and natural), potential biological stressors (such as hypoxic zones), and other resources. The report did not recommend Corpus Christi Inner Harbor (TCEQ Segment No. 2484) or Corpus Christi Bay as appropriate for the discharge of desalination waste due to the environmental sensitivity of the estuary (TPWD et al. 2018). TPWD also submitted comments to the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the TCEQ regarding construction of the desalination plant

(Permit Application Number SWG-2014-00850). The comment letter submitted to the USACE and the TCEQ is attached as an appendix to this letter.

TPWD requests that these comments be considered with respect to this draft permit. We appreciate the opportunity to offer comment and will continue to work with TCEQ, the applicant, and other stakeholders on this matter.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact me at marty.kelly@tpwd.texas.gov or (512) 389-8214. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and for the opportunity to work collaboratively with you and your colleagues to conserve and protect Texas' valued aquatic resources.

Sincerely,

Marty Kelly

Marty Kelly
Water Resources Program Coordinator

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Attachment

cc: Mr. Craig Bonds
Mr. Robin Riechers

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Appendix A. TPWD comment letter for Permit Application Number SWG-2014-00850.

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Re: Permit Application Number SWG-2014-00850
City of Corpus Christi

Dear Mr. Pattillo and 401 Coordinator:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) has reviewed the Public Notice (PN) dated January 16, 2024, for permit number SWG-2014-00850. According to the PN, the applicant's stated purpose of the proposed project is to construct a drought-proof seawater desalination plant located near the City of Corpus Christi and improve the reliability of the Corpus Christi regional water system. The applicant also states that the project is needed to accommodate present and future growth of the City of Corpus Christi region and to reduce the vulnerabilities and risks of the City's current water supply in the uncertainty of climate change. The project site is located along the southern shoreline of the Inner Harbor of the Corpus Christi Ship Channel within the Industrial Canal just west of the Main Turning Basin, in Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas.

According to the PN, the proposed seawater desalination project would involve installing an intake manifold and associated pipelines to convey seawater to a pump station and then to the treatment facility. Once treated, potable water would be stored in a ground storage tank and distributed into the city's potable water system. Wastewater would then be piped from the treatment facility and discharged from outfall diffusers located in the Inner Harbor less than 2,000 feet west of the intake.

In addition to the subject PN, TPWD also received a notice published by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on January 12, 2024, for Permit No. WQ0005289000, which would be used to authorize the discharge of wastewater associated with the proposed project. We are currently reviewing the draft permit and upon submission of our comment letter to TCEQ a copy will be provided for your review.

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TPWD is aware of the role desalination plays in water resource planning in Texas. In 2015, House Bill 2031 directed TPWD and the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to identify zones in the Gulf of Mexico that are appropriate for the diversion of marine seawater, and for the discharge of marine seawater desalination brine concentrate, while taking into account the need to protect marine organisms. The purpose of the report was to inform an expedited permitting process under state law that would avoid diversions from, and discharges into, bays and estuaries.

In addition to impacts associated with the construction and decommissioning of a desalination plant, common operational concerns for desalination include water diversions through intake structures (in terms of entrainment, impingement, and entrapment of marine organisms and disruption of the seabed) as well as brine disposal though outfall structures (in terms of turbidity, salinity, and other chemical constituents such as heavy metals and chemicals), energy consumption, and noise pollution.

Considering the project location, intended municipal use, and public attention that other large-scale desalination project proposals have received in this region, an environmental impact statement may provide a more complete analysis to fully evaluate all practicable alternatives; all direct, indirect and cumulative effects on the aquatic environment; and the many public interest review factors associated with the proposed project.

Specific concerns for the project as currently proposed are provided for your review in the attached Supplemental Comments for SWG-2014-00850. Notably, the proximity of the proposed outfall to the existing intake of a power plant that discharges directly into Nueces Bay expands the area of concern into the Nueces Estuary.

TPWD appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on this project. Questions can be directed to Ms. Alicia Walker by email at alicia.walker@tpwd.texas.gov or Ms. Jackie Robinson by email at jackie.robinson@tpwd.texas.gov in Corpus Christi at (361) 431-6003.

Sincerely,

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Attachments (1)

The following supplemental comments are provided for the intake and outfall structures associated with SWG-2014-00850.

Based on information provided by the applicant, the project site is approximately a 17-acre tract of land located within the Inner Harbor of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority (POCCA). The existing site is bordered on the north by the waters of the Industrial Canal, and on the east, south, and west by industrial development and limited residential development. The applicant indicates that no ecologically sensitive habitats or designated critical habitats of federally listed species are located within the immediate vicinity (2,500 ft) of the potential intake and discharge locations. Additionally, the applicant states that the hardened shorelines of the Inner Harbor do not provide optimal nursey habitat for sub-adult populations of fish, shrimp, and crabs.

Even though the Inner Harbor represents an industrialized man-made channel, TPWD recognizes that shallow waters along its margins have naturalized to support seagrass, salt marsh, oyster and macroalgal communities that provide escape, cover and forage habitats to fish, invertebrates, sea turtles, resident and migratory birds, and the occasional West Indian Manatee (*Trichechus mantus*). The 47-foot deep, semi-enclosed, dead-end channel is authorized to a depth of 54 feet. These deep waters can provide habitat to highly migratory species, bare mud substrates to benthic communities, and thermal refuge to aquatic life, in general. A diverse assemblage of pelagic fishes is known to occur within the Inner Harbor, including Gulf menhaden (*B. patronus*), Ladyfish (*E. saurus*), and Black drum (*P. cromis*) as well as highly migratory species. For example, Atlantic tarpon (*Megalops atlanticus*), a recreationally important migratory game fish species, have been observed by TPWD staff using a discharge canal adjacent to Nueces Bay Boulevard that drains into the Inner Harbor between the proposed intake and outfall structures. Considering that a saltwater barrier dam restricts the ebb and flow of tidal waters as well as the movement of aquatic life in the Nueces River, man-made ditches like this one represent an opportunistic use by recreationally important species to meet their life history needs at multiple life stages. Therefore, the importance of this man-made channel to fish and wildlife resources should not be dismissed.

Best management practices for large-scale water intake structures typically call for the use of mesh screens and reduced intake velocities as ways to lessen the effects of entrainment, impingement, and entrapment of marine organisms. While these measures are generally effective for juvenile, sub-adult, and adult stages of many different species, the eggs and larvae of these same species are expected to be entrained within the intake flow and ultimately lost to the environment by the reverse osmosis process. As noted previously, a diverse assemblage of pelagic fishes is known to occur within the Inner Harbor, and an ichthyoplankton study conducted within Nueces Bay revealed a wide variety of commercially and recreationally important species at very high densities within Nueces Bay (Tolan, 2008). These same larval densities are expected to be within the Inner Harbor, and the high volumes of water proposed for the operations of the desalination plant represent an unaccounted source of mortality for a wide variety of species.

The Senate Bill 3 Bay and Basin Expert Science Team report for Nueces River and Corpus Christi and Baffin Bays Basin recommends that the optimum salinity level for Nueces Bay is 18 psu (TCEQ, 2011). Due to the proximity of the power plant's intake structure to the proposed diffuser array of the desalination plant, and due to the significant nexus that the power plant has established

between the Inner Harbor and Nueces Bay, there is concern adverse individual and cumulative indirect adverse effects may occur in the Nueces Estuary. The power plant's cooling water intake is located along the northern shoreline of the Inner Harbor, approximately 1,500 feet northwest of the proposed desalination project's discharge site. The Nueces Bay power plant is permitted to withdraw water from the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor for use as once-through cooling water in an electric generating facility before discharging the water into Nueces Bay. While the Nueces Bay power plant has since changed ownership, it is still operational. Nueces Bay, LLC (WQ0001244000) is permitted to discharge up to 500 MGD into Nueces Bay withdrawing the water from the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor via a water right permit (ADJ 4505). Nueces Bay, LLC is permitted to discharge through three outfalls. The main outfall (001) has effluent limits on flow, water temperature, total residual chlorine, dissolved oxygen, and total zinc. The second outfall (101) is permitted to discharge low volume waste sources and stormwater and has limits on flow (reported only) and total suspended solids, and oil and grease. Outfall 201 permits the facility to discharge metal cleaning waste with limits on flow (reported only) total suspended solids, oil and grease, total iron, and total copper.

Because of this nexus between the Inner Harbor and Nueces Bay, TPWD has concerns for potential impacts to fishery resources in Nueces Bay. The Nueces Estuary provides important habitat for various life stages of fishes and invertebrates, including nursery habitat and migration corridors. TPWD recognizes the value of these habitats and has designated all of Nueces Bay as a shrimp 'nursery area' because it serves as a significant growth and development environment for postlarval and juvenile shrimp. As such, trawling in Nueces Bay is prohibited under chapter 77 of Parks and Wildlife Code. Oyster reefs comprised of eastern oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) are also prevalent in Nueces Bay and in addition to providing habitat, they also provide important water quality functions within Nueces Bay.

The Nueces Estuary is often referred to as a reverse estuary because salinities increase, rather than decrease from the mouth of the bay to the mouth of the Nueces River. This phenomenon occurs in part because the volume of freshwater inflows is insufficient to flush the system. All estuarine species have an optimal salinity range that promotes growth and development, and salinity levels outside that range can cause stress or mortality. Salinity not only affects osmotic regulation in aquatic life, but it also has an inverse relationship with dissolved oxygen in water. In other words, dissolved salts can physically limit the amount of dissolved oxygen that can be held in solution. Stress and/or mortality occurs when oxygen demand exceeds the amount of oxygen available.

Due to concern that increased salinities may decrease these functions in an already stressed environment, average monthly salinities from a monitoring station in Nueces Bay (SALT03) are used to determine if the freshwater pass-through volumes into the bay that are required under an Agreed Order (TNRCC, 2001) can be reduced in lower salinity conditions. Any changes in salinity regimes at SALT03 are applied to the operation of the region's water supply. Considering the proximity of the power plant intake to the proposed diffuser array, there is concern that the proposed project would result in increased salinities in Nueces Bay via the power plant discharge.

In addition to concerns regarding salinity impacts, TPWD has concern that copper, zinc, and other toxic substances occurring within the water column, as well as those occurring within the sediments when resuspended by maintenance dredging, construction, and navigation activities, would become concentrated in the discharge water in both the Inner Harbor as well as Nueces Bay. The Texas Department of Health (TDH), currently known as the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDSHS), closed Nueces Bay to the harvest of shellfish in January 1995 due to high concentrations of zinc found in oyster tissue samples collected in 1994. Subsequently, Nueces Bay was classified as "impaired" and placed on the 1998 Texas Water Quality Inventory and Clean Water Act 303(d) list of impaired waters for not meeting oyster water use criteria (TDH, 2003; TDSHS, 2005). Additional oyster tissue samples collected in 2002 and 2005 also contained high levels of zinc (TDH, 2003; TDSHS, 2005). Nueces Bay is currently classified as a restricted area for shellfish harvest (Order Number MR-1820, November 1, 2023). The TCEQ Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program, along with the GLO Coastal Management Program, funded a project to develop a Geographic Information System (GIS) zinc loading model which identified loadings of potential zinc sources that could enter Nueces Bay. Point sources included industrial and municipal dischargers to the bay, Inner Harbor via Nueces Bay LLC, Nueces Bay power plant, and Lake Corpus Christi pass-through to Nueces Bay via Nueces River. The model identified the Inner Harbor water via Nueces Bay power plant as the main source of zinc to Nueces Bay, contributing 66% of the load, and as the largest contributor to inflow into Nueces Bay, contributing 79% of total flow. Increases to zinc concentrations in Nueces Bay may further impede oysters' ability and timeline to depurate. Further, heavy metals such as zinc have been shown to have toxic effects on fish embryos and larvae (Taslima et al. 2022).

> **Recommendation:** The environmental review should evaluate the individual and cumulative effects of the proposed project on special aquatic sites and the physical, chemical, biological, and human use characteristics of the affected aquatic ecosystem as described above.

Based on cross-sections provided on Sheets 11 of 17 and 15 of 17 of the project plans and aerial imagery available on Google Earth, the shoreline within the vicinity of the project has been stabilized with riprap and the side slopes of the channel vary along the shoreline. Within the vicinity of the intake, 1:4 side slopes are continuous from the shoreline to the toe of the channel. Within the vicinity of the outfall, an approximate 140-foot shallow shelf extends from the shoreline with water depths ranging from -4.0 to -6.0 ft MHW. While these water depths are sufficient to support submerged aquatic vegetation, the PN does not indicate if a water-based aquatic habitat survey has been conducted within the project area.

> **Recommendation:** If not already completed, a water-based aquatic resource survey should be conducted to verify the presence or absence of sensitive aquatic resources. TPWD requests the opportunity to review and provide comments on the survey report.

Methods for installing pipelines below MHW are not described in the PN, but the plans indicate that contours would be restored. While dredge and fill impacts occurring within the Inner Harbor

cannot be fully evaluated without information about the installation method, there is concern that backfilled trenches containing re-worked sediments would be softer and more susceptible to resuspension than adjacent substrates. In addition to causing turbidity, resuspension of these sediments could also lead to pipeline exposure. Directional drilling methods are known to result in fewer surface impacts than open trench methods, but construction constraints are also not detailed in the PN.

> **Recommendation:** The applicant should provide more details about the methods used for pipeline installation within the Inner Harbor and address concerns for open trench methods described above.

The PN describes 0.84 acre of permanent impacts and 0.19 acre of temporary impacts to jurisdictional waters comprised of a ditch and four wetland areas. The applicant does not propose to mitigate for these losses and the information summarized in the PN does not provide an adequate description of these aquatic features to fully evaluate the functions and values that would be lost because of the proposed project. Wetlands and mudflats along the Inner Harbor are known to attract avifauna, including wading birds, shorebirds and waterfowl. In addition to providing habitat, these aquatic features may also provide water quality functions.

> **Recommendation:** Project documents should describe the hydrology, topography, and vegetative communities of each aquatic feature, including the relative cover of dominant species.

Sheet 5 of 17 of the project plans identifies an AEP Electric Substation and two potable water storage tanks within the project site. However, the location and routes of existing or proposed utility lines (e.g., electricity and potable water) required for the project have not been identified.

> **Recommendation:** All infrastructure, utility lines, and facilities that would not be constructed, but for the proposed project, should be identified so they may be evaluated as part of the complete project.

The PN states that turbidity curtains may be deployed for work within waters during construction, and that silt fencing, rock berms, or hay bales may be used to control erosion for land-based construction areas. The PN also states that areas that can be seeded and revegetated would be done as soon as practicable.

> **Recommendation:**
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> - For terrestrial revegetation efforts, TPWD recommends the exclusive use of a variety of regionally adapted native forbs, grasses, and shrubs in revegetation plans. Locally adapted native plants can increase survival and reduce maintenance and watering needs while providing benefits to wildlife. Colonization by salt tolerant invasive species, particularly invasive grasses and weeds, should be actively prevented. Vegetation management should include removing invasives species early on while allowing existing and newly planted native plants revegetate disturbed areas. TPWD recommends referring to the Lady Bird Johnson

Wildflower Center Native Plant Database for regionally adapted native species that would be appropriate for landscaping and revegetation efforts.

- The applicant will need to submit an application for a permit to introduce aquatic vegetation into public waters of the state.

TPWD routinely provides the following recommendations for construction and operational activities within the Inner Harbor due to the occurrence of sea turtles and manatees. These recommendations have been coordinated with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network.

Recommendations:

- TPWD recommends that project construction and operations employees are: (a) advised that manatees and sea turtles may approach the proposed project area, (b) provided materials, such as a poster, to assist in identifying the animal, (c) instructed not to feed or water the animal, and (d) instructed to contact the appropriate authorities.
- For manatee sightings, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at 361-533-6765 and the Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network (TMMSN) at 800-962-6625 (800-9-MAMMAL).
- Cold stunned or injured sea turtles should be reported to the Texas Sea Turtle Stranding and Salvage Network via the Padre Island National Seashore at 361-949-8173 ext.226 or via hotline 866-887-8535 (866-TURTLE-5).

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COMMENTS: i support the desal plant and the ability to control our water needs.

Misty Botello

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COMMENTS: I stand with Chispa TX and partners at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in regard to the hearing on the City of Corpus Christi's proposed water discharge permit for the Inner Harbor, also known as the Hillcrest Desalination Plant project. I think the desalination operation will impact the local communities in many ways, including reduced water, higher rates, and environmental health concerns. I also think the plant's operation will degrade water quality and the environment. I do not like the public having to bear the risks and costs for this project. I urge you not to approve the project.

Misty Botello

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COMMENTS: My name is Jay Kleberg. I am the Executive Director of the Gulf of Mexico Trust. We advance the long-term sustainable use and conservation of the Gulf of Mexico by implementing pragmatic solutions that work for industry, the environment, and communities in Texas and the region. We unite and amplify Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's work and our partners' voices to advance Texas' legacy of balancing economic growth with natural resource conservation. We understand that water is critical to the economic vitality of the Coastal Bend, but not at the expense of the bays and estuaries that are the nurseries for the entire Gulf of Mexico. These shallow, protected ecosystems are part of the coast's $19.7B tourism industry and help generate more than $2B in recreational fishing economic impact. We believe that desalination plays a role in the search for reliable freshwater resources for Texas and the extent to which any technology can relieve pressures on surface and groundwater resources – each critical to life-sustaining freshwater inflows into bays and estuaries – we support those pursuits. However, we believe that any new source of freshwater in the coastal region, particularly in Corpus Christi, depends on ongoing and unbiased environmental assessments of the bay environment, where the deadly effects of rising salinity are not theoretical — they are the lived experience. With 99% of freshwater inflow that once flowed into Corpus Christi Bay now curbed, the system is already in a state of salinity stress. These placid, shallow waters, sheltered from the Gulf by more than 200 miles of barrier islands, once teemed with shrimp and oysters that had nourished bayside communities for thousands of years. Today, dolphins still splash and great herons stalk the wetlands, but the bounty of much of the shellfish that relied on these freshwater inflows is gone. In Nueces Bay, an inland appendage of Corpus Christi Bay, oysters died off in the late 1930s. Two dams on the Nueces River and two railroads across its delta were reducing freshwater flows. "Oysters did not come back," said a 2011 report from the HRI. "Because the salinities were too high." Fifty years later, the shrimp were vanishing, too. Two much larger dams stopped any freshwater from reaching the bays at all. The bays, formed by rivers that flowed to the ocean until the 21st century, distinguish Texas' coast from the successful examples of seawater desalination in California, where plants release brine into the deep, open Pacific Ocean. In Corpus Christi, desalination projects propose discharging into a shallow water body with very limited exchange with the Gulf. "It takes one year for the contents of Corpus Christi Bay to be replaced by new water," said Dr. Paul Montagna, HRI Chair for HydroEcology. "The brine is going to accumulate," he said. The vast majority of economically important fish and crustaceans rely on the shelter and moderate salinity of the bay's nurseries to mature and supply them with ample food for rapid growth. Less salt in the water also means more oxygen, which larvae need to survive. Without the bays functioning properly, species cannot flourish or sustain their productivity. We recommend that TCEQ conduct a more thorough review of the impacts on water quality in the Inner Harbor and consider the least harmful option for discharge -- taking discharge offshore. The Gulf of Mexico Trust is concerned with the discharge of concentrated brine interfering with the movement or disruption of the migratory patterns of marine organisms and water quality issues, including hypoxia/anoxia and concentration of contaminants. An offshore location of discharge (and intake) would be the best option to minimize impacts on biota, habitats, and water quality. Placing pipelines to offshore locations from shore locations is a well-understood engineering activity and generally low environmental risk. Resource and permitting agencies also recognize these risks and provide guidance to this effect, even expediting permitting outside these sensitive areas. The September 2018 Marine Seawater Desalination Diversion and Discharge Zones Study summarizes these findings and recommendations, which were a requirement of House Bill 2031 (84th Legislature). We ask that you consider further study and discharge options. Thank you.

Ellie Guerra

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COMMENTS: Will this effect Corpus Christi Lake levels even more by releasing more water releases? Can the Desal plant release into the gulf instead of the bay?

Ellie Guerra

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COMMENTS: I am in favor of the desalinization plant in Corpus Christi. As a 6th generation landowner along the Nueces River it is important that we support sustainable water practices. Water is absolutely critical to our survival just as the air we breathe. I believe in the science behind this project not political arguments or agendas. Thank you. Sincerely, Karin E. Knolle

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April 18, 2024

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Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

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RE: City of Corpus Christi (CRN 110940152) TPDES
Permit number WQ0052890000 to discharge waste from
the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant

TO Whom It May Concern.

I am writing to express my opposition to the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant's TPDES Permit to discharge waste in Nueces and Corpus Christi Bays.

My Name is Jestine Knox, I live at 1910 Stillman Ave. Corpus Christi, Tx. 78407. I live approximately three blocks (street block(s) from the propose Inner Harbor Desalination Plant.

The desal Plant will be detrimental to a already over utilized area (neighborhood) for heavy industrial.
Our neighborhood has been imposed on for every industrial polluters in the city of corpus Christi in some kind of way.

Fishing and other outdoor recreational activity will be effected negatively.

We do not need another industrial company in our neighborhood. We do not need this desal it will be the cause of our bays to be a dead bay, by killing our sea life.

Sincerely Concerned
Jestine Knox

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COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Ellie Guerra

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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Daniel W Korus

EMAIL: dkorus@ymail.com

COMPANY: Future of the Region - South Texas

ADDRESS: 2033 N LEXINGTON BLVD
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78409-1336

PHONE: 3618169750

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Name: David Kozowski

Mailing Address: 1525 Ocean Dr. Apt. A

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: dkozowski@gmail.com

Phone Number: (713) 933 8020

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This is socialized water for industry. The taxpayers are asked to pay an enormous amount to support industry. This is wrong. Industry should pay for their own water. facility.

Further, the discharge from the plant will irreparably damage the bay

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Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 4:01 PM
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Michaela Labare

EMAIL: mlabare14@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 8033 S PADRE ISLAND DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-5238

PHONE: 8456163538

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a marine biology PhD student at TAMUCC. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 12:07 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: lamontaw2@gmail.com <lamontaw2@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 8:33 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Alexander W Lamont

EMAIL: lamontaw2@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 5910 BEAUVAIS DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-6263

PHONE: 4438125873

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support the desalination project and believe that the benefits to the community outweigh the potential environmental impact. However, it seems clear that there are significant water use reduction steps that could be implemented that would completely offset the impact on bay salinity if paired with increased release rates from Lake Corpus Christi. These steps could include tiered pricing for residential users, increased rates for industrial users, and reductions in agricultural allocations. I would recommend that TCEQ add conditions to the permit to encourage the City of Corpus Christi to implement further water use reductions. Monitoring the bay of Corpus Christi average salinity and

limiting desalination volumes if salinity is too high would be an ideal way to protect the environment. The construction period could be an ideal time to gather the required baseline data if it does not exist currently.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: bobamylandeg@gmail.com <bobamylandeg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 7:46 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MRS Amy Landeg

EMAIL: bobamylandeg@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 8006 VILLEFRANCHE DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-6023

PHONE: 4406696262

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support desalinization. We need this desperately and nothing should stop it.

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Name: Robert Landeg

Mailing Address: 8006 Villefranche Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78414

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Email: robert.landeg@gmail.com

Phone Number: (409) 651-0980

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From: robert.landeg@gmail.com <robert.landeg@gmail.com>
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Robert Landeg

EMAIL: robert.landeg@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 8006 VILLEFRANCHE DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-6023

PHONE: 4096510980

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am 100% in favor of desalinization. I live and work in this community that my family loves and supports. We deeply care for the environment and the people around us. It is a complete falsehood to say only industry benefits from desal.....we the people are industry. We all know our industrial companies in Corpus Christi are the heart of our economy and provide for thousands of high paying and rewarding jobs. If we limit ourselves because of this water problem (which is very solvable) these investments and projects will simply go elsewhere and many times overseas where they will be developed and operated and far less responsible and environmentally friendly way.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:15 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Thomas LaVake

EMAIL: tlava@live.com

COMPANY: City of Corpus Christi - Utilities

ADDRESS: 7414 IDLE HOUR DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-5850

PHONE: 3612496287

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support the Corpus Christi Water desalinization project.

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Name: Harley Law

Mailing Address: 104 Walker St.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Odem, Tx **Zip:** 78370

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Email: harley.law@valero.com

Phone Number: (361) 289-3258

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Name: Cran Lebowitz

Mailing Address: 610 Boca Raton

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78413

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Email: Lucedog00@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 882-2091

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 10:40 AM
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From: amylee310@gmail.com <amylee310@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:01 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Amy Lee

E-MAIL: amylee310@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 13709 MOON RIVER TRL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-4809

PHONE: 2083101694

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating that any

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 12:26 PM
To: amylee310@gmail.com
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

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The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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Name: M. Clare Lee

Mailing Address: 7046 Hathor

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX [redacted] **Zip:** 78412

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Email: clare656@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (361) 537-0312

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To TCEQ:

While the City of Corpus Christi may need to build a desalination plant, it is imperative that our bay system be protected. The intake and discharge should be located off-shore as it is in other states and parts of the world.

This is a major permit and should be reviewed by the EPA. It is inconceivable that a 51 MGD discharge could be considered minor. This permit will set a precedent for the state of Texas. Other permits are already being proposed. The cumulative impacts must be considered for the health of our bay system.

Our bays are of concern to all residents, not only those within one mile of the discharge. So please do not discount comments using the 'one-mile rule'

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Mailing Address: 1109 Bradshaw Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: lewisstephanie17@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 517-8301

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I believe before this permit is issued, there are more steps to be taken to ensure the health & safety of people and the environment.

1. The permit should be placed on hold until the Title 6 complaint in the Hillcrest neighborhood has been resolved.
2. A full Environmental Impact Study is conducted, including cumulative impacts of air & water quality (salinity, Stormwater Runoff, Rainfall)
3. The location of the plant should be reconsidered. A higher initial cost could ensure the savings of millions. I encourage the Barnes/Davis location to be reconsidered to discharge to the Gulf of Mexico.
4. I encourage the TCEQ and EPA to distinguish this as a Major facility

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5. A more "fool proof" design of the intake and outtake pipe I believe that they are currently proposed too close to each other. I understand this has been modeled to be safe in the instance of hydrocarbon leaks, and monitoring systems put in place, but I still think every precaution should be taken, such as piping discharge to the Gulf. No expense should be spared for the health & safety of the Bay & people.

At the current state, I do not support this permit, but agree that a solution should be studied further.

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Name: Arturo Lima

Mailing Address: 317 Peoples St.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78401

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Email: arturolimalaw@gmail.com

Phone Number: (956) 475-7122

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Name: David Loeb

Mailing Address: 3833 S Staples Suite 516

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, Tx. **Zip:** 78411

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Email: david@landbrd-resources.com

Phone Number: (361) 877-0479

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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: davidl@landlord-resources.com <davidl@landlord-resources.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9:58 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: David Loeb

EMAIL: davidl@landlord-resources.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3833 S STAPLES ST S116
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-5201

PHONE: 3618578991

FAX:

COMMENTS: This comment is submitted in strong support of the City of Corpus Christi's application number WQ0005289000. As a former City Council member and local investor and operator of commercial property I am familiar with local water needs and planning processes. I have personal experience with the negative community effects of having insufficient water supply. I was involved in the last expansion of Corpus Christi's water supply and the early stages of this one. The process for this plant began over ten years ago and has included robust attention to environmental issues including an appropriate approach to the discharge of concentrate through the use of jet diffusion and location of the discharge point away from sensitive areas. There has been ample community review of the scientific

studies and discussion and debate over the plant for a number of years. I encourage the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to move this permit quickly so our community can benefit from another water source. Thank you for your service to our state and community.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MISS Jadzia Luevano

EMAIL: jadzialuevano777@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 7225 LANDS END DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-4400

PHONE: 3614253092

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Arnulfo Luna

EMAIL: eluna8161@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 711 GLENOAK DR APT 7101
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-4785

PHONE: 3615106639

FAX:

COMMENTS: If we build desalination plants then what will be left for the next generation down the road? What is the outcome for our children, grandchildren and kids of tomorrow. How do you know it won't dry up our resources and leave us as a desert? Going this way I'm afraid there will be nothing good left for my grandchildren or their children. Where will the money be coming from and how can you guarantee that it's safe for residents and wildlife? This is a scary thing to be faced with. We shouldn't be facing the world of tomorrow's wildlife and sea as a desert and book only world.

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Name: Abril Lunar

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): —

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** _____

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (956) 780 4172

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Attachments: BRWF0A654AEF5CC_000565.pdf

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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Comment submitted for Monna Lytle, Hillcrest resident

Monna Lytle page 1
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CHISPA TX
IGNITING THE MOVEMENT. ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE.

TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality", do NOT allow desal in Corpus! Black and Brown residents in Hillcrest demand fair treatment!

The "Inner Harbor" desalination plant - or its more accurate description the Hillcrest Neighborhood desalination plant - will devastate the residents of the only remaining historic Black and Brown neighborhood in the City of Corpus Christi.

As a concerned resident, I am urging TCEQ to deny the City of Corpus Christi's application for a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000, authorizing the discharge of water treatment waste at a daily average flow not to exceed 34,300,000 gallons per day (GPD) for the initial phase and 51,500,000 (GPD) for the final phase via Outfall 001.

The water produced from this facility **WILL NOT** benefit the residents and ratepayers in the City of Corpus Christi nor the region it services. However, the impact of this facility, and the rest of the proposed desalination projects, will be felt by all.

Hillcrest Residents Association currently has a Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi due to the ongoing discriminatory conduct and blatant environmental racism directed towards the remaining residents of the neighborhood. This desalination plant will be placed in a buffer zone that was created to separate residents from industry, further harming our Bay and the quality of life of residents, our economy, and the environment .

While the desalination facilities will secure water for industry, it is local residents who will pay the price with higher water and energy bills, impacts to tourism, our local economy and community.

Coastal Bend residents are united in their plea for TCEQ to consider their future and deny the City of Corpus Christi this harmful permit.

"The City is sacrificing Hillcrest yet again to support industry's need for additional water. Corpus Christi has proven over and over again that it values profits over Hillcrest residents' health and quality of life." Pastor Adam Carrington, Brooks AME (2022)

Signature: Monna Lytle

Printed Name: Monna Lytle

Address: 1422 Kennedy Ave Corpus Christi, Tx 78407

Additional Comments: Email ndrama0455@gmail.com
THIS IS NOT A SMALL Project.
THIS IS A MAJOR Project.
I Am Requesting TCEQ to DENY the Waste water permit WQ0005289000

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Help!! Hillcrest is a Neighborhood.

My Name is Monna Lytle
I Live in Hillcrest Neighborhood, 1422 Kennedy Ave
Corpus Christi, Tx 78407.

I am writing to express my feelings and Concerns about a desalination plant that the city council of Corpus Christi, want to build off of Broadway and Nueces Bay (Inner Harbor) The true name should Be Hillcrest Neighborhood not Inner Harbor.

I went online to Research Desalination Plant In a Residence Neighborhood - Corpus Christi, Tx. The results of my finding - Hillcrest Neighborhood is My Home

Other Desalination Plant may be near a Neighborhood but not In it.

We Hillcrest Residents want to live in Peace & Respect. There is so many Battles we (Hillcrest Residents) have to Fight to Live in Our Hillcrest Residents Neighborhood Everyday.

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I am totally against All reasons for Building a desal in Hillcrest Neighborhood.

The reasons I'm against the desal

(1) Hillcrest Lose the Buffer Zone for Safety from the Refinery - The Desal will Be in Hillcrest Buffer Zone,

(2) The Brine discharge

(3) Noise

(4) Smell

(5) Energy issues for Powerline (EPA) statin for the Desal Plant

(6) The UnKnown

(7) Not only will the UNKNOWN effect Hillcrest Residents, it will effect everyone within 2 to 3 miles, Oak Park residents, Oak Park School students & teachers, Miller High School, Davet Residents, and those that lives on Lipan St and Ulee. (Ommissions)

(8) No Fishing will Be safe in the inner harbor.

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So Many Experts has spoken, Inner Harbor is not a Safe location for a desal plant. No Flow of Water

A Question for Everyone,

How would You feel having the city of Corpus Christi attack Your Home? Peace? Quality of Life? for water that's not for the residents of Hillcrest or city??

The water is for the industries.

The Industries does not pay the full Rate of water that (We) Citizens of Corpus Christi have to struggle to Pay monthly. Industries gets a discount to Waste Water

Residents of CC have Restrictions of Water Usage, Pay High Rates

The Industries has low water Rates - The Industries do what they want - Higher water usage & Waste Water

The city of CC sells water to the Industries and want Us the citizens to Believe they are working for the Citizens. No! No!

The Reason for the desal is for the industrials not for the Citizens.

I was informed the city of CC want to tap into Hillcrest water lines with the proposed desal plant Water.

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The Water from a Desal isn't for Human
Just for Industries.

I can continue, I Know You, TCEQ have heard or read all the reasons how Haemful a desal plant will be to our enviroment of the Body of Christ in Corpus Christi, Tx also it will Be Haemful to Hillcrest Residents & Neighborhood.

The city Manager of Corpus Christi, Tx has stated, Hillcrest isn't a NeighborHood.

Hillcrest is still a Neighborhood - Hillcrest Residents want to Be Respected and Safe In Hillcrest.

Please Review everything You Have Read and Heard.

I Pray Hillcrest will remain a Neighborhood
Not a War Zone
for the Unknown Issues Of a desal plant

Inner Harbor is Hillcrest Neighborhood

We Hillcrest want Our Neighborhood to Remain a Neighborhood just like any other Neighborhood In Corpus Christi, Tx.

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Thank You for Your Time

Minna Leytle

Resident of Hillcrest

I Am asking for a contested case Hearing about the Waste Permit Number WQ0005289000

There need to be An Envicomectal Impact Study for this prosposed Permit as well as a Cumulative Impact Study for All the planned desalination Plants.

This is the proposed Desalination Plant called "Inner Harbor" which is in the Hillcre
It will cover the following streets near your residence.
From Broadway to Nueces and Nueces Bay to Palm Drive.



Why would the city of Corpus Christi, Tx
Spend TAXpayers money for this drawing plan
If they were sure of TCEQ verdict?

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Monna Lytle

EMAIL: nodrama0455@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1422 KENNEDY AVE
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78407-2828

PHONE: 3619447722

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Chad Magill

EMAIL: chad+tceq@chadmagill.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 115 OLEANDER AVE
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1728

PHONE: 3615339520

FAX:

COMMENTS: Placing the intake and outfall of a Desalination facility in the Inner Harbor puts too much critical economic infrastructure at risk. Having been a City Councilman in the past, I've seen where even with the best intentions City staff had problems arise from lack of planned maintenance, lack of budgeting for operating facilities as efficient as possible and simply lack of operational oversight. Placing the intake and outfall in the Inner Harbor begs the question as to when the City doesn't maintain the facility properly and there are issues - does that mean the Port of Corpus Christi shuts down due to water quality problems in the Inner Harbor? What does the outfall mean to benthic organisms over time with concentrated heavy metals in the brine? The mixing area in the Inner Harbor is inadequate. A solution would be to place the Desalination facility on Harbor Island and plumb the intake and outfall as close as possible to or in the Gulf of Mexico. Thank you

TCEQ Registration Form

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Name: Ericca Mahaffey

Mailing Address: 1773 Ennis Joslin Rd Apt 3201

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: ericca.mahaffey@gmail.com

Phone Number: (830) 305-9993

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Deny wastewater permit WQ0005289000 am asking for a contested case hearing regarding the permit. An environmental impact study is needed.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Ericca Mahaffey (Mahaffey)

Mailing Address: ericca.mahaffey@gmail.com

Physical Address (if different): 773 Ennis Joslin Rd. Apt 3201

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78412

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Gera Marin

EMAIL: geractivacion@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 9706 TRAWOOD
SAN ANTONIO TX 78250-3163

PHONE: 5104593951

FAX:

COMMENTS: I visit 4 times a year, my family lives there. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Aracely Martinez

Mailing Address: PO Box 5 Chapman Ranch TX 78347

Physical Address (if different): 740 CoRd 51

City/State: C. C. TX **Zip:** 78415

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Email: martinezaracely69@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (713) 543 1214

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Iris Masi

EMAIL: aimeeatl@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 7062
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78467-7062

PHONE: 3619919111

FAX:

COMMENTS: Discharging the brine into our bay is going to be detrimental to our marine life. This is going to change our ecosystem!

Lori Rowe

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:53 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: kathrynmasten@yahoo.com <kathrynmasten@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 9:00 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: DR. Kathryn Masten

E-MAIL: kathrynmasten@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 25
VIENNA MD 21869-0025

PHONE: 4695002373

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see the just-released (January 2022) Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP) report, CBBEP Publication 153, Project 2120, entitled "Vulnerability Assessment of Coastal Bend Bays": https://www.cbbep.org/manager/wp-content/uploads/2120-Final-Report_FINAL.pdf, which was written by a team of scientists from TAMUCC's Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies. Here is the abstract: There is concern about rising salinities in the Coastal Bend region of Texas. Salinities could rise due to several long-term changes, such as,

increasing temperature that increases evaporation, reduced freshwater inflow that provides less seawater dilution potential, or industrial brine discharges. The purpose of this project is to identify and map areas of particular ecological importance and/or vulnerability in the Corpus Christi Bay region based on seasonal salinity modeling, living marine resources distribution and abundance, and species-specific salinity tolerances. The result of the project contributes to achieving Coastal Bend Bays Plan objectives FW-1, BTR-3, MC-1, HLR-1, and WSQ-1 (CBBEP 2020). The Corpus Christi Bay region has high annual average wind speeds, temperatures, and salinities, and circulation in the region is sluggish. In combination, this means that the region is sensitive to changes in water borne materials because they are easily concentrated by the high evaporation rates and hard to disperse because of low flushing rates. Overall community diversity is related to salinity, and as salinity increases past the optimal range, species diversity declines. The optimal salinity to maintain high diversity in bag seine samples that were collected along the shorelines of Corpus Christi Bay is between 22 and 24. However, the average salinity in the whole Corpus Christi Bay system is 28.5. In fact, the average salinity in the whole system is only about 25.5 in wet years, so on average, the system is already suffering from high salinity stress. For Corpus Christi Bay alone, the salinity is much higher, averaging 31.4 from 1987 to 2016. Salinity changes affect various species differently. The most sensitive species to salinity increases were blue crab, Atlantic croaker, and white shrimp. Because the average salinities are already at levels that could impact species abundance and diversity, small increases in salinity could add additional pressure to a system that is already experiencing salinity stress. I will be pasting this same comment in each of the permits currently under consideration by TCEQ relating to four (4) desalination plants in the Corpus Christi Bay System. The permit numbers are: 1. City of Corpus Christi La Quinta Channel: Intake WRPERM 13675 & Discharge WQ0005290000 2. Port of Corpus Christi La Quinta Channel: Intake WRPERM 13630 & Discharge WQ0005254000 3. City of Corpus Christi Inner Harbor: Intake WRPERM 13676 & Discharge WQ0005289000 4. Port of Corpus Christi Harbor Island: Discharge WQ0005253000 (no Intake permit application submitted yet)

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: CORINNE MAY

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: AUSTIN, TX **Zip:** _____

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Email: _____

Phone Number: ( ) _____

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  If yes, which one? Hillcrest Residents Associations

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Misty Botello

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Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 4:23 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2024 10:18 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elizabeth Mayorga

EMAIL: libmay531@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1025 HARBOR VILLAGE DR
CORP CHRISTI TX 78412-5331

PHONE: 5126380886

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am opposed to any desalination plants in or near Corpus Christi. The city gov government has not done enough research into their harmful effects. Do not allow more pollutants to affect our city. The bays health and the citizens health will be jeopardizd. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Stephen McCluskey

Mailing Address: 2917 E 16th St APT B

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Austin TX **Zip:** 78702

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:16 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: joe@mccombrelocation.com <joe@mccombrelocation.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 10:19 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: JOE MCCOMB

EMAIL: joe@mccombrelocation.com

COMPANY: McComb Relocation Services

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1678
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78403-1678

PHONE: 3617393152

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear Chairman Niermann, Commissioner Janecka, and Commissioner Gonzales, Thank you for allowing me to submit my comments on "Permit Application Number: WQ0005289000 by the City of Corpus Christi". My comment is submitted in strong support of the City of Corpus Christi's Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit for discharge from the Inner Harbor Desalination Treatment Plant (application number: WQ0005289000). As a former commissioner for Nueces County, a former city council member of the city of Corpus Christi, and a former Mayor of the city of Corpus Christi, I am knowledgeable about the need for new water supplies, the benefits of desalination, and the details on this

project. I know that the team for the city has spent almost a decade developing this project and has been methodical in the planning of all aspects of it with particular attention to being environmentally responsible. The staff of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has reviewed the application in great detail and has presented a draft permit for the consideration of the Commission and the public. I encourage the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to move expeditiously on this permit so our city and region can have an additional source of water. Thank you again for allowing me to comment on this extremely important permit application by the City of Corpus Christi. Sincerely yours, Joe McComb

Ellie Guerra

From:	PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent:	Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:41 AM
To:	PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject:	FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
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From: ecastillo@lcv.org <ecastillo@lcv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:21 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Comments from Community

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IGNITING THE MOVEMENT. ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE.

TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality", do NOT allow desal in Corpus! Black and Brown residents in Hillcrest demand fair treatment!

The "Inner Harbor" desalination plant - or its more accurate description the Hillcrest Neighborhood desalination plant - will devastate the residents of the only remaining historic Black and Brown neighborhood in the City of Corpus Christi.

As a concerned resident, I am urging TCEQ to deny the City of Corpus Christi's application for a Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000, authorizing the discharge of water treatment waste at a daily average flow not to exceed 34,300,000 gallons per day (GPD) for the initial phase and 51,500,000 (GPD) for the final phase via Outfall 001.

The water produced from this facility **WILL NOT** benefit the residents and ratepayers in the City of Corpus Christi nor the region it services. However, the impact of this facility, and the rest of the proposed desalination projects, will be felt by all.

Hillcrest Residents Association currently has a Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi due to the ongoing discriminatory conduct and blatant environmental racism directed towards the remaining residents of the neighborhood. This desalination plant will be placed in a buffer zone that was created to separate residents from industry, further harming our Bay and the quality of life of residents, our economy, and the environment .

While the desalination facilities will secure water for industry, it is local residents who will pay the price with higher water and energy bills, impacts to tourism, our local economy and community.

Coastal Bend residents are united in their plea for TCEQ to consider their future and deny the City of Corpus Christi this harmful permit.

"The City is sacrificing Hillcrest yet again to support industry's need for additional water. Corpus Christi has proven over and over again that it values profits over Hillcrest residents' health and quality of life." Pastor Adam Carrington, Brooks AME (2022)

Signature: Charles G. McCowan

Printed Name: CHARLES G. McCOWAN

Address: 5822 TIMBERHURST SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78250

Additional Comments: Please! Protect the Community of Hillcrest from the City desalination plants that will give the Remaining Residents a "peace of mind.

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City of Corpus Christi
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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Randy McIntyre

Mailing Address: 9570 County Road 1210

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Athens TX **Zip:** 75751

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Email: randy.mcintyre@outlook.com

Phone Number: (817) 798.7203

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Name: Justin McKenzie

Mailing Address: 256 Melrose Street

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (409) 673 4160

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Vincent Redondo

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Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: smleod38@yahoo.com <smleod38@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 10:17 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MRS Sandra McLeod

EMAIL: smleod38@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 104
PLEDGER TX 77468-0104

PHONE: 9799229340

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:27 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Carolyn McNeill

EMAIL: cajipa@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 625 MORAY PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1915

PHONE: 3618133049

FAX:

COMMENTS: Test have been run and support the position to approve the plant. The surrounding towns get their water from Corpus Christi and at this time we only have one water plant. Therefore, my husband and I support the proposal.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:52 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
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From: co-chair@coastalbend.surfrider.org <co-chair@coastalbend.surfrider.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9:39 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Neil McQueen

EMAIL: co-chair@coastalbend.surfrider.org

COMPANY: Surfrider Foundation, Texas Coastal Bend Chapter

ADDRESS: 4213 ESTATE DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2428

PHONE: 3617654445

FAX:

COMMENTS: See the attached file

SURFRIDER FOUNDATION
TEXAS COASTAL BEND

4213 Estate Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412
coastalbend.surfrider.org

April 17, 2024

To Whom It May Concern,

I regret that I won't be able to attend the public meeting on April 18th to make this comment in person.

Our organization recognizes that negative impacts in one part of a watershed, especially when there are multiple impacts, can affect other parts of that watershed. Our members recreate in and around Corpus Christi Bay, whether it is boating, fishing or recreating in other watersports. Therefore, we oppose the issuance of TPDES Permit # WQ0005289000 for the discharge from the City of Corpus Christi's proposed Inner Harbor desalination plant.

Our chapter's position, which is supported by the findings of the Texas General Land Office, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and respected marine scientists with the Harte Research Institute and the University of Texas Marine Science Institute, is that all intakes and discharge outfalls for desalination plants proposed for siting around Corpus Christi Bay should be located offshore in the Gulf of Mexico.

In reviewing the application for this permit:

1) TCEQ's requests for information (RFI) #1 and #2 did not consider the impacts from the City of Corpus Christi's proposed desalination plant on the La Quinta Channel if it is built. Since TCEQ is evaluating permit applications for this facility, the applicant should be required to show that the cumulative discharges from all the proposed plants, including this one, will not further degrade the water quality in Corpus Christi Bay.

2) Per Figures 1-3 in Appendix A of the application, samples for the source water characterization were collected at two locations in the Inner Harbor and in La Quinta Channel. However, the analytical data shown in Appendix B is for one location only, so the question is whether the data is for the Inner Harbor or La Quinta Channel? The applicant should be required to submit the data for both locations sampled.

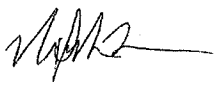
3) The laboratory results in Appendix A for Chloride, Sulfate and Total Dissolved Solids far exceed the MCLs, and while there is no MCL for Conductivity, it is extremely high. A continuous discharge of salty brine will only increase these levels.

Until the applicant fully addresses these issues, the application should be deemed incomplete.

From a cultural, quality of life and humanitarian perspective, if this plant is built, it will be another nail in the coffin for the Hillcrest neighborhood which has been battered by decades of industrial fenceline pollution and fragmentation.

We need to stop viewing our bays as expendable commodities to be exploited and instead see them as a precious resource that should be protected for current and future generations. Once a water body becomes polluted from industrial and urban discharges, it is very difficult and costly to restore them to their original state. Corpus Christi Bay, and the people who live around it, deserve better.

Sincerely,



Neil McQueen
Co-Chair, Surfrider Foundation, Texas Coastal Bend Chapter

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Brenda Miles

Mailing Address: 338 Primrose Dr CC TX 78404

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: ~~Corpus~~ _____ **Zip:** _____

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Email: brendamilescc@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 779-5330

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I am absolutely against this disastrous desal plant, and am concerned that this project was kept off the ballot to let the citizens of CC to decide. NO DESAL for industry special interests !!!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:52 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Josephine Welder Miller

EMAIL: josephinemiller1@me.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 801 N ADAMS ST
BEEVILLE TX 78102-4006

PHONE: 3618161911

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a former co-chair of the CC Regional Water Planing group, former San Patricio County Judge and former director of the San Patricio Economic Development Corporation, I am very much in favor of efforts to increase the water availability of our South Texas Region. The large area that now depends on our surface water resources is growing. Weather does not always favor our area in both the recovery and storage of rain or the recharge of our ground water resources. Additional water from desalinization is a prudent response to guarantee water for our future. We have made strides to make our delivery system optimum. Lets keep the water flowing. JWM

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Michael Miller

Mailing Address: 51 Camden Pl

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: miller@tealcon.com

Phone Number: (361) 438-8712

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I DO NOT OPPOSE DESAL, BUT AM CONCERNED ABOUT DISCHARGE into Closed bay System, specifically a small harbor cove.

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I have asked Jason Conklin about the Science and am unsatisfied with the answers. I asked "what if your calcs are wrong?" he said "plant gets shut down", and added that TCEQ can change the terms of the permit at any time and also shut down the plant.

Also, I was somewhat comforted about the pilot plant, as I thought it was for proving the salinity assumptions. It was explained to me that salinity levels and brine accumulation would not be Studied, only proof that drinking water could be produced.

Bad Answers, its a No from me.

Michael Miller

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Margot Moczygemba

EMAIL: margotym@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6105 JESSICA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-3682

PHONE: 9564607956

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting that the permit be denied and that an environmental impact study be done. I am also concerned that brine production and discharging it to the bay will be toxic to marine life. What is the impact on marine life in the bay area? Corpus Christi Bay is approximately 11 feet deep versus the ocean, which is approximately 12, 785 feet or deeper. Should brine be discharged in the ocean instead? Desalination plants use a lot of energy to generate power. We already have problems with energy outages in our area and throughout the state. The Hillcrest neighborhood has been targeted for this plant. This is a historic black neighborhood with families still living here. Why doesn't the city consider another location such as Padre Island?

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: margotym@gmail.com <margotym@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:46 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Margot Moczygemba

EMAIL: margotym@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6105 JESSICA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-3682

PHONE: 9564607956

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 11:41 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: margotym@gmail.com <margotym@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 9:43 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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EMAIL: margotym@gmail.com

COMPANY:

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CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-3682

PHONE: 9564607956

FAX:

COMMENTS: Concerned that brine production and discharging it to the bay will be toxic to marine life. What is the impact on marine life in the bay area? Corpus Christi Bay is approximately 11 feet deep versus the ocean, which is approximately 12, 785 feet or deeper. Should brine be discharged in the ocean instead? Desalination plants use a lot of energy to generate power. We already have problems with energy outages in our area and throughout the state. The Hillcrest neighborhood has been targeted for this plant. This is a historic black neighborhood with families still living here. Why doesn't the city consider another location such as Padre Island?

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:09 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: bmoeller6137@gmail.com <bmoeller6137@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 8:22 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Becky Moeller

EMAIL: bmoeller6137@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 7217 SPARKLE SEA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-5164

PHONE: 5129233707

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Jesus Molina

EMAIL: jm98swt@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4314 LEONARD DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-2820

PHONE: 3617260101

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Ellie Guerra

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Ella Rose Mollly

EMAIL: Ellarosemolly2@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 157
SANDIA TX 78383-0157

PHONE: 3462695995

FAX:

COMMENTS: Implementing a desalination water plant within our community holds immense potential for transforming our water system, particularly in light of its reliance on a single water source. This technological advancement serves as a beacon of hope in the face of water scarcity challenges by effectively converting seawater into freshwater, thereby diversifying and bolstering the community's water supply. By embracing this alternative source, the community gains a vital shield against the perils of droughts, climate variability, and the overexploitation of existing freshwater reservoirs. However, the benefits extend far beyond mere water security. The introduction of a desalination plant paves the way for economic stability and growth, as industries can operate with confidence, free from the specter of water shortages disrupting production. This reliability not only attracts investment but also catalyzes job creation and bolsters the local economy. Furthermore, enhanced access to clean water translates into tangible improvements in public health, reducing the prevalence of waterborne diseases and fostering a healthier, more productive population. In essence, a desalination water plant serves not only as a critical utility infrastructure but also as a potent catalyst for sustainable development and prosperity within your community.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:27 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 8:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Hugh Molly

EMAIL: mollyhu@iwacc.org

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 157
SANDIA TX 78383-0157

PHONE: 2817067238

FAX:

COMMENTS: Water needed to our community this is important to the community so I support the desal project.

Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:18 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Katherine Molly

EMAIL: katherinemolly@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 157
SANDIA TX 78383-0157

PHONE: 7132545606

FAX:

COMMENTS: The desalination water plant in Corpus Christi is critical to the safety and sustainability of the community. Having clean and reliable water is not to be taken for granted now nor especially in the future. This project has been done with the utmost care and high level of design standards and practices. The community welcomes the opportunity to be a part of solving for our future and being an example for other communities to follow. The time is now.

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Katherine Molly

EMAIL: katherinemolly@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 157
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PHONE: 7132545606

FAX:

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
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PLEASE PRINT

Name: B. Moody

Mailing Address: 6329 Senators Ct.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christy **Zip:** 78413

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (~~361~~ 360) 512-360-7317

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Who is OR will be paid to say "yes"; & so people outside of this County should not be able to convince the County etc. of your decisions

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Vincent Redondo

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Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:19 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: drm0924@gmail.com <drm0924@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 9:19 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Donna Moody

EMAIL: drm0924@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6325 SENATORS CT
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-2535

PHONE: 5123607317

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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From: marvin.r.mooney@gmail.com <marvin.r.mooney@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 2:15 AM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Marvin Mooney

EMAIL: marvin.r.mooney@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 104 SECO DR
PORTLAND TX 78374-1458

PHONE: 3616583986

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. I believe that this Will be a huge waste of money and problematic as well. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Peter Moore

Mailing Address: 5110 Leewood Dr. #301 Corpus Christi TX 78418

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC, TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: peter.moore@tamucc.edu

Phone Number: (361) 779-6055

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: DR. Peter Nathaniel Moore

EMAIL: peter.moore@tamucc.edu

COMPANY: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

ADDRESS: 15110 LEEWARD DR Apt 301
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78418-8051

PHONE: 3617796055

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Peter Moore, I am a historian and resident of Corpus Christi, and I write as a friend of the Hillcrest Residents Association, whose historic neighborhood has been ravaged by development. For decades, government and industrial developers have encroached on this neighborhood, bisected it with roads and bridges, poisoned its air, and now they hope to complete its destruction by building a desalination plant in it. No reasonable person would deny that Hillcrest has been targeted for this development because it is poor, Black, and Brown. And yet, despite decades of racist policy and discriminatory treatment, the people of Hillcrest are still here, they have endured, and they want, of all things, to revitalize their neighborhood. Hillcrest contains at least two significant historic sites. One is New Bayview Cemetery, a beautiful space covering 14 acres and dating back to the 19th century. 760 people are buried there, some among the first families of Corpus Christi. Significantly, New Bayview is a segregated cemetery, with separate sections for white, Black, and Hispanic people, and as such it documents the social history of our city. It has been designated a Texas Historic Cemetery by the Texas Historical Commission. The other historic site is Crossley Elementary School. This building is just shy of 100 years old, making it one of the two oldest school buildings in the district. Like New Bayview cemetery, Crossley played an important role in the history of school desegregation in Corpus Christi. The Hillcrest Residents Association has a dream of renovating and restoring this building and turning it into a community center. According to the City of Corpus Christi's Landmark Commission, a historical resources survey identified Crossley as a high priority for historic preservation. Moreover, in the city's 2021 historic preservation plan, a survey of residents named Hillcrest as one of 12 neighborhoods that should be designated as historic districts. So, we have a neighborhood with significant historic properties, a residents association with a dream to preserve these places and revitalize their neighborhood, a city landmark commission that sees this work as high priority, and the city's own historic preservation plan that recognizes the historical character and significance of Hillcrest. Yet the powers that be are intent on erasing this neighborhood and its history to make way for more petrochemical industry development. We should be protecting our cultural heritage and investing in communities, schools, and public health, not leveling neighborhoods to bring in more industries that poison our air and water and use up our natural resources, all at taxpayers' expense. As a matter of basic social justice, I urge you to deny this desalination plant permit.

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Name: Kendal Morrow

Mailing Address: [redacted] 1701 Ennis Joslin Rd

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC, TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: kenlomo@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 857-9995

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I support the desal project.
I believe the City has done due dilligence,
and we need more drinking water.

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April 18, 2024

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Name: Austin Muchow

Mailing Address: 15214 Reales Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: a m muchow 91@gmail.com

Phone Number: (913) 707-4476

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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Sandra Mueller

EMAIL: sandymueller4@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 140 PALM ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-7640

PHONE: 3612054641

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Mark Muenster

Mailing Address: 1015 Luxor Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: mjmuenster728@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 658-9692

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 4:55 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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From: aejconf@gmail.com <aejconf@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:45 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Aaron Munoz

EMAIL: aejconf@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 270953
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78427-0953

PHONE: 3612323018

FAX:

COMMENTS: I fully support the City of Corpus Christi's pursuit of permitting for a seawater desalination plant. This facility is necessary for our community to have sustainable growth over the next decades. Without a long-term, reliable source of water in the Coastal Bend, citizens will have a worse quality of life because of a weak economy and high water utility rates. Please support the City of Corpus Christi's efforts to construct and operate a seawater desalination facility in the Coastal Bend.

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PLEASE PRINT Ruben MUNOZ

Name: RUBEN MUNOZ

Mailing Address: ~~RUBALNEY DA~~ @ HOTMAIL.COM

Physical Address (if different): 4705 PORTAL LANE

City/State: PLANO **Zip:** 75024

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Email: RUBALNEY DA @ HOTMAIL.COM

Phone Number: ( )

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Nanez - James

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Name: Suraida Nanez - James

Mailing Address: 7326 Gold Ridge Rd

Physical Address (if different): Same

City/State: CC, TX **Zip:** 78413

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Email: Snanezjames@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 739-6365

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  If yes, which one? Community member

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Vincent Redondo

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Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 4:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: dc21neal@gmail.com <dc21neal@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 9:48 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Devon Neal

EMAIL: dc21neal@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2511 MEADOW RIDGE DR
MESQUITE TX 75150-8011

PHONE: 3617424279

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 11:51 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: tropwatch36@yahoo.com <tropwatch36@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, January 27, 2024 1:39 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Janet Newcomb

EMAIL: tropwatch36@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1314 MEADOWLANE DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-4119

PHONE: 3612159325

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear TCEQ, I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the adverse impact that the proposed inner harbor desalination discharge in Corpus Christi Bay may have on marine life and the overall ecosystem. Upon reviewing the technical memorandum and statements from Dr. Greg Stunz, Executive Director of the Heart Institute, it is evident that the inner harbor location for the desalination discharge is not supported by scientists. The lack of sufficient water exchange and dilution of the heavy brine discharge poses a significant threat to the delicate balance of the bay's ecosystem. Furthermore, I would like to highlight the concerns raised about the placement of the diffuser within the navigational channel. With the diffuser set at a depth of only 32 feet, there are serious concerns about potential

interference with ship traffic. This decision could have detrimental effects on the smooth functioning of the channel and, subsequently, the economic and military activities reliant on it. Considering the significant ecological and economic implications, I urge you to reconsider the proposed location for the desalination discharge. It is crucial to prioritize the preservation and protection of our natural resources and ensure sustainable practices that do not harm the delicate balance of the bay's ecosystem. I kindly request that you take into account the concerns raised by scientists and experts in the field, such as Dr. Greg Stunz, who have highlighted the potential risks associated with the inner harbor desalination discharge. Exploring alternative locations or implementing additional measures to mitigate the environmental impact should be thoroughly considered. I am confident that, by working together, we can find a solution that addresses the water needs of our community while safeguarding the precious marine life and ecosystem of Corpus Christi Bay. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon regarding the actions being taken to address these concerns. Yours sincerely, Janet Newcomb

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Name: Julia Nicholson

Mailing Address: 4025 Markins Dr. Corpus Christi, TX

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78412

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Email: jnicholson1@islander.tamucc.edu

Phone Number: (832) 727-2760

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From: gjnickleson@ccisd.us <gjnickleson@ccisd.us>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 6:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Guy Nickleson

EMAIL: gjnickleson@ccisd.us

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1409 PEABODY AVE
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78407-2720

PHONE: 3615371130

FAX:

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Name: Patrick A. Nye

Mailing Address: 1012 Bayshore Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Ingleside TX **Zip:** 78362

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Email: patrick@nyexp.us

Phone Number: (361) 6581089

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From: johnmiketx@sbcglobal.net <johnmiketx@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2024 1:05 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Michael O'Hare

EMAIL: johnmiketx@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY: Snyder's Central Office Equipment

ADDRESS: 2025 LEOPARD ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78408-3923

PHONE: 3618137637

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a small business owner and long time resident of Corpus Christi, I support the issuance of a permit to the city.

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Name: Lia Araiza Ortiz

Mailing Address: 326 Poenisch Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78415

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Phone Number: ( )

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 5:19 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: ollie12016@gmail.com <ollie12016@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 3:53 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Robert Ortiz

EMAIL: ollie12016@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1713 CORONADO TRL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-1859

PHONE: 3615486940

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident & tax payer in Nueces County, I encourage the issuance of the permit by TCEQ for the new water supply that is very much in need for this region.

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Name: Don OSBORN

Mailing Address: 513 Sam Rankin CC TX 7840

Physical Address (if different): 1605 Mesquite LA

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78401

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Email: donosborn@mail.com

Phone Number: (361) 361-336-9875

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Don Osborn
513 Sam Rankin LA
Corpus Christi Tx 78401
donosborn@mail.com

Meeting on City of Corpus Christi Hill Crest Desalination Project

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Things to consider on Permit Application

As someone who lived during the drought and water rationing of the early 1980's. I have been disappointed and horrified at our current water shortage and the reasons that we once again ~~we~~ are facing water shortages. I am disappointed in the city allowing tens of millions of gallons of our water to industrial users and polluters at the expense of residential users. This shortage of water had been addressed by the Mary Rhodes pipeline and other measures. I am horrified that the proposed answer to the problem is the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination site. I could not have imagined a worst location for the plant and the intake and discharge.

The proposed intake site and the chemical laced brine discharge site is in very close proximity to constant loading and unloading of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) from and to barges and ships. There have been many "mishaps" is these loading procedures large and small. The placement of the intake is subject to the uptake of these spilled compounds and will result in high concentrations of chemicals in water for residential users and/or the release of high concentrations of the VOCs and other harmful substances into our waterways and Bay estuarine Systems. This environmental degradation is inevitable. In an article published in NebGuide titled *Drinking water Treatment: Reverse Osmosis, By* Bruce I Dvork, Extension Environmental Engineering Specialist and Sharon O Skipton, Extension Water Quality Educator. They state.

Contaminants not removed from RO filtetration include dissolved gases such as hydrogen sulfide, ... Some pesticides, solvents and volatile organic compound chemicals VOCs are not removed by RO.

(Refer to Extension Circular EC703 Drinking water treatment: An overview.)

If the city goes ahead with the proposed site these chemicals will be present in abundance in the water produced due to the site being close to where VOC are produced, loaded and unloaded and accidents that occur in the ship channel and the city storm water runoff outlet that is located within 500 feet of the intake.

The discharge of the concentrated brine and these unknown and known chemicals into our Bay and estuary system has not been properly studied. The mixing rate and diffusion of the substances through the water table due to the limited tidal mixing and predominant current into and out of the ship channel are not a constant. The modeling that has been provided have not done an adequate analysis of the dispersal rate much less the affects of these concentrated toxic substances to the local marine life. The density and toxicity of this effluent will have the worst affects in the area Corpus Christi can least hide it and our biggest economical driver in the city, the Downtown Bay front area. The potential and I would argue inevitable concentrations of these substance flowing out of the Corpus Christi ship channel will first appear along the shores of the City's seawall, the Marina, Maggee beach the Texas State Aquarium, The Lexington, North Beach, and the backyards of those that live along Ocean Drive. These areas bring thousands of visitors and produce significant Tax revenue to the city from business including property taxes, restaurants, shrimping, fishing, sightseeing, water sports sailing, and many other activities. Corpus Christi is already considered the eighth unhealthiest cities in the United States according to a 2024 WalletHub report using criteria such as healthcare, food, fitness, and green spaces, imagine if the Bay experiences further environmental degradation due to the release of these concentrations of toxic brine and VOCs. This is a trend moving in the wrong direction because a 2023 WalletHub report ranked the city as the Tenth unhealthiest city when looking at access to

health care insurance coverage and cost of medicine. This city cannot afford any thing else that degrades our environment or subjects our citizens and visitors to any more industrial waste.

I am opposed to the Hill Crest Neighborhood Desalination site and any other that jeopardize the fragile ecology of the closed bay system and puts our environment and heath at risk.

And this does not even get into the incomplete information that is given on the permit application that was submitted on January 17,2020 by the city manager.

If there is updated information, please let me know where it can be found.

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City of Corpus Christi
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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Randy Palachek

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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Email: _____

Phone Number: ( ) _____

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Name: Jessica Palitza

Mailing Address: 6006 Hopper Dr Corpus Christi TX 78411

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: _____ **Zip:** _____

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Email: jessica palitza@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (281) 725-7287

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Don't put this desal plant in Hillcrest! People live in this neighborhood & they are overburdened with industry already!

Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

I urge TCEQ to deny this permit & any other attempts to discharge desalination brine into Corpus Christi Bay. This body of water is extremely too small to add brine of almost double salt content. It is a mostly closed body of water that takes months or sometimes years to circulate. Plus, it is only about 10ft across & the ship channel doesn't provide enough mixing to mitigate increased salinity.

THE BAY HAS ALREADY SUFFERED FROM LOW RAINFALL & HIGH EVAPORATION RATES. If the fish are all suffering from increased salinity (which they will), people will stop visiting our "Sparkling City on the Bay" BE ON THE JUST SIDE OF HISTORY

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Name: Michael Paris

Mailing Address: 801 E. Broadway

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Portland Tx. **Zip:** 78374

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Email: michael@sanpatricioedc.com

Phone Number: (361) 704-7080

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From: michael@sanpatricioedc.com <michael@sanpatricioedc.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 10:24 AM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Michael Paris

EMAIL: michael@sanpatricioedc.com

COMPANY: San Patricio County Economic Development Corp

ADDRESS: 801 BROADWAY BLVD Augusta Ste
PORTLAND TX 78374-4202

PHONE: 3617043070

FAX:

COMMENTS: As Director of Business Development at the San Patricio County EDC, I can confirm first hand that the approval of the Inner Harbor's desalination water discharge permit is a vital component to providing consumable water to the Corpus Christi (CC) MSA. San Patricio County and the CC MSA are experiencing hyper-growth adding high paying jobs which has created more industrial interest, retail expansion and the aggressive growth in single and multi family units being built. Our industry and families have not only proven their ability to conserve water usage, but pursue being good stewards of water usage in this area. I know personally The City of Corpus Christi and the San Patricio County Water district will work diligently to meet if not exceed your expectations as you approve this permit and move forward. I have made Portland, Texas my home. There are many others who are ready to make the CC MSA their home. Your approval of this permit continues to create that path moving forward.

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TCEQ Registration Form

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Name: Blanca Parkinson

Mailing Address: 10801 Silverton Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78410

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Email: bp

Phone Number: ( )

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Name: Bob Paulison

Mailing Address: 15226 Barataria Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: bobpaulison@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 563-2888

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  If yes, which one? Coastal Bend Industry Association

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 7:21 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: mellissap627@gmail.com <mellissap627@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 6:12 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Mellissa Parks

EMAIL: mellissap627@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4029 ROBINHOOD DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-3064

PHONE: 3619609795

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:52 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000
Attachments: Permit WQ0005289000 (City of Corpus Christi)_Comments Supporting Approval_Coastal Bend Industry Association_17 Apr 2024.pdf

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Attachment = comment

From: bobpaulison@gmail.com <bobpaulison@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 5:53 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Robert Paulison

EMAIL: bobpaulison@gmail.com

COMPANY: Coastal Bend Industry Association

ADDRESS: PO BOX 223
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78403-0223

PHONE: 3615632888

FAX:

COMMENTS: The Coastal Bend Industry Association strongly supports approval of permit WQ0005289000 submitted by the City of Corpus Christi. Additional comments are provided in the attached document. RJP

Coastal Bend Industry Association

Together We Thrive!

17 April 2024

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
TCEQ
12100 Park 35 Circle Bldg. 7
Austin, TX 78753

RE: Permit Application Number: WQ0005289000
Applicant Name: City of Corpus Christi

This comment is submitted strongly supporting approval of permit number WQ0005289000 submitted by the City of Corpus Christi.

Located throughout Nueces and San Patricio counties, Coastal Bend Industry Association (CBIA) member companies produce fuels, high performance polymers and resins, intermediate chemicals, industrial gases, pharmaceuticals, and steel; process and move LNG and crude oil; fabricate offshore energy facilities; and generate and distribute electricity. Together, CBIA members employ 14,000 workers and full-time contractors, and economic activity associated with member facilities supports thousands of additional related jobs in the region.

Without doubt, an ample, reliable supply of clean, fresh water is critically important to everyone who lives and works in the Coastal Bend region. Adding this new drought proof source to the region's water supply will enable the City to both meet current customer demand, and provide additional potable water resources to serve future residential and commercial needs.

CBIA members have been participants in the City of Corpus Christi's seawater desalination effort from its inception nearly a decade ago. During that entire time, the City's team has been nothing but thorough, rigorous and professional throughout every phase of the development process. We have observed their approach and methods to be sound; reviewed all pertinent permitting documents, as well as associated data collection, engineering and modeling reports; and have great confidence in the work the City and their team have done.

In closing, CBIA strongly supports this project and approval of this permit; and we urge TCEQ to finalize this permit as soon as possible so that this vital water supply project can continue to move forward.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Paulison
Executive Director

AEP Texas

Air Liquide

ArcelorMittal Texas HBI

BASF – Bishop Facility

Buckeye Texas Partners

Celanese

Cheniere Energy

CITGO Refining & Chemicals, LP

Chemours Company

Enbridge

Gibson Energy

Flint Hills Resources Corpus Christi, LLC

Gulf Coast Growth Ventures

Kiewit Offshore Services, Ltd.

LyondellBasell

NuStar Logistics

OxyChem

Port of Corpus Christi Authority

Talen Energy

Valero

Vopak Terminals – Corpus Christi

P. O. Box 223 – 78403
Corpus Christi, Texas
Phone: 361/563-2888

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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: dep3918@aol.com <dep3918@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 11:00 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR DavidEarl Pearson

EMAIL: dep3918@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3829 CASSOWARY CT
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-5623

PHONE: 3619473918

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Name: Makayla Penrod

Mailing Address: 3806 County rd 69,'

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Robstown, Tx **Zip:** 78380

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Email: makaylapenrod113@gmail.com

Phone Number: (832) 425 4872

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TCEQ,

My name is Makayla Penrod, I am a community member of Corpus Christi, TX. I am also a marine science Studen at TAMUCC. I am very against Desalination! your solution to water shortage is dumping 50 million gallons of waste into our bay? Thats ridiculous Not only our you planning to target the bay, you also plan to target our black/hispanic community. You are not creating solutions or jobs, you are destroying them.

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Name: James Perkins

Mailing Address: 605 Caddo ST

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: sptical mantis@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 290 8823

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Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:25 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office Phone: 512-239-3319

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From: robinperrone@gmail.com <robinperrone@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:19 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Robin & Associates PC PERRONE

EMAIL: robinperrone@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6418 CORAL GABLES DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-2612

PHONE: 3617280017

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am an ordinary citizen of Corpus Christi and I want to thank the forward thinking and planning city councils for promoting the desal plants as solutions for our water needs in a drought prone region. At least 1800 other plants are used successfully around the world to provide potable water to their people. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: DAVID PETTEY

Mailing Address: 859 VIA BONITA

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: EL PASO TX **Zip:** 79912

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (956) 244-6085

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I SUPPORT THE DESAL PLANT AND THE NEED TO CREATE THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET A DEFERED DEMAND FOR WATER PROCESSING FROM ALTERNATE RAW WATER SOURCES TO MEET CURRENT AND PROTECTED GROWTH. ~~AND~~

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Name: Claudia Pichardo

Mailing Address: 3138 Topeka

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____

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I find it hard to believe that an environmental impact study/statement has not been completed by either TCEQ nor the city prior to submitting request for permit to TCEQ.

I understand the need for more water supply to a growing city, but not at the expense of the environment. The brine staying in the bay instead of discharging into the gulf of Mexico is unacceptable.

No permit should be given to the city of Corpus Christi at this time, let's do an environmental impact study & now make this study public information. The people deserve facts. Deny the permit.

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Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: lillie_pittman@hotmail.com <lillie_pittman@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 1:36 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MRS Lillie Pittman

EMAIL: lillie_pittman@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2107 PEACHWOOD DR
MISSOURI CITY TX 77489-5020

PHONE: 7138998815

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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Cc:	PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject:	FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: aliciamp9@aol.com <aliciamp9@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 12:36 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MRS Alice Poulsen

EMAIL: aliciamp9@aol.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 39 LA BUENA VIDA DR
ARANSAS PASS TX 78336-6717

PHONE: 7132013882

FAX:

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Liza T Powers

Mailing Address: 6315 Meredith Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Bellaire **Zip:** 77401

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Email: liza.powers@tsu.edu

Phone Number: (713) 979-7385

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Name: John Purcell

Mailing Address: 2610 Tulane St.

Physical Address (if different): (same)

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78418

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Email: purcelljohn41@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (361) 249-1383

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Name: MIKE PUSLEY

Mailing Address: 3916 CASTLE VALLEY DR.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: C.C., TX **Zip:** 78410

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Email: MIKE.PUSLEY@CCTEXAS.COM

Phone Number: ( )

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  If yes, which one? CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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I AM IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S PLANNED DESAL PLANT IN THE INNER HARBOR.

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Name: Sandra Rascon

Mailing Address: 914 Nanding Dr.

Physical Address (if different): //

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78408

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Email: stardog515@gmail.com

Phone Number: (818) 640-4072

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I ask TCEQ to consider the long range harmful + detrimental environmental impact which coordurde scholarly data reflect. In addition, the location places undue health hardship on marginalized, underrepresented, oppressed populations in the Hillcrest + surrounding area! Thank you.

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Ellie Guerra

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Attachments:	BRWF0A654AEF5CC_000469.pdf

Comment for each signor in the attached.

From: ecastillo@lcv.org <ecastillo@lcv.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:16 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see comments from Community

CHISPA TX

IGNITING THE MOVEMENT. ADVANCING CLIMATE JUSTICE.

TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality", do NOT allow desal in Corpus! Black and Brown residents in Hillcrest demand fair treatment!

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Signature: Socorro Ramos-Aviles

Printed Name: Socorro Ramos-Aviles

Address: 1001 Ayers St Corpus Christi TX 78401

Additional Comments:

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Roy J. Delveaux

Address: 2417 Summers St.

Additional Comments:

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Printed Name: Margarita McGraw

Address: 1727 Lexiton Ave.

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Ley McGraw

Address: 3809 Quail Dr.

Additional Comments: Protect hill Crest

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Signature: Elizabeth Smith

Printed Name: Elizabeth Smith

Address:

Additional Comments: Stay out of Hillcrest

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Sincerely,

Name (Printed): Koltan Webb

Address: 2533 Alameda

City, State, TX: Corpus Christi TX 78411

Additional Comments:

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Signature: Ezequiel Contreras

Printed Name: E. Contreras

Address: 917 Lexington Ave CC Tx 78407

Additional Comments: Desal Plant will be Nosy to Neighborhood.

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Signature: Donald R Jones Jr

Printed Name: DONALD RAY JONES

Address: 2405 Hatch St CC, TX 78407

Additional Comments:

YES, I would like for THEM not to take our residental neighborhood from us, because we've been here for YEAR.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:17 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: socorro.ramos.aviles@gmail.com <socorro.ramos.aviles@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:16 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Socorro Ramos-Avilés

EMAIL: socorro.ramos.aviles@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 4901 SARATOGA BLVD APT 723
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-2270

PHONE: 2109803923

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 20, 2024 4:16 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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NAME: MR Daniel Gene Resley

EMAIL: runninhot@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 2313 LOUISVILLE DR
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PHONE: 9513759859

FAX:

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From: runninhot@gmail.com <runninhot@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 6:35 AM
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COMMENTS: I support the efforts of the City of Corpus Christi to build, own, and operate a desalination plant.

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Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 6:47 PM
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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS C A Rodriguez

EMAIL: rodriguez.chloe58@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 7410 LAKE CONROE CT
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78413-5164

PHONE: 3617379707

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, I have been a lifelong resident of Corpus Christi and I wish to express my opposition to permit WQ0005289000 in the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor. I am concerned about the environmental impact, and lack of environmental impact statement thereof, of a heavy discharge to a stagnant water body like Corpus Christi Bay. In the updated permit application provided (https://www.desal.cctexas.com/_files/ugd/0673fd_d2eadf47e38348ecb4b14f15052776cd.pdf), there were several concerns: On page 3 (PDF page 19) of the AMENDED permit application, 2a states that "produced wastewater will not be treated prior to discharge" and that the various waste streams will be blended. I have an issue with the salinity impact in the closed bay In the CORMIX modeling results on PDF page 128, salinity increases in the mixing zone by 2.36 PPT at 20 MGD production, but declines to 2.22 PPT at full 30 MGD production. How could increased production reduce the increase in salinity? Is this an assumption on increased technology? If so, why did the City of CC not provide a statement? I do not think a Feasibility statement whitepaper is enough. More studies need to be done. I urge you to object to the permit. Other areas of concern are the burden of payment on local citizens when it is known that this water is primarily for industrial users (who are not subject to drought restrictions), and the environmental injustice of placing this site in a historically Black community that has an ongoing Title VI Complaint.

Misty Botello

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2024 3:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Miah Rodriguez

EMAIL: miah.rodriguez@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6301 MEADOWVISTA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78414-2650

PHONE: 3617793805

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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April 18, 2024

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Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Amanda Rose

Mailing Address: 625 Chamberlain CC, TX 78404

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78404

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Email: amanda.r.rose@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 876-1570

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TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
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Name: REV. CLAUDIA M. RUSH

Mailing Address: 3789 MUELLER ST

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CC TX **Zip:** 78408

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Email: claudiamrush@hotmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 779-6448

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Ellie Guerra

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Attachments: Public Comment permit WQ0005289000.pdf

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: REVEREND Claudia Marie Rush

EMAIL: claudiamrush@hotmail.com

COMPANY: Claudia M Rush

ADDRESS: 3789 MUELLER ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78408-3139

PHONE: 3617796448

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am opposed to the permit WQ0005289000 for the proposed desalination plant in the Hillcrest neighborhood of Corpus Christi, TX. We are killing the environment and community of people and it's time to change direction and do things better for everyone involved.

Public Comment - Inner Harbor Desalination Plant TPDES Permit WQ0005289000

Date – April 18, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78411-3087

Re: City of Corpus Christi (RN110940152) TPDES Permit number WQ0005289000 to discharge waste from the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant's TPDES Permit to discharge waste into Nueces and Corpus Christi bays.

My name is Pastor Claudia M. Rush and I live approximately 3 miles from the outfall of the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant which is in the Hillcrest Neighborhood where my church is located blocks away.

I am concerned that the quality of life is being destroyed in Corpus Christi by chemicals in the air from the refineries, fossil fuel hubs on the waters, the upcoming ammonia and desalination plants proposed in and near the homes of the Hillcrest residents.

The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant is productive only for industry and not for human beings. The bay will be destroyed from dumping excessive amounts of brine that will impact the fish in the water and impede the people who love the leisure of fishing in our city.

I don't agree with the proposed location of the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant that is one block away from a residential neighborhood called Hillcrest.

Furthermore, the City of Corpus is deceiving the community that the water is needed for the citizens of this city, when in fact they are providing this water to the industries who are currently here and those who they have, in a back door meeting, agreed to help get them a foot in Corpus Christi by providing water.

We have not heard the outcome from the Title VI complaint of discrimination from the Hillcrest Neighborhood. Why should a permit be granted before the final decision has been made on behalf of the residents of Hillcrest.

In read in Numbers 35:33-34 "Do not pollute the land where you are…; Do not defile the land where you live…"

I brought you into a fertile land to eat its fruit and rich produce. But you have come to defile my land and make it detestable." Jeremiah 2:7

I further read in God's Word from Galatians 6:7 what you sow you shall reap. The consequences of our actions is if you sow good, good will come back to you; and if you sow bad, bad will come back to you.

We are reaping today from the bad that's taking place in our world. The destruction from the toxic chemicals in the air, the floods that's washing away the lives of people in various cities, states, and countries, the rainforest that is being destroyed because of the lack of responsibility from governmental agencies led by people who make frivolous decisions instead of doing what is right, good, and noble for the concerns of the people.

God is holding each of us responsible for the land and environment He has given us to care for.

Therefore, the decision to place this desalination plant in the Hillcrest neighborhood where people live daily in a place, they call home is not being responsible.

How many of you would want this in your backyard or neighborhood?

God is watching! God is holding each of you responsible! Make the right decision for the citizens of Corpus Christi and the Hillcrest neighborhood.

God's best is available for all who will do what is good.

I request TCEQ to deny this permit and I would propose a public meeting be called prior to any permit being approved.

Humbly submitted,

Rev. Claudia M. Rush, Pastor
Brooks AME Worship Center
2101 North Port Avenue
Corpus Christi, TX

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TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Sandra Lore Sanchez

Mailing Address: 6130 Wooldridge

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: C C TX **Zip:** 78414

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Email: Sanchez3336l@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (361) 533-8750

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Elisa Guerra

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Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 11:52 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: buckschadedds@gmail.com <buckschadedds@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 1, 2021 7:14 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: DR. David L Schade

E-MAIL: buckschadedds@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 1790
ARANSAS PASS TX 78335-1790

PHONE: 5124139088

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a public meeting for this permit. This seawater desalination plant permit should be denied because this facility will increase the salinity of Corpus Christi Bay. This increased salinity will have a negative impact on plant and animal life in this body of water. Corpus Christi Bay is a closed bay system--water remains in the bay for 1.6 years before exchanging with Gulf water. This will allow the salty brine discharge to accumulate in CC Bay to a much higher degree than is the case with desal plants that discharge into open water. Additionally, the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has produced a study indicating that any

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Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2021 9:28 AM
To: buckschadedds@gmail.com
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

A copy of your email will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list for this application. After the opportunity to submit comments ends, a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments will be mailed to you. If a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a hard copy of the public meeting notice in the mail.

The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

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Name: Heather Shields

Mailing Address: 217 Knickerbocker St 78418

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78418

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Email: h.shields87@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 336-8001

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I request TCEQ do further studies to determine alternate water sources. The mayor and city council have constantly shifted the numbers concerning how much discharge without adequately accounting for the shallow depth of our bay. →

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Numerous resources have used to determine that our bay is not the sufficient size for a desalination plant of any kind. It must be in open water to properly dilute the brine. In addition to this the impacts of inviting an industrial desalination operation in a BLACK, African-American neighborhood is a discriminatory move that ignores the human rights of an already oppressed People. Corpus Christi hasn't even paid reparations for the generational harm they've/we've caused to this, community, with various rare cancers, and infant mortality, and mother mortality. This is a disgrace It must be haulted to protect life and environment. Please deny this discharge permit.

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TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Bob Shockney

Mailing Address: 300 Erie Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Portland **Zip:** 78374

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Email: RAShockney@Hotmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 385-0089

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Name: Darcy Schroeder

Mailing Address: 409 Dolphin Pl

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78411

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Email: darcyschroeder11@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (361) 876-8722

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Ellie Guerra

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From: jjs@jsatx.com <jjs@jsatx.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:41 AM
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: James Schwarz

EMAIL: jjs@jsatx.com

COMPANY: J. Schwarz & Associates, Inc.

ADDRESS: PO BOX 60733
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78466-0733

PHONE: 3619062430

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support this project. As surface water becomes more difficult to obtain, desalination of brackish ground water and sea water will eventually become the of the few sources available to sustain future development and growth. The availability of water is essential to a healthy and growing population.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2024 5:22 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Carol Scott

EMAIL: cascott338@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 338 BERMUDA PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1508

PHONE: 3618138888

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am a 40 year resident of Corpus Christi. I have followed the public discussion of seawater desalination for over a decade. I believe that the City of Corpus Christi has made a thorough review of the operational, financial and environmental concerns associated with the development of a desal facility. I support their application and believe that the project will be beneficial to our region and to the entire State of Texas. Thank you for your due diligence in reviewing the application. I urge you to issue their permit and allow the project to move forward.

Ellie Guerra

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Martin Scott

EMAIL: mscott@sanjacintotitle.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 338 BERMUDA PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1508

PHONE: 3618777797

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support the City's permit application. I have supported desalination in general. As a former City Councilman, I have traveled to Carlsbad to see their Desal facility. I have met with the City of San Deigo to discuss their project. I have not been involved in any of the site selection process. It seems to me at this point it is math equation. If the City of Corpus Christi's analysis (math) is correct, and it meets the TCEQ standards, then I would hope you (TCEQ) approve.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Andrew Simpson

EMAIL: andyzetson@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 12434 CANYON CT
SAN ANTONIO TX 78247-4279

PHONE: 2106307395

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

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FAX:

COMMENTS: I support the granting of the desalination permit for the above referenced project. It provides a reliable water source that will not impact future freshwater inflows to the bay system and could increase current flows. The Corpus Christi region needs a reliable, drought resistant water supply and this permit would allow it. The location has been chosen as the preferred site after a comprehensive review of possible locations.

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

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Name: Ivan Soltelo

Mailing Address: 6515 Ocean Drive Unit 11119-A

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78412

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Email: ivlcozos@gmail.com

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City of Corpus Christi
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Physical Address (if different): _____

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COMPANY: n/a

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PHONE: 8179882899

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see attached PDF below

April 16, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78411-3087

Re: City of Corpus Christi (RN110940152) TPDES Permit number WQ0005289000 to discharge waste from the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on TPDES Permit No. WQ0005289000 for the proposed desalination plant in the Inner Harbor in Corpus Christi, Texas. I appreciate the effort that is being made to supply residents and businesses in the area with a reliable source of water. Although this permit is intended to provide guidelines for the safe management of waste, I am concerned that it is based on misleading and inaccurate information and will lead to a significant loss of water quality, quality of life, community health, community economics, and ecological integrity in the Inner Harbor and the Corpus Christi Bay.

I do not want to see a desalination plant occur here whatsoever, but if this permit does pass, I wanted to comment on the ways we should strive for the best environmental impact possible. When considering the future of our water supply, we must not be blind-sighted to the effects of our actions. We the people appreciate that we are trying to find alternatives to freshwater; however, we cannot ignore how implementing a reverse-osmosis type of desalination plant in a community such as Hillcrest- already facing such injustice - will affect the future of our city, the region, and the state. As a scientist in the area who also highly respects balance, policy, and regulation, I have gathered various data and case studies on desalination to present some items that may not have been considered recently.

Often, the desalination industry releases brine far offshore to mitigate how these minerals will directly affect coastal communities and human processes Also to mitigate impact, I have noticed that...

" The concentrate waste is discharged (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permitted) through a 16" (diameter) pipeline into an earthen drainage ditch located adjacent to the Southmost facility and extending to the Laguna Madre.4 For other inland desalination facilities, the discharge of concentrate waste is more complex and costly"
(Sturdivant et al. ,2007)

... Blending water represents an alternative approach wherein brine undergoes treatment before being reintegrated into brackish or seawater at an acceptable ratio. While these methods aim to alleviate environmental impact, they do not adequately address the long-term consequences anticipated for the region. Although effective in addressing immediate water scarcity, such practices are insufficient to sustain future demands. If highly saline brine is discharged into bays, it is projected to settle in the lower portion of the water column. Establishing a desalination plant in this locale necessitates an extensive pipeline for proper discharge. Neglecting this imperative could result in adverse environmental outcomes, potentially transforming the Gulf Coast into an ecologically compromised area- a wasteland or dead sea if you will. This scenario would likely lead to diminished tourism, loss of fishing culture, and reduced food resources for communities dependent on bay ecosystems.

Desalination operations hold the potential to disturb local ecosystems through the discharge of brine into marine environments, resulting in habitat degradation and diminished biodiversity. Specifically, the release of brine can harm benthic communities by altering salinity levels and habitat conditions, thereby compromising the survival and reproductive success of organisms and disrupting the intricate food webs they support. Additionally, the introduction of chemical pollutants from desalination activities poses further risks to benthic life, potentially leading to long-term repercussions for ecosystem health and stability.

Desalination projects can have significant impacts on the coastal wetlands and estuarine ecosystems we nurture so dearly. These vital habitats serve as nurseries for various marine species and provide critical functions such as water filtration and flood protection. However, the construction and operation of desalination plants may require coastal dredging or disruption of estuarine habitats, leading to habitat loss and fragmentation. This disruption can have cascading effects on biodiversity and ecosystem functioning, jeopardizing the resilience of coastal

ecosystems to environmental stressors. Given the ecological importance of wetlands and estuaries in our region, it is crucial to carefully consider the potential impacts of desalination projects on these sensitive habitats. Effective mitigation measures, such as habitat restoration and enhanced monitoring programs, are essential to minimize adverse effects and preserve the ecological integrity of coastal environments. Environmnetal services should be quantified before the industry begins. Our land, bays, and environmental systems have a lot more to offer us than what we may shallowly assume.

Desalination operations can indirectly exacerbate coastal erosion by disrupting natural sediment transport patterns and causing disturbance to substrates through the construction of intake and outfall structures. Furthermore, the discharge of brine with elevated salinity levels can alter wave energy dynamics along the shoreline, thereby potentially accelerating erosion processes. To mitigate these impacts effectively, it is essential to meticulously assess and address factors such as plant location, design considerations, and the implementation of robust erosion control measures.

The initial capital outlay necessary for the establishment of desalination plants is considerable. Construction expenses, alongside infrastructure development and ongoing maintenance costs, impose a notable financial burden, typically borne by governmental budgets, water rate adjustments, and civilian taxation. This allocation of resources diverts funding away from critical sectors such as healthcare, education, and infrastructure enhancement, thereby impeding overall economic advancement. Given Corpus Christi's notable progress in these areas, any interruption to these initiatives in favor of prioritizing desalination efforts would be regrettable. The community seeks sustained economic prosperity, the safe completion of infrastructure projects such as the bridge construction, and the implementation of enduringly viable resource management strategies.

Desalination processes are characterized by their significant energy requirements, primarily sourced from fossil fuels. This energy-intensive aspect of desalination operations contributes to heightened carbon emissions, which in turn exacerbate environmental concerns and contribute to increased urban heat levels. In regions like South Texas, where sustainability is a paramount concern, these implications are particularly pertinent. The resultant rise in utility expenses places a burden on both households and businesses, impacting disposable income and constraining investment opportunities.

A reliance on desalination solutions risks fostering a dependency on this technology. Despite desalination plants typically operating efficiently for approximately 50 years, there exists a danger of diverting attention away from addressing the underlying causes of water scarcity. This potential oversight underscores the necessity for a comprehensive approach that not only embraces desalination but also prioritizes initiatives targeting the root issues contributing to water scarcity. Any continued reliance on desalination in regions such as Corpus Christi and Hillcrest must be accompanied by a concerted commitment to address these fundamental challenges.

Once more, I'd like to stress the critical importance of resource stability in a world with increasing demands for resources and infrastructure. Despite this pressing need, we possess the capability to exercise caution and leverage technological advancements in a manner that preserves the health of our biosphere while sustaining our economies. While our urban centers expand and require sustainable solutions, it is prudent not to hastily embrace desalination without implementing comprehensive management strategies. I propose a delay in meeting our desalination demands until methods for managing large volumes of brine in an environmentally sound manner are developed and widely accepted by the community. Exploring options such as brine manufacturing or the isolation of its components into separate substances or products could offer viable alternatives to discharge into our bays. I urge careful consideration, including the possibility of halting construction, reducing production outflow, or deferring permits until further research and innovation pave the way for more sustainable practices.

In conclusion, we must approach the issue of desalination permitting with careful consideration for both environmental stewardship and economic development. As we navigate the complexities of meeting our growing resource needs, let us prioritize innovation and sustainability. By delaying permitting until comprehensive solutions for managing brine discharge are realized, we can ensure a more balanced approach that safeguards our precious coastal ecosystems while meeting the demands of our expanding communities. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I urge all stakeholders to join in the pursuit of responsible and forward-thinking solutions for our shared future.

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Sandra Sterbaboatwright

EMAIL: terodog@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 236 CIRCLE DR
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PHONE: 3617740669

FAX:

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Mailing Address: 4729 Spring Fork

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My understanding is that in the recent past TCEQ has required the city (county) to engage in fresh water releases in order to lower the salinity level of Nueces Bay. ~~Any~~ ~~activity~~ Any activity that increases the salinity of the bay harms the fragile ecosystem. How will you prevent further increases to the salinity level requiring even more fresh water releases?

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

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COMPANY:

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PHONE: 3618089417

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am a resident of Corpus Christi, and I wish to express my STRONG OPPOSITION to the construction of a desalination plant in the inner harbor. I am not persuaded that the additional water supply is necessary for residential use, but it appears to be needed purely for industrial and commercial use. I strongly oppose the taxpayers being required to subsidize private industry, which should find a way to supply their own water needs. In addition, I am gravely concerned about the possible risk of environmental damage to the harbor and to Corpus Christi Bay. Although similar plants have worked in other locations, it seems foolish to build one on a closed system like our bay, where run-off will not adequately be able to escape. There is a serious risk of catastrophic damage to wildlife and recreational opportunities in the bay, which will harm local businesses, fishermen, and the general public. I hope the City of Corpus Christi will reconsider its support of this risky, costly, and unnecessary facility and, if they won't, that TCEQ will deny the permit.

Ellie Guerra

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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NAME: James Paul Stone

EMAIL: jamespaulstone@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1013 GRANT PL
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-2315

PHONE: 3616873267

FAX:

COMMENTS: I have been a resident in Corpus Christi my whole life and I'm 54. I am absolutely in favor of the desalination plant because I know our current program is not adequate for the residents and businesses in our area now, and we are growing. I don't see an alternative, and those who do not want this solution are misguided and/or naive. It is clear to see the successful track record of existing desalination plants so it doesn't seem to me that there should be any hesitation to move forward.

TCEQ Registration Form
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City of Corpus Christi
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Name: Jordan Strait

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creating a diesel plant in historically brown and black communities will continue to disproportionally impact the community. subject more individuals of color to hazardous pollutants, water sources, and even food is the root of Environmental racism! please consider the lifes of more other than your own!! PROTECT OUR PEOPLE & PROTECT OUR BAY!

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PHONE: 3617659112

FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Joe D. Sullivan, Jr., a lifelong resident of Coastal Bend – particularly Beeville and Sandia. As a former council member of the City of Beeville and President of the Beeville Economic Improvement Corporation the 1990's, I am all too familiar with the Coastal Bend's water needs and sources. I represented the City of Beeville in supporting the inter-basin pipeline from Lake Texoma pipeline to Corpus, which would ultimately take pressure off of the Lake Corpus Christi water supply where Beeville, Mathis, Alice and other cities still obtain their water. Unfortunately, Lake CC is plagued by the State's required releases of water for environmental purposes, even in severe drought, and the fact the lake cannot maintain full capacity due to the structural integrity of the dam. Just as our energy supply has seen an impressive mix of options for our power – as in 100's and 100's of giant wind turbines and solar farms to complement our natural gas, coal, and nuclear supply, so must you take action on our area water sources. The time has come for the desalination of our endless source of salt water to contribute to the existing surface water, subsurface water, and inter-basin transfer sources. I encourage all of you to stand firm in the face of opposition to progress for The Sparkling City by the Sea. Stand firm just as Gov. Dolph Briscoe did when he proposed the creation of our statewide Farm to Market roadway system. Stand firm just as Mayor Mary Rhodes did to the opposition of the now appropriately named Mary Rhodes Pipeline. Please do not let this opportunity pass you by.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 12:03 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: tom.tagliabue@gmail.com <tom.tagliabue@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 10:15 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

REGULATED ENTY NAME INNER HARBOR DESALINATION PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Tom Tagliabue

EMAIL: tom.tagliabue@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6025 OCEAN DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78412-2863

PHONE: 3612909092

FAX:

COMMENTS: I strongly support the City of Corpus Christi's Inner Harbor Desalination project and permit applications. As the regional water provider for numerous Coastal Bend counties, it is imperative for the City to diversify its water supply. The City has done extensive testing, engineering and environmental research to justify the site, the plans, and the associated permits. The discharge location's existing salinity is similar to the proposed effluent levels. The site is not recreational in nature. It is not a site for fishing or water recreation. It is an industrial site. The City is to be commended for its foresight in acquiring surface water rights to ensure a drought-proof supply for its customers - municipal,

industrial, agricultural, and environmental. Groundwater and conservation are not reasonable solutions to long-term water supply needs of the region.

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April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

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Name: LAMONT TAYLOR

Mailing Address: LTSHADOW@GMAIL.COM

Physical Address (if different): 522 HANCOCK APT 120

City/State: CORPUS CHRISTI, TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: LTSHADOW@GMAIL.COM

Phone Number: (361) 445-8281

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Name: JUDY TELGE

Mailing Address: 3554 Santa Fe

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: C.C. TX **Zip:** 78411

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Email: judy.telge@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361) 813-6397

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I am a member of Sierra Club and support full comments made by Club Pres. Jim Klein.
In addition, the decision by City of C.C. to move forward with this de-sal proposal is short-sighted and potentially damaging to the environment, and will have economically negative impacts on individual citizens.
I register my opposition to the City's application for a permit to TCEQ.

Judy Telge

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Misty Botello

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR John Tester

EMAIL: cornell.marquardt@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 620 MAIN ST
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PHONE: 6719226673

FAX:

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Name: THOMAS THOMAS (YES, THAT'S REALLY MY NAME)

Mailing Address: 710 PONDER

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: CORPUS CHRISTI, TX **Zip:** 78404

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Email: _____

Phone Number: (361) 855-0925

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Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:11 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: saraht@ccredc.com <saraht@ccredc.com>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Sarah Development Tindall

EMAIL: saraht@ccredc.com

COMPANY: Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation

ADDRESS: 445 PEERMAN PL Suite 1300S
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1642

PHONE: 3618827448

FAX:

COMMENTS: I support the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Seawater Desalination project. The project meets the criterion for the TCEQ discharge permit, and the availability of a drought-proof water source will secure the economic future of this region.

Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 1:49 PM
To: ftissot01@outlook.com
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

Thank you for your comments.

A copy of your email will be forwarded to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) staff responsible for reviewing the application. All timely filed comments will be considered by the staff prior to the final decision on the application. You will be added to the mailing list for this application. After the opportunity to submit comments ends, a copy of the formal written response to all timely filed comments will be mailed to you. If a decision is made to hold a public meeting, you will receive a hard copy of the public meeting notice in the mail.

The TCEQ appreciates your interest in environmental issues. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Public Education Program staff at 800-687-4040.

Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

NOTE: Please do not respond to this email; it will not be answered. If you would like to submit additional comments, please use the online eComments system at: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/comments.html

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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

FROM

NAME: Florence Tissot

E-MAIL: ftissot01@outlook.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3560 ARANSAS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-1336

PHONE: 3618510403

FAX:

COMMENTS: I vehemently oppose the granting of permit WQ0005289000 and I am hereby requesting a public meeting on this permit. I have lived in the Coastal Bend for almost 20 years after living all over the world, and this place is very special. The recent deluge of permit requests to build desalination plants, if they were to be approved, is sure to absolutely ruin this place. The impact on our Bay and Estuaries would be catastrophic. These projects would put a tremendous amount of stress on a system that is already stressed due to climate change and the already considerable pollution generated by industries in the area. The only purpose of these desalination plants is to meet the unreasonable demand for water from industries that are soon to become obsolete. It is time for the Coastal Bend and Texas to start looking towards the future and serve the need of the public at large instead of the private interests of a few already extremely rich individual. TCEQ must deny this permit and hold a public meeting on it to allow the community to voice its opposition to it.

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City of Corpus Christi
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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Chloe Torres

Mailing Address: 3302 Casa Bonita Dr

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, TX **Zip:** 78411

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Email: chloe@texasenvironment.org

Phone Number: (361) 480-8572

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Vincent Redondo

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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Richard Torres

EMAIL: richardtorr@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3302 CASA BONITA DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78411-3308

PHONE: 3612443670

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI Complaint filed against the City of Corpus Christi for discriminatory conduct and environmental racism, further exacerbates these injustices. Furthermore, the consequences of this project extend beyond our immediate community. Coastal Bend residents, including those from neighboring areas, are united in our plea for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to prioritize our collective future and deny this harmful permit. The City of Corpus Christi's repeated disregard for the well-being of Hillcrest residents is deeply concerning. We refuse to be sacrificed once again for the sake of industry profits. I urge you to consider the voices of our community and reject the permit for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. Doing so will demonstrate a commitment to environmental justice, equity, and the protection of vulnerable communities. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: Cyndi Valdes

Mailing Address: 809 Bayshore Dr Ingleside TX 78362

Physical Address (if different): same

City/State: Ingleside **Zip:** 78362

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Email: jobcwa@gmail.com

Phone Number: (480) 254-1693

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Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 10:38 PM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Leti Valentine

EMAIL: leti.ccaft@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3846 LINCOLN ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78415-2511

PHONE: 3615635515

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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Name: DR. Nancy Vera

Mailing Address: 4405 Carlton

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi, Tx **Zip:** 78415

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Email: nvera43@aol.com

Phone Number: (361) 774.2227

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From: mikaylavillalta23@gmail.com <mikaylavillalta23@gmail.com>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MS Mikayla Villalta

EMAIL: mikaylavillalta23@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 6301 OLD BROWNSVILLE RD TRLR C13
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78417-9710

PHONE: 3619770839

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed Inner Harbor Desalination Plant in Corpus Christi and urge you to deny the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0005289000 requested by the City of Corpus Christi. The Inner Harbor Desalination Plant, more aptly described as the Hillcrest Neighborhood Desalination Plant, poses a severe threat to the residents of the historic Black and Brown community of Hillcrest. It is crucial to emphasize that this project will not benefit the residents or ratepayers of Corpus Christi or the surrounding region. Instead, it will disproportionately burden our community with environmental degradation, health risks, and economic strain. The placement of the desalination plant in our neighborhood, despite the ongoing Title VI

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NAME: MS Mikayla Villalta

EMAIL: mikaylavillalta23@gmail.com

COMPANY:

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Name: Wesley Turyburg

Mailing Address: 1177 S Southampton Dr Corpus Christi, TX 78415

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78415

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Email: Turyburg@hotmail.com

Phone Number: (316) 708-5030

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Matt Wagoner

EMAIL: matt@unitedcorpuschristi.org

COMPANY: United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce

ADDRESS: 602 N STAPLES ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78401-2403

PHONE: 3618811800

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of Corpus Christi, I support seawater desalination as a drought-proof source of water that will benefit our entire region. Please approve the necessary permits

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:36 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: Bingle1947@yahoo.com <Bingle1947@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 5:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: James Walton

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COMPANY:

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PHONE: 8176809485

FAX:

COMMENTS: I object to this permit. There is going to be millions of gallons of waste being dumped into a bay that is already having problems. The fish,crab, dolphins, birds, all depend on the water quality which includes the salinity of the bay. By dumping the waste into the La Quinta Channel, there is not enough water exchange to keep the salinity at an optimimum for the preservation of life for the animals. No shrimp or fish will also impact the local businesses that depend on fishermen and shrimps. I live on a Quinta Channel and I already see the waste in the water, and you want to add more? The City doesn't know how to run a desal plant and have no clue if the environmental impact. They just want this plant so the industries will get the "promised" amount of water. The citizens and environment are paying the cost

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 4:55 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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FAX:

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Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

From: mwechsle1@gmail.com <mwechsle1@gmail.com>
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CN NUMBER: CN600131858

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PHONE: 5124314578

FAX:

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PHONE: 3614430425

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COMMENTS: This is a follow up and correction of my previous submission. I recently obtained a copy of Appendix A in the Technical Memorandum on the environmental modeling of the Corpus Christi Inner Harbor Desalination Plant. I now realize that the 369MGD flow is actually the tidal back and forth movement across the diffusers. It is not a flush flow down the channel that I implied in my previous submission. This Technical Memorandum does not address the mechanism on how the waste brine from the desalination plant diffusers reaches Corpus Christi Bay. When the tide

moves into the channel, the waste brine moves up the channel. Then when the tide goes out, this waste brine moves back to its original location. This tidal back and forth movement will cause the salt concentration to increase in the channel because it is not being flushed out. The waste brine is not totally trapped in the channel because some back mixing and diffusion occurs with any movement of water. We need to know how effective this tidal movement is in getting the waste brine (salt) out of the channel. I therefore recommend that you do not issue a permit until a clear understanding is provided to TCEQ on how the waste brine is flushed down the channel to Corpus Christi Bay and by how much the salt will increase in the channel, particularly upstream of the diffusers. My concern is if the salt concentration builds up too much in the channel, this will negatively impact the environment and increase corrosivity. Worse, the desalination plant may not be operable because the salt is too high in the intake water. In the present design all the waste brine has to pass by the plant's intake. The channel has some flush flows (industrial discharges, groundwater, etc.) but there is no information how well these flows can prevent salt build up in the channel.

Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Friday, March 22, 2024 4:39 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COMMENTS: As a licensed chemical engineer with over 40 years industrial experience (includes extensive work on environmental issues), I have the following comments for the Inner Harbor Desalination Plant draft permit. I support this project because Corpus Christi is at risk of running out of water. This Desalination Plant is the first in Texas that is located several miles from the Gulf of Mexico. As such, getting this right is critical to provide guidance for future Desalination Plants along the Gulf Coast. My comments are intended to improve public understanding, protect public health/welfare, and to protect Corpus Christi Bay from high salinity. Desalination Plant is not a wastewater treatment system This Desalination Plant is a drinking water producing facility. It essentially pulls fresh water out of sea water and returns the salt back to the Bay. As stated in the permit application, the Desalination Plant has no wastewater treatment system other than sludge dewatering and blending of its waste water streams. The regulations and codes used to prepare this permit are for sewage plants or wastewater treatment facilities. This is understandable because there are no codes/regulations specific for a Desalination Plant. However, the words "sewage plant", "domestic wastes", "wastewater treatment", "domestic sludge", etc. in the permit may confuse the public as to what the Desalination Plant actually is. I suggest either removing these words and replacing them with "Desalination Plant" or have an explanation in the cover letter as to why sewage, domestic waste, etc. are in the permit even though they do not apply to a desalination plant that produces drinking water. Operational Requirements On page 10, the draft permit states: "The permittee shall at all times ensure that the facility and all of its systems of collection, treatment, and disposal are properly operated and maintained." This could be changed to "The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all Desalination Plant systems." A strong statement is needed because Corpus Christi does not have a good history of properly maintaining City infrastructure. This facility is a potable water plant where proper operation and maintenance are critical for the protection of public health/welfare. Section 11 f, page 12, states "The permittee shall keep management records for all sludges (or other wastes) removed from any wastewater treatment process.". As stated in the Facility's permit application: "Produced wastewater will not be treated prior to discharge." which means the facility has no wastewater treatment process. However the facility does generate sludge/waste that needs to be addressed. I suggest that section 11 f be changed to "The permittee shall keep management records for all sludges (or other wastes) removed from the Facility. Other Requirements The requirements (page 16) relative to the diffusers are appropriate; particularly the requirement to report the direction and speed of the ambient water close to the diffuser. However, I suggest that the permit include a requirement that the permittee shall notify the TCEQ if they suspect a dramatic change in the ambient water flow/direction. The Plant should also be required to submit a contingency plan if the ambient flow direction/velocities dramatically change because of the impact if such a change occurs. This suggestion is in response to the Facilities intake location relative to the diffusers. Sampling The quarterly sampling, page 16, should include at least one location in Corpus Christi Bay and one location in the Gulf of Mexico. This is to monitor the long term salinity impact (if any) on Corpus Christi Bay caused by the Desalination Plant. Gulf of Mexico salinity data is needed because salinity changes in the Bay could be caused by salinity changes in the Gulf'.

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COMMENTS: In the Technical Memorandum, City of Corpus Christi Desalination Study, Concentrate Modeling at Inner Harbor Channel (July 16, 2021); the net average background velocity is 0.0057 m/s which corresponds to a background flow of 369 mgd. As you probably already realized, this background velocity and flow are critical in determining the environmental impact of the desalination plant. I therefore ask if the following information was provided to you in support of the reliability of this critical data? The following information may be in the Memorandum's Appendix A but

this Appendix is not included in the computer copy that I was able to obtain. Could you share this information with me if you have it? Velocity detection limit for the Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler instrument. The precision and accuracy of the Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler instrument. The source of the 369 mgd flow in the channel. I suspect the 369 mgd source is groundwater. If so, maybe an independent groundwater hydrologist could confirm that the 369 mgd is a reasonable number. As a a retired chemical engineer, I understand the importance of desalination for Corpus Christi and am also concerned on the potential environmental impact. This Inner Harbor Channel Desalination Plant is the first of several planned for the Corpus Christi area. Getting it right with this first desalination plant is therefore very important for the future prosperity of Corpus Christi.

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Signature: Darryl Whitehead

Printed Name: Darryl Whitehead

Address: 2026 Archdale Dr. 78416

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Signature: Carol A Lowe

Printed Name: Carol A Lowe

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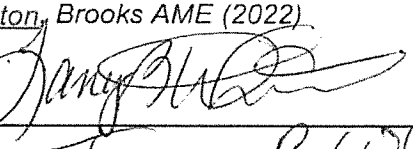
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Printed Name: Charles Caldwell

Address: 5205 Crawford Pl Corpus Christi TX

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Printed Name: Vernon Ray Kendall

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: [illegible] II

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Elida Castillo

Address: PO Box 643 Taft, TX 78390

Additional Comments:

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Name (Printed): Carmen T Hernandez

Address: 331 B Allison Dr. / P.O. Box 1020

City, State, TX: Gregory, Tx 78359

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Name (Printed): Esleranny Carrasco-Gonzalez

Address: 1001 Ayers St

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Address: 1001 AYERS ST. CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

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Sandra Arizmendi

Name (Printed): SANDRA Arizmendi

Address: 4519 FM 1889

City, State, TX: Robstown, Tx 78380

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Signature: Elias Vallejo

Printed Name: ELIAS VALLEJO 4/8/24

Address:

Additional Comments:

Ellie Guerra

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To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

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Signature: Darryl Whitehead

Printed Name: Darryl Whitehead

Address: 2026 Archdale Dr. 78416

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Signature: Carol A Lowe

Printed Name: Carol A Lowe

Address: 827 Craig St, Corpus Christi, Tx 78404

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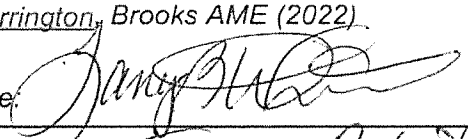
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Printed Name: Tanya R Whitehead

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Printed Name: Charles Caldwell

Address: 5205 Crafton Pl Corpus Christi TX

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Signature: Vernon Ray Kendall

Printed Name: Vernon Ray Kendall

Address: 4542 Jose C.C. TX 78416

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Signature:	David E Haywood
Printed Name:	DAVID E HAYWOOD
Address:	4229 S Hackwood DR. Corpus Christi, TEXAS
Additional Comments:	

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: [illegible] II

Address: 1923 Scott Drive

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Signature: [signature]

Printed Name: Elida Castillo

Address: PO Box 643 Taft, TX 78390

Additional Comments:

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Name (Printed): Carmen T Hernandez

Address: 331 B Allison Dr. / P.O. Box 1020

City, State, TX: Gregory, Tx 78359

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Name (Printed): Esleranny Carrasco-Gonzalez

Address: 1001 Ayers St

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Name (Printed): Swati Bhargava

Address: 1021 AYERS ST. CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

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Name (Printed): Mabel Gonzales

Address: 1001 Myers St

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Sandra Arizmendi

Name (Printed): SANDRA Arizmendi

Address: 4519 FM 1889

City, State, TX: Robstown, Tx 78380

Additional Comments:

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Signature: Catarino Lopez

Printed Name: Catarino Lopez

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Signature: Elias Valdez

Printed Name: ELIAS VALDEZ 4/8/24

Address:

Additional Comments:

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: Janet Whitehead

EMAIL: jurne02@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3213 WOOD CREEK DR
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78410-5793

PHONE: 3612498492

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am a resident of the City of Corpus Christi, and I am in favor of TCEQ granting the permit. Ground and surface water sources are drying up so a seawater desalination plant is needed in Corpus Christi.

TCEQ Registration Form

April 18, 2024

City of Corpus Christi
Proposed Water Quality Permit No. WQ0005289000

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Dora Wilburn

Mailing Address: 4314 Cottage

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi **Zip:** 78415

This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act

Email: Dora81961@gmail.com

Phone Number: (361 687 5763

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? ☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, which one? _____

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AT PUBLIC MEETING

☑ **Please add me to the mailing list.**

☐ **I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.**

☐ **I wish to provide formal *WRITTEN COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.**

(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)

IM a citizen of Corpus Christi Self-employed and relie on tourist for my money. My

Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

Customers come for the water and OUR Bay. So we need water and need it clean. Also as a citizen of this city I pay more for my water then I do for my lights. So I contest.

Elisa Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 11:34 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: philwildfang125@sbcglobal.net <philwildfang125@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 9:56 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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FROM

NAME: MR Philip H Wildfang

E-MAIL: philwildfang125@sbcglobal.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 713 WATERWOOD ST
ROCKPORT TX 78382-6956

PHONE: 3617909914

FAX:

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:44 PM
To: philwildfang125@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0005289000

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Sincerely,
Office of the Chief Clerk

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NAME: Elida Castillo

EMAIL: ecastillo@lcv.org

COMPANY: Chispa Texas

ADDRESS: 1001 AYERS ST
CORPUS CHRISTI TX 78404-1917

PHONE: 3612529692

FAX:

COMMENTS: Community comments

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Address: 14010 Rudder

City, State, TX: Corpus Christi, Tx 78418

Additional Comments:

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Address: 2509 Terrace Street

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Address: 1736 Prescott

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Address: 5757 S. Staples St

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Name (Printed): Lathy Llaveria

Address: 2809 PAHAY DR

City, State, TX: CC TX

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Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Friday, April 19, 2024 5:18 PM
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RN NUMBER: RN110940152

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005289000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: NUECES

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

CN NUMBER: CN600131858

NAME: MR Nicholas Joseph Winkelmann

EMAIL: nick.winkelmann@outlook.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 276 NAUTILUS
PORT ARANSAS TX 78373-2060

PHONE: 3612288500

FAX:

COMMENTS: It is extremely important for the residents of the coastal bend to a have a dependable water supply. Currently the water supply for Corpus Christi is fully reliant upon surface water. Most public water supplies throughout the country have a diversified water supply with multiple sources. I support this permit application so Corpus Christi Water can better diversify its water supply and provide its rate payers a dependable water supply.

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April 18, 2024

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: HENRY WILLIAMS

Mailing Address: 2422 SUMMERS ST C.C. TX 78407

Physical Address (if different): SAME

City/State: CORPUS CHRISTI TX **Zip:** 78407

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Email: _____

Phone Number: ( )

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NAME: MRS Julie Ann Winkelmann

EMAIL: winkelmann1023@hotmail.com

COMPANY: Sunshine Services

ADDRESS: 276 NAUTILUS
PORT ARANSAS TX 78373-2060

PHONE: 3612288501

FAX:

COMMENTS: If not now, when? We need to move forward with the desalination plant so we have a reliable, alternate water source that we so desperately need, especially with the ongoing drought. The need for water is only going to increase. I live in Port Aransas, at the end of the line for the water supply chain so to speak. Please move forward and approve the permit for desalination and provide the coastal bend with the necessary water resources we need to make sure that we're able to have the water when we need to wash clothes, shower, cook and clean for our families and manage all our daily activities without worry. Thank You for moving forward with a YES.

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Name: Pearl Wisehart

Mailing Address: 7610 Dr Hector P Garcia Drive, CC TX 78414

Physical Address (if different): _____

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Email: Pearlwisehart@gmail.com

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Name: Crystal Ybanez

Mailing Address: 11538 Saspamco Creek

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Corpus Christi TX **Zip:** 78410

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Email: cybanez@gmail.com

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Mailing Address: 454 Louisiana

Physical Address (if different): ↓

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Email: Zmelissa898@gmail.com

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