

Formal Opposition to TPDES

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RE: Formal Opposition to TPDES Permit No. WQ0016513001 – Rainbow's End Park, Inc.

Dear Commissioners,

I am submitting this formal **opposition** to the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) **Permit No. WQ0016513001** for **Rainbow's End Park, Inc.**, due to significant environmental and public health concerns. As a property owner in Livingston, TX, I am directly affected by this permit, and I request that the commission **deny its approval** or, at minimum, **grant a contested case hearing** to address unresolved issues.

Objections to the Permit

1. Threat to Local Water Quality

The proposed discharge site poses a **high risk of water pollution**, particularly affecting the **Trinity River Basin and surrounding waterways**. Effluent discharge may introduce **harmful contaminants, excessive nutrients, and hazardous chemicals** that degrade water quality over time.

2. Impact on Public Health and Safety

The increased pollutant load from wastewater discharge could create **unsafe conditions for drinking water and recreational use**. The long-term effects of **bacteria, nitrates, and phosphates** from treated effluent pose a **risk to residents and local wildlife**.

3. Failure to Adequately Assess Environmental Impact

The environmental review process has **not sufficiently evaluated the full ecological consequences** of this permit. A detailed **hydrological study** is necessary to determine the **long-term effects on the aquifer, local wells, and surface water runoff**.

4. Economic and Property Value Damage

Pollution risks and environmental degradation may **lower property values** in the affected area, negatively impacting local homeowners. The approval of this permit could set a dangerous precedent for **future wastewater projects** in Livingston.

Request for Action

Given these serious concerns, I formally request that the TCEQ:

- **Deny the permit application** based on environmental risks and public interest considerations.
- **Conduct additional environmental studies** to assess water quality impacts more thoroughly.
- **Grant a contested case hearing** to allow further examination of the permit's effects.
- **Require the applicant to submit enhanced pollution mitigation measures** before any reconsideration.

Conclusion

The approval of this permit would pose an **unnecessary risk to local ecosystems, residents, and water sources**. I urge the commission to **deny this application** and protect Texas waterways from harmful wastewater discharge. I appreciate your attention to this urgent matter and request that my opposition be included in the **official record** for the **public meeting on June 18, 2025**.

Sincerely,
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