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Permit No. WQ0014129002

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Our concern is the safety of the treated wastewater to humans and our pets. Between the beaver activity and recently increased rain, we have seen increased flooding from the creek and we understand that the amount of wastewater output has been less than 1/3 of what the facility was originally approved for based on the information provided to us. This indicates to us that with increased wastewater discharge, we may expect to have increased flooding on our income-producing hay fields, through which the creek crosses.

Producing quality horse hay in these fields is our livelihood. We work in the fields regularly both on foot and by hand. How safe is the treated wastewater for regular human contact?

What is the output of heavy metals, antibiotics, antibiotic resistant bacteria, steroids, hormones, endocrine disrupters and other pharmaceuticals in the treated wastewater discharge?

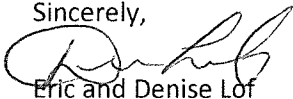
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What odor, noise and light pollution control measures are being taken with the expansion of the current facility?

An additional concern, of great importance to our livelihood, is the ability to be able to access our income producing hay field on the other side of the creek. Currently, our crossing is adequate to access the hay field except during the occasional rain that creates flooding. With increased wastewater output, our ability to access that hay field for maintenance and production may be impeded, cutting us off from accessing our property.

Would it be possible to have an engineer come review the crossing to determine if it is adequate to handle the proposed increased wastewater discharge?

Sincerely,

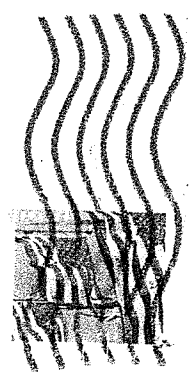


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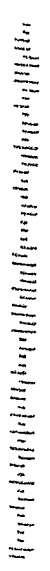
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**Sent:** Friday, February 9, 2024 10:14 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0014129002  
**Attachments:** 2024 Wastewater reply.docx

**From:** dlof@standard.com <dlof@standard.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 9, 2024 8:52 AM  
**To:** PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on Permit Number WQ0014129002

**REGULATED ENTY NAME** COTTONWOOD CREEK WWTP

**RN NUMBER:** RN109469262

**PERMIT NUMBER:** WQ0014129002

**DOCKET NUMBER:** 2023-1056-MWD-E

**COUNTY:** TRAVIS

**PRINCIPAL NAME:** CITY OF MANOR

**CN NUMBER:** CN600632111

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**COMMENTS:** Please see the attached letter for our comments and questions. Thank you.

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