

TCEQ Registration Form

July 29, 2024

Nueces Green Ammonia LLC Proposed Air Quality Permit No. 174951

① Abel
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☒ I wish to provide formal *ORAL COMMENTS* at tonight's public meeting.

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

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Cc: [Laurie Gharis](#); [Deornette Monteleone](#)
Subject: FW: Letter opposing Nueces Green Ammonia air quality permit #174951
Date: Thursday, July 18, 2024 12:44:24 PM
Attachments: [Public Comment Nueces Green AmmoniaPermit No. 174951.pdf](#)

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From: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 12:44 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Deornette Monteleone <Deornette.Monteleone@tceq.texas.gov>; Deanna Avalos <Deanna.Avalos@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter opposing Nueces Green Ammonia air quality permit #174951

From: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 12:41 PM
To: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>; Deanna Avalos <Deanna.Avalos@tceq.texas.gov>; Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Dennise Braeutigam <Dennise.Braeutigam@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Katherine Thigpen <Katherine.Thigpen@tceq.texas.gov>; Josh Amador <Josh.Amador@Tceq.Texas.Gov>; Cameron Poursoltan <Cameron.Poursoltan@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Letter opposing Nueces Green Ammonia air quality permit #174951

Please see the attached from Rep. Herrero.

Best,
Clay

Clay Kelley

Legislative Liaison, Intergovernmental Relations Division
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From: Jesus Moreno <jesus.moreno@house.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2024 12:35 PM
To: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Letter opposing Nueces Green Ammonia air quality permit #174951

Good afternoon, Clay: I am attaching a letter opposing the air quality permit and requesting a contested case hearing.

Do I also need to submit it online as a comment, or is this sufficient?

Thank you.

Jesus Moreno | Chief of Staff

Representative Abel Herrero

Texas House District 34

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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July 18, 2024

Kelly Keel, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

RE: Nueces Green Ammonia, LLC / Permit No. 174951

Dear Executive Director Keel:

Please accept this letter as my opposition to Nueces Green Ammonia LLC's Permit No. 17495. I am deeply concerned with the project. Even though Nueces Green Ammonia had many alternative sites, it nonetheless picked a location surrounded by residential neighborhoods near the Robstown and Northwest Corpus Christi Communities. As proposed, the Nueces Green Ammonia plant will be a large water consumption facility that will increase emissions and negatively impact individuals, businesses, and communities. Given the exhaustive list of concerns, TCEQ should outright deny the permit.

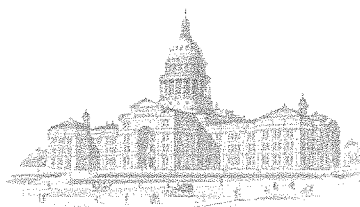
For the aforementioned reasons, and because additional public input is vital to the process, I hereby request a contested case hearing.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abel Herrero".

Abel Herrero
State Representative, District 34



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Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:33 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Request for Public Meeting Permit # 174951
Attachments: TCEQ_Public Meeting Request_Nueces Green Ammonia.pdf; 174951[48].pdf

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From: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 9, 2024 3:31 PM
To: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>; Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Deanna Avalos <Deanna.Avalos@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Cameron Poursoltan <Cameron.Poursoltan@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Request for Public Meeting Permit # 174951

Good afternoon,

I received the attached request for a public meeting from Rep. Herrero's staff.

Thank you!

Clay Kelley
Legislative Liason, Intergovernmental Relations Division
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
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February 9, 2024

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

RE: Request for Public Meeting for Proposed Air Quality Permit #174951, Nueces Green Ammonia LLC.

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully request a public meeting for the proposed air quality permit application #174951 submitted by Nueces Green Ammonia LLC.

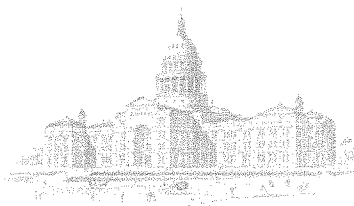
It is essential that TCEQ acquires comments from the public regarding various issues, including safety measures to be utilized during construction, how the projects would affect nearby residents' daily lives, and what effect, if any, the project will have on the environment. A public meeting would help ensure everyone is fully informed of the project's status, the precautions to protect neighbors, and how TCEQ confirms proper environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Abel Herrero".

Abel Herrero
State Representative, District 34



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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2024 5:13 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: CORRECTION - FW: Sen. Hinojosa- Nueces Green Permit No. 174951 Opposition
Attachments: Keel, Kelly - TCEQ - Letter from Senator Hinojosa Re Nueces Green Ammonia - Requesting Contested Case 7.26.2024.pdf

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Subject: FW: Sen. Hinojosa- Nueces Green Permit No. 174951 Opposition

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Sent: Saturday, July 27, 2024 8:09 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>; Deanna Avalos <Deanna.Avalos@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Sen. Hinojosa- Nueces Green Permit No. 174951 Opposition

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>

Date: July 26, 2024 at 5:23:10 PM CDT

To: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>, Brad Patterson
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Subject: Sen. Hinojosa- Nueces Green Permit No. 174951 Opposition

All,

Please see the attached from Sen. Hinojosa.

Best,
Clay

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July 26, 2024

Kelly Keel, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

RE: Nueces Green Ammonia, LLC / Permit No. 174951

Dear Executive Director Keel:

I am writing to express my opposition to Nueces Green Ammonia LLC's Permit No. 17495. My concerns for this project have grown further after meeting with my constituents who will be directly impacted by the approval of this permit.

The location and proximity of the plant are concerning since the plant would be surrounded by residential neighborhoods near the Robstown and Northwest Corpus Christi communities. I am aware that Nueces Green Ammonia had many alternative sites, but I do not understand why it chose this residential area. Ammonia is a highly hazardous substance, and exposure can cause serious respiratory issues, irritation of the eyes, skin, and throat, and in severe cases, can be life-threatening. The presence of an ammonia plant in close proximity to residential areas increases the risk of accidental releases, which could have devastating effects on the local community's health and safety.

The negative impacts on the daily lives of the residents and the health risks do not outweigh the benefits of the plant in this community. As proposed, the Nueces Green Ammonia plant will be a large water consumption facility that will increase emissions and negatively impact individuals, businesses, and communities beyond Robstown. The majority of the water rights to the Nueces River are owned by Corpus Christi and the Nueces County Water Improvement and Control District #3, which serves the towns of Calallen and Robstown.

Avina Clean Hydrogen, which will build, own, and operate the Nueces Green Ammonia plant, has recently purchased the last available water supply from the Nueces River. This is significant as there is a regional scarcity of water due to depleting reservoirs and ongoing drought. The purchase of the water rights will entitle Avina to 5.5 million gallons of treated Nueces River

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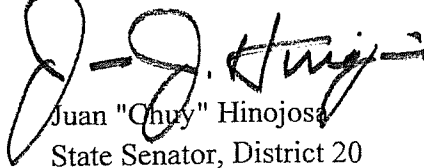
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water per day, which is critical to the Coastal Bend area as it works to expand its water capacity. The desalination plants that intend to provide water for the region's industries are several years from being complete. For these reasons, TCEQ should deny the permit. As part of the administrative process, I would be appreciative of the Commission providing their time to listen to the concerns from my constituents.

I request the Commission grant the request for a contested case hearing. Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa
State Senator, District 20

Jennifer Cox

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Best,
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To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Cc: Deornette Monteleone; Laurie Gharis
Subject: FW: Nueces Green Ammonia AQ Permit Application
Date: Thursday, April 10, 2025 3:16:13 PM
Attachments: Scan_2025_04_09_10_38_58_217.pdf

From: Cameron Poursoltan <Cameron.Poursoltan@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 11:08 AM
To: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>; Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>; Dennise Braeutigam <Dennise.Braeutigam@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Nueces Green Ammonia AQ Permit Application

Good morning,

Please see the attached letter from Senator Juan Hinojosa concerning the Nueces Green Ammonia AQ Permit application.

Best,

Cameron

Cameron Poursoltan
State & Federal Senior Policy Advisor
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April 8, 2025

Kelly Keel, Executive Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

RE: Nueces Green Ammonia, LLC / Air Quality Permit No. 174951

Dear Executive Director Keel:

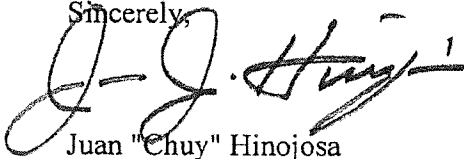
I am writing to express my continued opposition to Nueces Green Ammonia LLC's Permit No. 17495. The location and proximity of the plant remain a concern since the plant would be surrounded by residential neighborhoods near the Robstown and Northwest Corpus Christi communities. I am aware that Nueces Green Ammonia had many alternative sites, but I do not understand why it chose this residential area. Ammonia is a highly hazardous substance, and exposure can cause serious respiratory issues, irritation of the eyes, skin, and throat, and in severe cases, can be life-threatening. The presence of an ammonia plant in close proximity to residential areas increases the risk of accidental releases, which could have devastating effects on the local community's health and safety.

The negative impacts on the daily lives of the residents and the health risks do not outweigh the benefits of the plant in this community. As proposed, the Nueces Green Ammonia plant will be a large water consumption facility that will increase emissions and negatively impact individuals, businesses, and communities beyond Robstown. Almost a year after the Nueces Green Ammonia plant purchased the last available water supply from the Nueces River, our regional water scarcity has gotten worse. As you know the purchase of the water rights will entitle Avina to 5.5 million gallons of treated Nueces River water per day, which published estimates report that the water is "enough for all 38,000 residents of Calallen and Robstown to each flush their toilets 90 times daily—for the next 25 years." For these reasons, TCEQ should deny the permit. As part of the administrative process, I appreciate the Commission listening to the concerns from my constituents. I request the Commission grant the request for a contested case hearing.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
April 8, 2025
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Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. Hinojosa", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa
State Senator, District 20

Renee Lyle

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 12:58 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Request for Public Meeting on Permit # 174951 - Nueces Green Ammonia Plant (RN111867412)
Attachments: Scan__2024_02_12_16_31_34_116.pdf

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From: Clay Kelley <Clay.Kelley@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2024 12:15 PM
To: Brad Patterson <Brad.Patterson@tceq.texas.gov>; Deanna Avalos <Deanna.Avalos@tceq.texas.gov>; Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Cameron Poursoltan <Cameron.Poursoltan@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Request for Public Meeting on Permit # 174951 - Nueces Green Ammonia Plant (RN111867412)

Good afternoon!

We received the below request from Senator Hinojosa's staff this morning regarding Permit # 174951 – Nueces Green Ammonia Plant. This was previously requested by Rep. Herrero's staff.

Thank you!

Attached is a letter from Senator Hinojosa requesting a Public Meeting regarding the proposed construction of the Nueces Green Ammonia Plant in Robstown (Permit # 174951). Please forward to the Chief Clerk's office and let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Luis

Luis J. Moreno
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February 12, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk - MC-105
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Re: Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 174951

Dear Chief Clerk,

I am requesting a public meeting regarding the proposed construction of the Nueces Green Ammonia Plant in Robstown.

It is important that the members of our community have the opportunity to provide their comments and ask questions about this application. A public meeting would ensure transparency and allow for a thorough discussion of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed plant.

I request that you keep my office informed of the date and location for the public meeting, as well as any other decisions regarding this permit. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J - J. Hinojosa".

Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa
State Senator, District 20