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REGULATED ENTY NAME GOLDEN TRIANGLE POLYMERS PLANT

RN NUMBER: RN110935285

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0005432000

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: ORANGE

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COMMENTS:  Public Comment on Permit No. WQ0005432000 To: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Via: Office of the Chief Clerk (MC-105), P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> Subject: Opposition and Request for Reconsideration / Contested Case Hearing on Golden Triangle Polymers TPDES Permit No. WQ0005432000 Dear Executive Director and TCEQ Commissioners, I submit the following public comment regarding the application by Golden Triangle Polymers Company LLC for Permit No. WQ0005432000, which seeks authorization to discharge up to 5,150,000 gallons per day of industrial wastewater, utility wastewater, and stormwater into the Sabine River Tidal, Segment No. 0501. I request the Executive Director reconsider the preliminary decision on this permit and/or that the TCEQ grant a contested case hearing on the following grounds:  **Cumulative Climate and Ecosystem Impacts** The antidegradation review conducted under Tier 1 and Tier 2 fails to account for the cumulative impacts of industrial discharges from the petrochemical sector on both local biodiversity and broader climate resilience. While the review focuses on maintaining current use classifications, it ignores the compounding stressors posed by climate change, upstream development, and industrial expansion. → Request: A revised review incorporating cumulative and climate-related ecological risks, including increased storm intensity, sea-level rise, and climate-driven shifts in aquatic life viability.  **Inadequate Community Engagement** The burden on local residents to navigate technical, legal, and procedural channels to challenge this permit is unreasonably high, effectively silencing those most affected. Many impacted communities lack the legal resources to meet the stringent contested case hearing requirements, especially when facing a multinational corporate applicant. → Request: A public hearing and expanded outreach, particularly to vulnerable or historically underrepresented communities, ensuring they can meaningfully engage in this process.  **Misalignment with Climate Justice Principles** This permit facilitates further entrenchment of fossil fuel-based industrial infrastructure in Texas, directly contradicting global, national, and state-level imperatives to transition away from carbon-intensive systems. It perpetuates climate injustice by placing the environmental burden on downstream ecosystems and communities while the economic benefits concentrate in corporate hands. → Request: A reassessment of the project's alignment with Texas's long-term sustainability and climate goals, including a public analysis of alternatives that prioritize ecological regeneration and community resilience.  **Demand for Transparency** We call for full disclosure of environmental monitoring data, including past permit violations or known risks associated with Golden Triangle Polymers operations, and a clear explanation of how these have been incorporated (or not) into the draft permit conditions. Requested Action:  I request a contested case hearing.  I request public reconsideration of the Executive Director's preliminary approval.  I request that these comments be entered into the public record and that I be placed on the mailing list for all future notices regarding this application.