

Vincent Redondo

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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MR BHANU ADDANKI


EMAIL: bhanucse2005@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 609 PICKRELL LOOP
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2538

PHONE: 7709065296

FAX:



COMMENTS: I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant that is planned to be built near our community. I strongly believe that this project should not be given permission to proceed due to the negative impact it will have on the surrounding 3,000 homes and people living nearby. As a resident of this community, I am deeply worried about the potential health risks and environmental hazards that could arise as a result of the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The emissions and pollutants that are released during the treatment process pose a serious threat to the air and water quality in our area, as well as to the health and well-being of the residents who live here. Furthermore, the construction and operation of the plant will have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife and ecosystems, as well as on property values and the overall quality of life in our community. The noise, odor, and traffic that will accompany the plant's operation are likely to disrupt the peace and tranquility that we currently enjoy. I urge you to reconsider granting permission for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be built in our neighborhood. I believe that there are alternative solutions that can be explored to address the wastewater treatment needs of our area without putting the health and safety of our community at risk. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:33 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: danielleg1222@gmail.com <danielleg1222@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 9:59 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Danielle G Alva

EMAIL: danielleg1222@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 329 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2611

PHONE: 5125993088

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my husband and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

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TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name:

Danielle Alva

Mailing Address:

329 Olinda Way

Physical Address (if different):

City/State:

Liberty Hill, TX

Zip:

78642

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

Email:

Danielle.g1222@gmail.com

Phone Number:

(512) 599 3088

- 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.

All issues
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Jenny

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Ellie Guerra

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From: jessealva@gmail.com <jessealva@gmail.com>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Jesus G Alva

EMAIL: jessealva@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 329 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2611

PHONE: 5124233765

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a formal hearing. The air quality is not regulated. There are children, families and schools in extremely close proximity. The drinking water can be devastatingly contaminated for hundreds of thousands of residents for generations to come. The proposed location is not the best location. Monthly self reporting is a ridiculous requirement for a facility such as this. Lack of regulatory requirements for communication with the affected community members is a huge lack of regulatory

oversight. considering the discharge will end up in our drinking water this facility should be in consideration for a different location as previous facility management failures have already shown what to expect from the day the plant opens.

December 11, 2024

Catherine Anderson
Regency at Santa Rita Ranch
513 Cantor Cove
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
214-202-6703

Reviewed By GCW

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To Whom It May Concern,

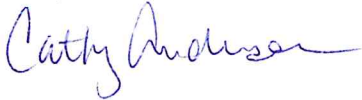
I request a contested hearing for TCEQ ID Number **WQ0015000001**. I am particularly and personally concerned with the following possible outcomes:

Foul odor
Increased level of noise pollution
Reduction in home value
Negative environmental effects resulting in a harmful impact on family health and safety (based on the results of multiple studies)

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Cathy Anderson



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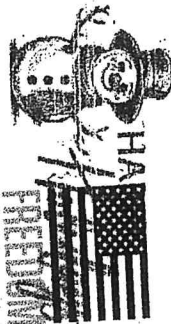
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Cathy Anderson
513 Cantor Court
Liberty Hill, TX
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TCO MAIL CENTER
Re: Bankstad Case Hearing Ryde SWT
TPDES permit No. WQ001500001
Applicant: City of Liberty Hill

Mark Mendoza

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Janet Aguilar

EMAIL: jaguilar0460@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 549 Faith Dr
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

PHONE: 5636501658

FAX:

COMMENTS: December 27, 2024 This is a request for a contested case hearing regarding TCEQ ID# WQ001500000. My husband, Michael, and I reside at 549 Faith Dr, Liberty Hill, TX 78642 located in the Ventana section of Santa Rita Ranch North which is located directly across from the proposed north waste water treatment plant (WWTP). We purchased our home in November of 2021 with a substantial premium paid to be located on the ridge with beautiful west-facing views of the sunset. AT NO TIME

during the sales process or when talking with the HOA were we advised that there was to be a (WWTP) located across Ronald Reagan Highway, although, we later learned in May of this year that there were plans already in the works many years prior. Had we known, we would NOT have purchased here due to the fact that not only will it be an unpleasant sight, but has the potential for terrible odors with winds that often blow from the direction of the proposed WWTP. I struggle with many allergies and I am also very sensitive to odors that cause me to be nauseous. The fact that this was not disclosed by the developer, the builder or salesperson is quite disturbing when it was already in the works and would positively have affected our decision to buy in this neighborhood. If the proposed water treatment plant is approved, it is our concern that because of the fact that our property is facing the WWTP that this will cause a decline in our home value as well as our neighbors and make selling it in the future very challenging. Since we are retirees and on a fixed income, this is a concern as we anticipated increasing values in our property, not the opposite. We are also very concerned about the negative impacts of our drinking water, (ie taste, contaminants, etc.), to ourselves, our family, our grandchildren, and to the community at large. The long term impacts to our health with the discharge from the WWTP into our streams and lakes is VERY worrying as Liberty Hill's South Fork WWTP past record speaks for itself. Additionally, without knowing what the design or aesthetics will be, we are concerned that we will no longer be able to enjoy the property for the reason we purchased it, which includes enjoying our backyard and patio due to unsightly structures, noise, and unpleasant smells. It may require additional landscaping and expenses on our part to "block" views and "reduce" noise and odors. Lastly, we frequently utilize the trails behind our home that face the proposed site and the Tejas Trail located at Lake Georgetown. With the proposed WWTP, it will likely negatively affect our air and water quality and discourage us from utilizing these beautiful resources that we currently enjoy. We would like to contest the permit for this proposed WWTP and would request consideration for a different location that will not negatively impact us individually and collectively as a community in all the ways mentioned above. We recognize the need for a new facility, but it must be done with the engagement of the community in mind and with the least negative impacts to the health, welfare and financial concerns of the citizens it serves. Best Regards, Janet and Michael Aguilar 549 Faith Dr. Liberty Hill, TX. 78642 563-650-1658

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:26 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Janet Aguilar

EMAIL: jaguilar0460@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 549 FAITH DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2149

PHONE: 5636501658

FAX:

COMMENTS: We would like to express our concern regarding the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) that is currently being planned for development across from our property on the west side of Ronald W Reagan Blvd. When we purchased our home at 549 Faith Dr, Liberty Hill in the Ventana section of Santa Rita Ranch North, we were not made aware of this significant development at any time throughout the buying process, although it had apparently been in the planning stages for many years prior. It was not on any of the future development maps we had received from our builder, from Scott Felder Homes, or from the HOA and/or developer. However, future roads, future subdivisions, schools and commercial developments were clearly on the map. We were told because it was sitting

on the ridge that there would be a premium price for the lot, but it was not disclosed that we would eventually be facing a WWTP! It was not until about one month ago, that we were made aware of this by a neighbor on Facebook. The presence of a waste water treatment plant in such close proximity to our property raises several concerns. First, there are potential negative impacts on the quality of life, including unpleasant odors and increased traffic. Second, there could be a decline in property values and potential health risks associated with such a facility if it is not managed properly. (The fact that the Liberty Hill South San Gabriel River WWTP has not been in compliance is concerning.) Is our drinking water going to be polluted if not managed properly? Third, while we understand that these facilities are necessary for any community, the fact that this was never disclosed to residents of this very large development that promotes us to "live with the land" is a breach of trust and transparency within the community and sends a red flag that there may be more concerns that have not yet been revealed. We urge you to consider our concerns, communicate openly and explore potential mitigations to minimize the impact that this very important project has on our community for many years to come. Janet and Michael Aguilar

Jennifer Cox

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

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Nagendra pavan Anganna

EMAIL: Pavan.nag.anganna@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 209 CALERA ST
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2192

PHONE: 8134546215

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of SRR, I would like to request for reconsideration of water waste management. I have lived around water waste management systems in the past and it was a terrible experience especially during strong winds. While it is necessary having it away from residential area will be helpful Please reconsider the location of the waste management. Thank you

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Nishanth Goud Athelli

EMAIL: nishgo15@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 312 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2576

PHONE: 6014215529

FAX:

COMMENTS: It is really concerning that Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is being constructed in a highly dense residential area. The placement of the WWTP in such a high-density area with the creek flowing throughout Santa Rita Ranch could severely affect all nearby residents and potentially contaminate one of our drinking water sources the Lake Georgetown. I request you to please reconsider the placement of WWTP to a different location.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Ryan Batista

EMAIL: R_batista@icloud.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 243 ZUMA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2350

PHONE: 6269918873

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a formal hearing in regards to my disapproval of the waste of water treatment plant. Liberty Hill has a record of poor water, quality and violations in compliance with a TCEQ.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Garrett Blanton

EMAIL: gsblanton@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 165 CORONELLA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2323

PHONE: 8323260627



FAX:

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Angie Bokelmann

EMAIL: angie.bokelmann@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 333 RIETI PKWY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2308

PHONE: 9795715410



FAX:

COMMENTS: I do not support the Waste Water plant proposed for Liberty Hill near the Santa Rita Ranch community. Please schedule a hearing - Liberty Hill has had several violations with the current plant & with the run off going into the San Gabriel River I am concerned about the quality of our drinking water.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 5:23 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Attachments: City of Liberty Hill - TCEQ.pdf

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: David Boyer

EMAIL: david1boyer@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 609 FAITH DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2150

PHONE: 5126571108

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see the attached PDF.

June 11, 2024

Texas Commission of Environmental Quality

Re: City of Liberty Hill Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant

Blindsided

I am a resident of Santa Rita Ranch (SSR) North and will be deeply affected by the licensure, construction, and implementation of the City of Liberty Hill's, Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), on both a pecuniary level, and an environmental safety level. The proposed plant location will be approximately 600-800 feet away from our home. I am not suggesting that the plant not be built, but rather, it absolutely must be relocated.

When the residents of the Ventana section of Santa Rita Ranch first became aware of the impending WWTP location, there was not one person I could find within the neighborhood of 138 homeowners, that were not shocked and entirely caught off guard. Why? Because the putative location to the WWTP was to be located across Ronald Regan Boulevard from approximately thirty homes that paid \$60,000+ for a view lot. View lots aside, even considering that 38 residents have spent a combined minimum of nearly \$3 million just for the view, no one expected that the view would not change with time. And it did, without complaints. However, the location for a WWTP is another matter, particularly due to the Santa Rita Ranch marketing materials that denoted this area to eventually be built out as 'light retail' if and when that would ever be developed. Inarguably, no one could seriously refer to any wastewater treatment plant as light retail.

And yet, from approximately 2009, the SSR developer and the City of Liberty Hill cut a deal well before there were any homes built, meaning that there was no one to object to the location of the plant. Homeowners were not aware of this agreement until the spring of 2024. SSR Developer Ed Horne, former and possibly some current Liberty Hill council members and mayor, city legal counsel, city administrators and agency directors (i.e. Director of Water Works, etc.), WWTP engineers and designers, likely SSR builders that did not disclose this fact to their staff of sales and marketing people, perhaps a few realtors, and surveyors, and Williamson County officials had known about this project for years. Oh, and TCEQ. Not a single resident that *unwittingly* bought a nice home in close proximity to what will become the Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant knew anything about this impending nightmare. In other words, if we as homebuyers had known about the planned and eventual development, few would have bought the homes we bought, and the few that could be sold, would sold on substantially different terms (read: price) than what we unassuming homeowners paid. Does anyone reasonably believe that someone buying a new home would scour back issues of local newspapers' classified ads to determine if there might be a new WWTP put in somewhere, maybe close by, in the next five-eight years? This is not reality and, yes, everyone can point their fingers at the statutory and

regulatory requirements that were met so, therefore, there can be no culpability. This is patently wrong from many aspects.

There are innumerable issues to protect homeowners that could be resolved via legislation and regulation, which will inevitably require years to wind through those processes, if at all. The TCEQ, it being granted the ultimate authority in this Great State of Texas, has all of our futures in its collective hands, which comes down to how the completion of this plant at this particular location will affect our lives in terms of abject air quality, eventual water quality issues, and the dollar amount of home values that will be permanently lost. With a sagacious developer that continues to seemingly buy people off, like a recent million dollar 'gift' to the City of Liberty Hill with 'no strings attached', can there be much daylight between such generosity, and quid pro quo verging on corruption? From there, also please bear in mind that SRR is in an ETJ (Extra Territorial Jurisdiction), meaning we are governed without representation because we cannot vote on city council members or mayors; kind of like a no-woman's/no-man's land. TCEQ was created to serve the citizens of Texas, not commerce, and must protect homeowners' right to not be **blindsided** by unethical and duplicitous business arrangements. Hopefully, this Commission will act accordingly and, as vigilantly as it does with water and air quality hearings and determinations and deny the pending WWTP licensure until a better location can be found and acquired.

Also, please be reminded that we're dealing with a city with a substantial history of serial violations, that have only continued to receive a slap on the wrist, as retribution for its poor operational standards. As Texas citizens, we do not need more apocryphal explanations about how the area's hundreds of homes in harm's way, will not be affected negatively (including Ventana, The Regency, and Saddleback sections in SRR, along with an expanding private school). We've been assured by city officials, the engineering firm hired to design the plant, and the city's WWTP operators that there will *never be any*: malodorous issues, overruns that fill small creeks (running through a retirement community homeowners' backyard) with chemicals, viruses, microbes, pathogenic airborne microorganisms, or any continual audible issues from typical machinery associated with WWTP operations. How wonderful this could be and, how entirely specious this is, while also factoring in that looking a sludge is not really anywhere as nice as it's made out to be. What could go wrong? Machinery failures, overflows, human neglect, incompetence, or errors seem to be the most common recurring issues in WWTP operations. The fact is, all of the affected sections of SRR will be subject to the foregoing, including serious monetary loss of value.

My wife and I bought a beautiful view lot in Ventana, which was finally built and closed on two years ago and, we invested a significant amount of money upgrading the home, with the intent that our next home would be discovered upon being rolled into a nursing home (or funeral home, as the case may be, although presumably not discoverable at that point).

So, our futures will be decided by TCEQ, (a politically appointed group of friends of the Lt. Governor) that has a mystery panel or staff of people that do their best to align the

science with regulations; some statutory, mostly not. But the Commission must eventually make a final judgement about licensing WWTPs based on the best information made available to them. I cannot argue about the science of it all but I have a lifelong friend that surely can, who is a nationally recognized expert in the WWTP industry for fifty+ years. He is at my disposal should you have any questions on the science and operational aspect of WWTPs. I will not repeat his expletives when I told him what was happening with this plant being located in close proximity to my back patio.

I can, however, attempt to put this dire circumstance into perspective from a human experience. Imagine that you found your ideal house to build and went under contract with the builder to get it just the way you wanted. You and your family plan on living out the rest of your years there. You eventually close on the house, move in, and after a few months, realize how wonderful it is; you finally have everything you've wanted, including the amazing premium view. Then out of nowhere a communiqué pops up to let you know that, what has been planned for years and will soon be underway, a WWTP will be built and operated directly across the street from your home. How would you feel about that?

How would you feel if the state or county built a prison next door to you? How would feel if you bought a beautiful lot and a funeral home bought the lot next to you, along with cemetery acreage? Or a landfill, quarry, cement factory, private airstrip, etc., ad nauseum? As an *individual*, not as a committee member or a Commission panel member, how would you feel? Crushed, panicked, meh – whatever or, okay? How would you feel about some event happening that was arrantly unanticipated, that's going to cost you dearly, which is bad enough, along with losing your home to something that people knew about but did not disclose? Do you have a couple hundred thousand dollars lying around that you can hire a law firm to take legal action on your behalf? I don't. Especially given that the outcome is uncertain. Even if I did have such a discretionary slush fund it would not be advisable to use it in this manner. Considering the conversations I've recently had with law firms, Ed Horne is 'conflicted out' by the top law firms specializing in this type of litigation in the Greater Austin Area (meaning that he has hired these firms to represent him in various capacities, and they cannot represent a plaintiff if he is the defendant because, legally, it would be a conflict of interest to do so; lawyers seldom can have it both ways).

We homeowners have been bilked by our developer, first, who always knew what would happen to our properties, quality of life, and home values, and secondly by our builder, that also probably knew what was to come. And virtually every builder has a binding arbitration provision in their buy/sell agreements, which so far is nearly impossible to have any Texas court invalidate. There is one case I'm aware of in the Texas Appellate Court with a homeowner (who built a \$4 million house) attempting to do just that because the

so-called 'binding arbitration' process is so corrupt; it was a good concept in the beginning until it turned into a money machine for attorneys. I have no chance or opportunity to change any of this, at the age of 71.

So, what if this same situation happened in Westlake, or Tarrytown, Lakeway, or Barton Springs? These communities have numerous multi-million-dollar homes, replete with powerful attorneys, wealthy doctors and surgeons, judges, and politicians, some of whom appointed you to this Commission. Do you think this would be resolved in the homeowners' favor or the city's favor? This is not a rhetorical question – I would truly appreciate an accurate answer, which I think I already know. So as middle-class people get thrown under the bus (electric, of course), the wealthy, powerful, privileged people get a pass, and this dispensation of justice is very concerning to me and entirely unlike the Texas I have known, adopted, and loved for over twenty years.

As a human, please do the right thing, and demand the WWTP be *relocated* to anywhere within the thousands of acres around, that will not affect current homeowners, and in the future at the very least, put homeowners on notice that this plant will be built in close proximity to '*your home*'.

This comment is intended to be a defining example of being **Bindsided**.

Respectfully yours,

David Boyer
609 Faith Drive
Liberty Hill, TX

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Governor Greg Abbott
Lt Governor Dan Patrick
Representative Caroline Harris Davila

Ellie Guerra

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REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MR Bronson Buell

EMAIL: Bronson.buell32@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 548 FAITH DR
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PHONE: 7138269597

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Sarah Bowers

EMAIL: sarah279@me.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 313 CANYONCREST WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2619

PHONE: 2096280637



FAX:

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Beth Carls

EMAIL: beth.carls@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 212 ALAVA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2482

PHONE: 7138548766

FAX:

COMMENTS: Thank you for this opportunity to share my concerns regarding the proposed Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) near our neighborhood. I am a member of the Regency Santa Rita Ranch community, having moved from Austin to Liberty Hill in 2023. Many of my neighbors have already expressed concerns about several important issues that need to be addressed. I, too, am concerned after moving this far away from Austin to achieve a better quality of life, only to learn at the last minute of this proposed construction. Several concerns that are important to me include the proximity to K-12 private schools and community safety. Additionally, the lack of an environmental watchdog for ongoing issues and concerns is a critical factor that needs to be addressed. Given Liberty Hill's poor track record, I have an understandable concern, as do many of my neighbors, about the safety of our communities. Other concerns include the potential loss of property values, lack of disclosure to homeowners before signing contracts by developers and sales agents, and the long planning process of 15 years. Aesthetic and environmental safeguards also need to be considered, especially regarding housing developments being built near proposed sites. Specifically, environmental concerns such as effluent discharge, as currently proposed, will flow directly into Sowe's Branch (through our Regency neighborhood) into the North Fork of the San Gabriel River, then into Lake Georgetown, our main drinking water source. This is very alarming. Facility design and sewage intake management, emergency protocols during large rainfalls and freezes, and the priority of saving money versus protecting residents are important considerations that require attention. Finally, the environmental impact and water quality should be carefully addressed, including the need for robust treatment of nitrates and phosphates to prevent algae blooms and the proper management of methane to prevent odors from permeating communities. I realize there is a short period before nothing can be done, so we're asking for a public hearing organized and run by TCEQ to allow us to share our voices.

TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: NAVEEN CHALLA

Mailing Address: 316 OLINDA WAY, LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: LIBERTY HILL / TX Zip: 78642

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

Email: CNAVEEN9@GMAIL.COM

Phone Number: (508) 251 9222

- 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)

I am formally asking for Hearing

- 1) AIR QUALITY - Respiratory concerns
- 2) LOCATION - Why can't another location be chosen? Why does City doesn't explore this option? What's stopping?

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

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- 3) Worried about the health of my 3 year old daughter
- 4) water born diseases - happened in another Liberty hill facilities
- 5) If developer offered this town during 2018 or earlier why was this hidden during the sales?
- 6) Developer Involvement involve Risks to the Residents in the Community
- 7) This plant attracts lot of bugs, mosquitoes, animals that feed on their waste water - this will impact residents safety
- 8) Why Can't builder offer this for public park or Recreational Center? Instead move this to a different location? If town can explore another suitable location
- 9) Phosphorous & Nitrogen levels increase because of any waste water treatments
- 10) This ~~says~~ plant says, it's using high end technology but where as there is no air quality checks, environmental checks & any health hazards
- 11) South plant has a very bad odour, so it doesn't make sense to say there is no air quality checks

*Praveen Chaudhary
124 Oakley Pass
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
484-764-5726*

December 21, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk (MC105)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

I request a contested hearing.

My name is Praveen Chaudhary, and myself along with my wife Pushpi Chaudhary, are the owners of a single-family home at 124 Oakley Pass, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. I can be reached at 484-764-5726. We are in our 60's.

Our home is in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch ("Regency"), an age 55 and older community just across the Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed location of the wastewater treatment plant. My home is 0.9 miles from the proposed plant site and 50 feet from Soves Branch Creek. Soves Branch Creek winds its way through the Regency community, along a nature walking trail, past our Amenity Center, beyond the backyards of our homes. The creek is quite prevalent.

According to the National Institute of Health, wastewater handling has been associated with an increased risk of developing adverse health effects, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. The older population of the Regency is highly susceptible to such illnesses.

We understand that wastewater treatment plants are critical, however, living very near these plants can present several challenges. One of the primary concerns for individuals living near wastewater treatment plants is the quality of air. Many

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It was only this past May 2024 that we learned about the plans for this new wastewater treatment facility. This is the same for all the Regency residents and future homeowners, in the course of construction. There was no prior disclosure from the developers, Ed Horne and Toll Brothers, or from real estate agents. How is it possible that this project, which has reportedly been in the planning stages since 2009, was not disclosed to potential homebuyers? Had we known, this information would undoubtedly have influenced our decisions to purchase homes here—especially given Liberty Hill's concerning history of violations and lawsuits related to its existing wastewater treatment facility.

Many of us at the Regency are deeply upset. After reading about the numerous violations, reading media articles, reviewing lawsuits, watching news segments, and learning about the 2013 settlement concerning this proposed plant, we feel helpless and overwhelmed.

At the May 8th city council meeting, more than a hundred residents attended, expressing an urgent need for answers. We are concerned that Liberty Hill officials did not adequately prioritize the welfare of residential communities and schools near the proposed plant site. When the plant was first proposed, there were no nearby developments. Now, there are three communities (including the Regency) and a school is in close proximity. This raises significant concerns regarding quality of life, environmental impacts, and the potential loss of property values. We appreciate that TCEQ is listening and held a public hearing on December 3rd.

My wife and I have many questions that we need answers. TCEQ and Liberty Hill seem to be falling back on minimum standards. It is very clear that minimum standards are not working in existing plants and are in fact very harmful to humans, wildlife and nature. First and foremost, what measures will be taken to ensure that effluent overflow, discharged into Soves Branch Creek, will be properly treated to prevent the growth of algae blooms? We need assurances that the highest standards of treatment will be followed—not a cost-benefit

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Finally, we strongly believe that an independent environmental watchdog is needed to oversee the plant's operations and ensure that ongoing concerns are addressed.

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Thank you for your time and for considering holding a contested hearing on this crucial issue.

Sincerely yours,

Praveen Chaudhary

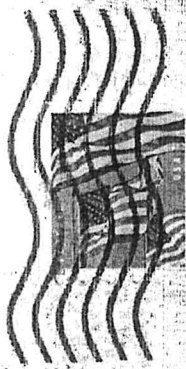
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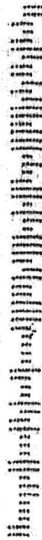
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Songhua Chen
208 Oakley Pass
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Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
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I request a contested hearing.

My name is Songhua Chen, and myself along with my wife Jinli Qiao, are the owners of a single-family home at 208 Oakley Pass, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. I can be reached at 346-307-4125. We are both 70 years old. We moved to this address in July 2023.

Our home is in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch ("Regency"), an age 55 and older community just across the Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed location of the wastewater treatment plant. My home is less than one mile from the proposed plant site and our backyard is less than 200ft from Sowes Branch Creek. Sowes Branch Creek winds its way through the Regency community, along a nature walking trail, past our Amenity Center, beyond the backyards of our homes.

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When we signed the home-buying contract, during the construction phase of the new home, and at the time of home, we had never been disclosed of this risk. It was only this past May

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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Songhua Chen', written in a cursive style.

Songhua Chen

Singhania Chen
208 Oakley Park
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 4:39 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: songhuachen1@gmail.com <songhuachen1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 9:24 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: DR. Songhua Chen

EMAIL: songhuachen1@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 208 OAKLEY PASS
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2489

PHONE: 3463074125

FAX:

COMMENTS: The waste water treatment plant was planned 15 years ago. At the time, non master planned communities exist in the vicinity and the area was not densely populated. The situation has been changed completely since then. Regency at SRR community alone will host close to 1000 homes when fully built, and many more when the other communities nearby are included. Besides, the planned site is just adjacent to a private K-12 school. Thus to build a WWTP at this location posts potential health issue, exposes all residents and school children for potential hazards that the community cannot accept, especially concerning With Liberty Hill's poor track record, how do we know are communities will be safe to live?

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 11:18 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: ccdr53@gmail.com <ccdr53@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 15, 2024 10:54 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Cecile Clause de Ramirez

EMAIL: ccdr53@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 101 Glen Arbor Dr
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

PHONE: 5129548585

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a "contested hearing" at the least, and a new proposal for this plant away from my neighborhood—perhaps a more rural area with few/no homes. A water treatment plan so close to our neighborhood (about one mile from my home to the plant plans poses health risks, drinking water contamination, property value and quality of life loss, air pollution/odors and noise that can all harm our

nearby residents and my family. There are too many negative impacts that Santa Rita Ranch home owners should not be exposed to with water treatment plant so near our homes.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 1:05 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001
Attachments: tceq_letter_2024_12_102.pdf

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From: mcorazao@yahoo.com <mcorazao@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 12:08 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Miguel R Corazao

EMAIL: mcorazao@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 600 CASTILLO BND
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2683

PHONE: 5127459488

FAX:

COMMENTS: Our new home is less than 1 mile from the proposed site of the treatment plant. Equally important, the neighborhood clubhouse and other facilities that we will be using are even closer to this plant. Any odors or air contaminants coming from the proposed plant will at minimum impact our quality of life in our neighborhood, and worse undoubtedly affect property values. While we realize that the plant

will do its best to control any contaminants in the air, we also know that it is difficult for any plant to always be on top of every situation that can cause odors and air pollution in its local vicinity. Unfortunately, even infrequent odor problems in an area can greatly impact valuation. As such we would like to be able to speak directly in a hearing regarding our concerns for our property.

600 Castillo Bend
Liberty Hill, Texas 78642
December 10, 2024

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Office of the Chief Clerk (MC105)
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Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

Dear Chief Clerk,

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We currently live in Liberty Hill and are about to complete purchase of a home in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch development. Our new address is

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Liberty Hill, Texas 78642

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Please feel free to contact us at mcorazao@yahoo.com or 512-745-9488.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



Miguel Corazao

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 11:51 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Request for hearing
Attachments: tceq_letter_2024_12_10.pdf

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From: CHIEFCLK <chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 9:14 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for hearing

From: Miguel Corazao <mcorazao@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 12:03 AM
To: Info <Info@tceq.texas.gov>; PEP <pep@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Request for hearing

Please find the attached letter for the Chief Clerk's office.

Thank you.

Miguel Corazao

Pronouns: He, Him, His

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

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Miguel Corazao

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: Mfcox@att.net <Mfcox@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 11:26 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MRS Michelle Cox

EMAIL: Mfcox@att.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 308 GLEN ARBOR DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2212

PHONE: 5128015359

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my husband and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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Sent: Friday, December 6, 2024 8:01 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Jesse Da Cruz

EMAIL: jessedacruz@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 109 AZALEA SPRINGS RD
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2313

PHONE: 2067907758

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed water treatment facility planned for [specific location, if applicable]. While I recognize the importance of ensuring access to clean and safe drinking water, I am deeply concerned about the environmental, health, economic, and ethical implications of this project as it is currently envisioned. Environmental Concerns Water treatment facilities often rely on chemical-intensive processes that pose significant risks to local ecosystems. For instance, chlorine and other chemical residues can leach into nearby water bodies, harming aquatic life and disrupting delicate ecosystems. Additionally, the energy-intensive nature of these facilities contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, exacerbating climate change. Health Risks The byproducts of water treatment, such as trihalomethanes (THMs), have been linked to long-term health risks, including cancer. Over-chlorination and the addition of other chemicals, such as fluoride, raise concerns about unintended health consequences for residents relying on treated water. These risks cannot be ignored, especially when alternative methods for ensuring water safety exist. Ethical Issues The forced addition of chemicals like fluoride into public water supplies raises ethical questions about individual autonomy and the right to choose what is consumed. Furthermore, privatization efforts associated with water treatment facilities can prioritize profit over equitable access, leaving marginalized communities at a disadvantage. The proposed water treatment facility fails to meet these criteria and poses significant risks to our community and environment. I urge you to reconsider this project and explore alternative strategies that better align with the principles of environmental stewardship and public health. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Vincent Redondo

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Monday, May 6, 2024 1:52 PM
PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-EL
FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: dasarirajurajesh@gmail.com <dasarirajurajesh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:13 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Rajesh Kumar Dasariraju

EMAIL: dasarirajurajesh@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 533 GERONA CT
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2729

PHONE: 2014234213

FAX:

S: Subject: Request for Reconsideration of Wastewater Facility Location Hello, I am a concerned resident request a reconsideration of the planned location for the new wastewater treatment facility on the main road community. The proximity of this facility raises significant concerns about potential noise, odors, and a property values that could adversely affect our neighborhood's quality of life. We ask that the city explores sites or implements effective mitigation measures to address these issues. We appreciate your attention to and hope for a constructive resolution that considers the well-being of affected residents. Sincerely, Rajesh

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:05 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MRS Meghan De La Torre

EMAIL: gayadraug@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 104 TEXON DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2151

PHONE: 8302007784

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my husband and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 10:08 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: Baleigh.zurn@mavs.uta.edu <Baleigh.zurn@mavs.uta.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:21 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Baleigh Dua

EMAIL: Baleigh.zurn@mavs.uta.edu

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 400 SPURLOCK WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2512

PHONE: 2543798157

FAX:

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Richard DeProspo
528 Castillo Bend
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

December 30, 2024

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CHIEF CLERKS OFFICE

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

My wife and I reside in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch, located across Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed site of the new wastewater treatment plant. We understand the new plant may impact Sowes Branch Creek, which winds its way directly behind our home. We are deeply concerned about the health safety issues posed by the plant, both to the watershed and to air quality in our community.

We just recently learned about the plans for this new wastewater treatment facility. There was no disclosure of the plans for this project provided to us in the purchase of our home by the developer, Ed Horne, or by Toll Brothers, the builder, despite the project reportedly being in the planning stages since 2009. But this is a separate issue for us and a potential cause of future action.

We have also learned that the City of Liberty Hill has a troubling history of violations and lawsuits related to its existing wastewater treatment facility. This, of course, heightens our concern regarding the new plant. I am writing to you now to request a contested hearing with respect to the above-referenced matter.

According to the National Institute of Health, wastewater handling has been associated with an increased risk of developing adverse health effects, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. The Regency was developed as a 55+ community and has many residents, like us, who are in their late 60s and older. The population is highly vulnerable to such illnesses.

Wastewater treatment involves noxious chemicals including chlorine, ammonia, and sulfur dioxide. These chemicals have the potential to become airborne, posing a risk to respiratory health. Prolonged exposure can lead to conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory disorders. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants.

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I urge your assistance in halting this project until a thorough assessment of all alternatives can be made. At a minimum, we deserve assurance that any facility built will be designed and operated with the highest standards of safety and environmental protection, with recourse.

I understand that wastewater treatment plants are critical infrastructure, however, these plants must be sited as far away from residential population, particularly seniors who are susceptible to any potential air, soil and water contamination from the plant.

Thank you for your time and for considering holding a contested hearing on this crucial issue.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. DeProspo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard DeProspo

R DeProspo
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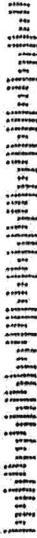
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Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:31 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Cc: Laurie Gharis; Deornette Monteleone
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001
Attachments: 2nd TCEQ Public Comment Letter.docx

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From: cathy.doescher@gmail.com <cathy.doescher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 2:50 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Cathy Doescher

EMAIL: cathy.doescher@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 565 FAITH DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2149

PHONE: 3259569185

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see attached letter.

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TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Cathy Doescher

Mailing Address: 565 Faith Dr.

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill, TX Zip: 78642

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

Email: cathy.doescher@gmail.com

Phone Number: (325) 956-9185

- 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.

December 3, 2024

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Austin, TX 78711

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

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AT PUBLIC MEETING

Dear Chief Clerk:

I am writing to request a contested case hearing regarding the renewal application for TPDES permit WQ0015000001 for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrooks Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This facility's proposed location and operational strategies have significant implications for the densely populated subdivisions of Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana, Saddleback, and The Regency.

First Concern: Compliance with Effluent Discharge Standards

The effluent discharge limit must be protective and enforceable, and Liberty Hill has a history of not meeting required standards. We are concerned that a similar negligent situation will occur with the new WWTP facility, risking our community's health and the local environment.

Second Concern: Proximity to K-12 Private School and Residential Housing

An additional concern arises from the proposed placement of the WWTP less than 2000 feet of a K-8 private school adjacent to Saddleback Community on Ronald Reagan near the Sowe's Branch tributary where the sewer plant will be allowed to discharge effluent wastewater. The WWTP proposed location is also less than 1000 feet from many residential homes in the Saddleback, Ventana, and Regency communities of Santa Rita Ranch. Our home is located less than 2000 feet from the proposed facility. This is a possible health hazard to the school children and homeowners who are in close proximity to the effluent discharge creek. Another factor of grave concern is the noxious odor that is emitted from the WWTP. We have recently toured Liberty Hill's South WWTP, and the odor was unbearable. We request an alternative site for this facility, one that is not within 2500 feet of homes and schools.

Third Concern: Environmental Impact and Water Quality

The Brazos River Authority highlighted potential adverse effects on Lake Georgetown in their communication dated July 7, 2023. Lake Georgetown is a critical source of drinking water and a hub for recreational activities in Williamson County. Given the increasing population density, it is imperative to specifically understand how the WWTP will prevent negative impacts on Lake Georgetown's water quality. Several professional research articles indicate that pharmaceuticals are not filtered from WWTP discharge. Will the effluent discharge be monitored for pharmaceutical levels? Will TCEQ routinely monitor permit compliance? We need assurances

that robust measures will be in place to protect this essential resource and its impact on human health and the local ecosystem.

The decision to renew this permit has profound implications for the health, safety, and environmental integrity of our community. As stakeholders directly impacted by the proposed WWTP's operations, we cannot emphasize enough that these concerns must be considered prior to the permit renewal.

We appreciate your attention to these urgent matters and a response that prioritizes the preservation and enhancement of our community's well-being and environmental sustainability. Again, we formally request a contested case hearing.

Regards,
Dennis and Cathy Doescher
565 Faith Drive
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
cathy.doescher@gmail.com
325-956-9185

May 6, 2024

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

Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding TDPS Permit WQ0015000001 Renewal for Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook WWTP

Dear Commissioners and Chief Clerk:

I am writing to express profound concerns and request a public meeting regarding the renewal application for the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit (WQ0015000001) for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This facility's proposed location and operational strategies have significant implications for the densely populated subdivisions of Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana, Saddleback, and The Regency.

First Concern: Compliance with Effluent Discharge Standards

The effluent discharge limit must be protective and enforceable, and Liberty Hill has a history of not meeting required standards. We are concerned that a similar negligent situation will occur with the new WWTP facility, risking our community's health and local environment.

Second Concern: Proximity to K-12 Private School and Community Safety

An additional concern arises from the proposed placement of the WWTP within several thousand yards of a K-12 private school adjacent to Saddleback Community on Ronald Reagan near the unnamed tributary that flows into Sowe's Branch, where the sewer plant will be allowed to discharge treated wastewater. This is of great concern to the children who may be playing outside in reasonable proximity to the wastewater treatment plant and discharge area.

Third Concern: Facility Design and Sewage Intake Management

Through consultations with a civil engineer specializing in municipal WWTP design, it is imperative for proper design of the sewage intake which is critical to ensure the effective collection and handling of raw sewage. This minimizes the risk of overflows and odor emissions. The community needs reassurance that these aspects have been meticulously planned to mitigate potential risks. We request detailed explanations of the measures implemented to address these

vital concerns and reviewed by third party to ensure the quality of the intake design.

Fourth Concern: Environmental Impact and Water Quality

The Brazos River Authority highlighted potential adverse effects on Lake Georgetown in their communication dated July 7, 2023. Lake Georgetown is a critical source of drinking water and a hub for recreational activities in Williamson County. Given the increasing population density, it is imperative to specifically understand how the WWTP will prevent negative impacts on Lake Georgetown's water quality. We need assurances that robust measures will be in place to protect this essential resource unlike the issues with another liberty Hill WWTP near the corner of Texas 29 and US 183.

Additional Concern: Aesthetic and Environmental Safeguards

While not explicitly mandated by the permit application, we adamantly insist that the developer and municipal authorities take proactive measures to mitigate the visual and environmental impact of the WWTP on surrounding residential areas. It is imperative that sufficient buffering, including strategic tree planting and landscaping, be implemented to harmonize the facility with its surroundings and minimize its conspicuousness to nearby homes.

The decision to renew this permit has profound implications for the health, safety, and environmental integrity of our community. As stakeholders directly impacted by WWTP's operations, we cannot emphasize enough that these concerns be thoroughly addressed with a public meeting prior to any further action on the permit renewal.

We appreciate your attention to these urgent matters and anticipate a prompt and comprehensive response that prioritizes the preservation and enhancement of our community's well-being and environmental sustainability. Again, we formally request a public meeting.

Please see the attached names of concerned Santa Rita Ranch residents.

Regards,
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To: Info <Info@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Meeting for Permit. WQ0015000001

Dear TCEQ Staff:

I received the notice for the public meeting for Permit No. WQ0015000001. The scheduled date of October 3, 2024 falls on Rosh Hashanah. This meeting is very important to our community and over 288 public comments have been submitted. Although the Jewish population is small in our community, this date is a holy day and will prevent invested residents from attending. Please consider rescheduling this important meeting to another date.

Thank you,
Cathy Doescher
325-956-9185

Keith and Kathy Dorsa
105 Oakley Pass
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
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Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

Please accept this letter as our request for a contested hearing.

My name is Ross Keith Dorsa. My wife Katherine Ann Dorsa and I are the joint owners of a single-family home at 105 Oakley Pass, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. I can be reached at 408.898.6315 or by email at Kdorsa2@yahoo.com. We are in our late 60's and early 70's.

Our home is located in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch Development ("Regency"), an age 55 and older community just across the Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed location of the new wastewater treatment plant. My home is 0.9 miles from the proposed plant site and 200 feet from Sowes Branch Creek. Sowes Branch Creek winds its way through the Regency community, along a nature walking trail, past our Amenity Center, beyond the backyards of our homes. The creek is easily accessible for walking and clearly visible from the entrance to Regency and for many homeowners directly.

According to the National Institute of Health, wastewater handling has been associated with an increased risk of developing adverse health effects, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. We have been advised that the older population of the Regency is highly susceptible to such illnesses.

We understand that wastewater treatment plants are critical, however, living very near these plants can present several challenges. One of the primary concerns for individuals living near wastewater treatment plants is the quality of air. Many wastewater treatment processes involve chemicals like chlorine, ammonia, and sulfur dioxide. These chemicals can evaporate and become airborne, posing a risk to respiratory health. Prolonged exposure can lead to conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory disorders. Our elderly population here is more acutely vulnerable to these pollutants.

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My wife and I have many questions that we need answered. TCEQ and Liberty Hill seem to be falling back on minimum standards. It is very clear that minimum standards are not working in existing plants and are in fact very harmful to humans, wildlife and nature. First and foremost, what measures will be taken to ensure that effluent overflow, discharged into Soves Branch Creek, will be properly treated to prevent the growth of algae blooms? We need assurances that the highest standards of treatment will be followed—not a cost-benefit analysis where human and environmental health are secondary to financial considerations.

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There is so much we still don't know, and it is unconscionable that the developers failed to disclose these plans when we purchased our homes. I urge your assistance in halting this project until all of our questions and concerns can be fully addressed. We need a thorough assessment of all alternatives, and we deserve assurances that any facility built will be designed and operated with the highest standards of safety and environmental protection.

Thank you for your time and for considering holding a contested hearing on this crucial issue.

Sincerely yours,

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Keith and Kathy Dorsa

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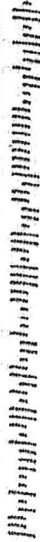
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Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

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COMMENTS: I am filing a contested hearing to the proposed wastewater treatment plant in our community for several critical reasons related to human health, the environment, and our lifestyle. The current Liberty Hill wastewater plant has been in violation of regulations multiple times, and given its poor track record, I am deeply concerned about the potential risks a new facility could pose. Health Risks: The repeated violations at the Liberty Hill plant have already led to serious concerns about contamination and the potential release of harmful bacteria, toxins, and pathogens. A new wastewater facility could increase these risks, potentially leading to respiratory issues, waterborne diseases, and other serious health problems for residents. Threat to Drinking Water: The proposed wastewater plant will drain directly into our local drinking water source, which could lead to the contamination of our water supply. This is a grave concern, as improper treatment or system failures could introduce dangerous pollutants into the water, affecting not just our health but that of future generations. Air Pollution and Odor: The current plant has already caused ongoing air pollution, including foul odors like hydrogen sulfide, which lead to headaches, nausea, and respiratory problems. This issue could worsen with a new plant, making daily life unbearable for nearby residents and impacting our overall quality of life. Environmental Impact: With the repeated violations at the Liberty Hill plant, it's clear that the existing facility has already had a detrimental effect on local ecosystems, particularly our water bodies. Adding another plant could worsen pollution in the area, potentially leading to long-term damage to wildlife and aquatic life due to untreated or inadequately treated effluent. Noise Pollution: Wastewater plants generate constant noise from pumps, machinery, and truck traffic. Given the location of the proposed plant, this noise would disrupt the peace of the neighborhood, affecting residents' sleep, well-being, and overall lifestyle. Traffic Congestion and Safety Hazards: Increased truck traffic related to wastewater transport can create congestion and safety issues on local roads. This is especially concerning for families with children, as well as for elderly residents who are more vulnerable to accidents. Negative Impact on Property Values: The presence of a wastewater treatment plant generally lowers property values due to health concerns, unpleasant odors, and the general decline in the aesthetic appeal of the area. This will harm local residents who depend on the value of their homes for investment and quality of life. Aesthetic Degradation: Wastewater plants are large, industrial structures that can significantly reduce the visual appeal of a community. With the current plant already affecting the area's aesthetics, adding another facility will further degrade the landscape, making it less attractive for families, businesses, and visitors. Given the existing plant's history of violations, the direct risk to our drinking water, and the numerous negative impacts listed above, I believe it is irresponsible to move forward with the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility in this location. We need a more responsible and sustainable solution to wastewater management, and our community deserves better than to bear the burden of these risks

Ellie Guerra

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MR Gautham Goalla

EMAIL: Gautham.goalla@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 309 PALATINO BND
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2565

PHONE: 6367891383



FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my spouse and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

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EMAIL: Gautham.goalla@gmail.com

COMPANY:

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PHONE: 6367891383

FAX:

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Ellie Guerra

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Sagnik Ghosh

EMAIL: sagnikg100@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 285 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2579

PHONE: 7163229539

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself and my family.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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EMAIL: sagnikg100@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 285 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2579

PHONE: 7163229539



FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself and my family.

Ellie Guerra

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EMAIL: sagnikg100@gmail.com

COMPANY:

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PHONE: 7163229539

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself and my family.

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MRS Trina Ghosh

EMAIL: bariktrina@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 285 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2579

PHONE: 7373429122

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself and my family.

Ellie Guerra

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Rahul Gonuru

EMAIL: rahulinstar@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 341 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2611

PHONE: 5105094842

FAX:

COMMENTS: The waste water plant can cause health issues to my family. Odour emitted during treatment process will impact house prices and quality of life . Water quality will also be impacted for Santarita residents. I request a formal hearing

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Lizbeth Gutierrez

EMAIL: LIZY_GTZ@HOTMAIL.COM

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 520 PEACE DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2258

PHONE: 9563374391

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for me and my family. The water we use would be severely impacted in quality based on fail compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor would impact residents and home value.

Ellie Guerra

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Anne Hankey

EMAIL: anne.hankey@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 208 PROSA LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-0228

PHONE: 5123790005

FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like to post my concerns about this wastewater treatment plant. This is coming way too close to homes and schools. The homeowners were not made aware of this before they bought their homes and it seems wrong for the developer to know this information and not disclose it to future homeowners like our family. Many homes will lose money on the sale of their homes if this goes through. This does not even touch the concerns I have with the safety and health concerns that will become a

problem for the community. There are so many concerns that were not able to be addressed at tonight's meeting that I do not know how this could even move forward. Please reconsider the site of this facility. It would much better be suited somewhere not close to families and schools.

Ellie Guerra

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NAME: Anne Hankey

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COMPANY:

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 2:25 PM
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Subject: CORRECTION: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Carlos Herrera

EMAIL: carlosalbertoherreraangulo@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 179 ALICANTE LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2549

PHONE: 7372228192

FAX:

COMMENTS: Request a formal hearing regarding the wastewater plant in SSR.

Ellie Guerra

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COMPANY:

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PHONE: 7372228192

FAX:

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Melissa Hill

EMAIL: luckya_1@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 321 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2576

PHONE: 5127053563

FAX:

COMMENTS: Filing for contested hearing. Please move the WWTP further away from Santa Rita Ranch.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:09 PM
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Melissa Hill

EMAIL: luckya_1@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 321 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2576

PHONE: 5127053563

FAX:

COMMENTS: Filing for contested hearing. Please move the WWTP further away from Santa Rita Ranch.

Ellie Guerra

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Will Hutchinson

EMAIL: Wahutchinson@att.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1700 HONEYSUCKLE LN
ROUND ROCK TX 78664-2621

PHONE: 5127514177

FAX:

COMMENTS: This will cause hazard and foul smell to the area. We request a formal hearing.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:39 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Will Hutchinson

EMAIL: Wahutchinson@att.net

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 1700 HONEYSUCKLE LN
ROUND ROCK TX 78664-2621

PHONE: 5127514177

FAX:

COMMENTS: This will cause hazard and foul smell to the area. We request a formal hearing.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:39 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: ivsaimanoj@gmail.com <ivsaimanoj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:20 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Venkata Sai Man Illendula

EMAIL: ivsaimanoj@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 100 BELL CHIME DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2609

PHONE: 7169073194

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my wife and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Tammy Johnson

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 2:14 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Contested Hearing Request
Attachments: Request for Contested Case Hearing – TPDES Permit No. [WQ0015000001].pdf

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Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:35 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Contested Hearing Request

From: Garrett Arthur <garrett.arthur@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 12:18 PM
To: CHIEFCLK <chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: FW: Contested Hearing Request

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Thanks,

Garrett T. Arthur
Public Interest Counsel
512-239-5757

From: Joy Johnson <nathalia.j.johnson@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6:07 PM
To: COMMISSR <COMMISSR@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: PEP <pep@tceq.texas.gov>; PIC <PIC@tceq.texas.gov>
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Austin, TX 78753

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Mrs. Nathalia Joy Johnson

Tammy Johnson

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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Contested Hearing Request
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Can you please log into MALTA?

Thanks and have a great weekend!

Kimmie Robertson

Executive Assistant to Commissioner Catarina Gonzales
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Sincerely,



Mrs. Nathalia Joy Johnson

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, November 8, 2024 3:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001
Attachments: TCEQ Resident Comment TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001 1.docx

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Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 9:05 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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NAME: MRS Nathalia Johnson

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COMPANY:

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PHONE: 9157912067

FAX:

COMMENTS: See attachment: Subject: Opposition to TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001 and Request to Deny City of Liberty Hill's Proposal for Wastewater Treatment Plant near Santa Rita Ranch Community

Nathalia J. Johnson
1017 Olinda Court
Liberty Hill, Texas 78642
November 7, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
12100 Park, 35 Circle
Austin, TX 78753

Subject: Opposition to TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001 and Request to Deny City of Liberty Hill's Proposal for Wastewater Treatment Plant near Santa Rita Ranch Community

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The health and well-being of residents in the Saddleback and Santa Rita Ranch neighborhoods must take precedence over financial expediency or the convenience of donated land. The proposed site lies uncomfortably close to homes, presenting potential neurological, respiratory, and mental health risks due to possible air and water contaminants—a concern echoed by numerous environmental health studies, including recommendations from the National Institutes of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency. These studies consistently recommend a minimum distance of 500 meters from residential areas for WWTPs, with an ideal distance of 1,500 meters or more. Given that other, more suitable locations exist, this proposal fails to prioritize resident safety.

The City of Liberty Hill has cited land donations from the Santa Rita Ranch developer and costs associated with pre-permitted construction activities already completed at the proposed site to support site selection. However, the fact that land was donated to the City of Liberty Hill or that the City and select builders have monetarily invested at the site before re-permitted approval to build should not absolve the City of its responsibility to ensure the safety and quality of life for the area residents. Nor should it serve as justification to sidestep alternative locations that offer a safer buffer between the WWTP and residential areas. This choice, based on economic considerations over health, could place the City and those involved at risk of future class action suits, given the implications of U.S. Codes, the Clean Water Act, and the EPA's citizen suit provisions, which allow individuals to take legal action against entities posing a public health risk.

Instead, through its certificate of convenience and necessity, I recommend the city explore available land further north of the Saddleback Subdivision along Ronald Reagan Boulevard and County Road 258, which could support a facility closer to the North Fork San Gabriel River. This alternate site would not only comply with health safety distances but also provide a more suitable location for effluent processing within the boundaries of the certificate area, which spans the

Liberty Hill, Georgetown, and Leander boundaries. If the CR 258 area is not viable, I urge the City of Liberty Hill to re-engage an independent consultant to identify another feasible site.

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Lastly, I believe that the Santa Rita Ranch developer-backed Homeowner's Association and the builders of Santa Rita Ranch have misled home buyers regarding their future plans for a nearby WWTP. By withholding key information, these entities placed profits above transparency and community safety. Should future evidence substantiate these suspicions, it could implicate TCEQ should the commission grant the permit without due regard for these risks.

In closing, I appeal to TCEQ to act responsibly by denying this permit, emphasizing health, safety, and environmental standards over economic convenience. Multiple viable alternative locations for the proposed WWTP exist, and it is the city's duty to explore them thoroughly to protect its residents. Thank you for considering these significant concerns. I hope TCEQ will make a ruling that upholds the highest standards for public health and safety.

Sincerely,

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Nathalia J. Johnson

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TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: NATHALIA Johnson

Mailing Address: 1017 Olinda CT Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill, TX Zip: 78642

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

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

If yes, which one? _____

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COMMENTS: I am filing a contested hearing to the proposed wastewater treatment plant in our community for several critical reasons related to human health, the environment, and our lifestyle. The current Liberty Hill wastewater plant has been in violation of regulations multiple times, and given its poor track record, I am deeply concerned about the potential risks a new facility could pose. **Health Risks:** The repeated violations at the Liberty Hill plant have already led to serious concerns about contamination and the potential release of harmful bacteria, toxins, and pathogens. A new wastewater facility could increase these risks, potentially leading to respiratory issues, waterborne diseases, and other serious health problems for residents. **Threat to Drinking Water:** The proposed wastewater plant will drain directly into our local drinking water source, which could lead to the contamination of our water supply. This is a grave concern, as improper treatment or system failures could introduce dangerous pollutants into the water, affecting not just our health but that of future generations. **Air Pollution and Odor:** The current plant has already caused ongoing air pollution, including foul odors like hydrogen sulfide, which lead to headaches, nausea, and respiratory problems. This issue could worsen with a new plant, making daily life unbearable for nearby residents and impacting our overall quality of life. **Environmental Impact:** With the repeated violations at the Liberty Hill plant, it's clear that the existing facility has already had a detrimental effect on local ecosystems, particularly our water bodies. Adding another plant could worsen pollution in the area, potentially leading to long-term damage to wildlife and aquatic life due to untreated or inadequately treated effluent. **Noise Pollution:** Wastewater plants generate constant noise from pumps, machinery, and truck traffic. Given the location of the proposed plant, this noise would disrupt the peace of the neighborhood, affecting residents' sleep, well-being, and overall lifestyle. **Traffic Congestion and Safety Hazards:** Increased truck traffic related to wastewater transport can create congestion and safety issues on local roads. This is especially concerning for families with children, as well as for elderly residents who are more vulnerable to accidents. **Negative Impact on Property Values:** The presence of a wastewater treatment plant generally lowers property values due to health concerns, unpleasant odors, and the general decline in the aesthetic appeal of the area. This will harm local residents who depend on the value of their homes for investment and quality of life. **Aesthetic Degradation:** Wastewater plants are large, industrial structures that can significantly reduce the visual appeal of a community. With the current plant already affecting the area's aesthetics, adding another facility will further degrade the landscape, making it less attractive for families, businesses, and visitors. Given the existing plant's history of violations, the direct risk to our drinking water, and the numerous negative impacts listed above, I believe it is irresponsible to move forward with the construction of a new wastewater treatment facility in this location. We need a more responsible and sustainable solution to wastewater management, and our community deserves better than to bear the burden of these risks

Tammy Johnson

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

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COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 109 Ray Ct
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PHONE: 7034739120

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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:57 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:47 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

From: shrinivas.v21@gmail.com <shrinivas.v21@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 8:07 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:46 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

From: shrinivas.v21@gmail.com <shrinivas.v21@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 12:51 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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From: shrinivas.v21@gmail.com <shrinivas.v21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:02 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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Jennifer Cox

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Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:23 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: preethikankanala09@gmail.com <preethikankanala09@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 10:29 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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NAME: Preethi Kankanala

EMAIL: preethikankanala09@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 320 CLEAR FORK LOOP
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2133

PHONE: 9199990556

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hi! We've been residents of Santa Rita Ranch(SRR) for over 3 years now and so far it has been incredible with my kid always wanting to play outside in the beautiful parks set up by community and all the friends that visit us have always admired this community's landscape, maintenance and how much they want to buy a house in the very same community. However, with the recent news on WWTP being constructed in SRR, I am afraid this is all going to change. I want my kid to play outdoors as much as he can, but with the WWTP hygiene and bad odor is going to be a big concern and not just that SRR being the main highlight of LibertyHill growth and development if a WWTP comes within

the community I am afraid this will hinder the growth as it will impact many existing and future potential buyers, So I would request you to reconsider the location for WWTP. Thanks Preethi

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001
Attachments: TCEQ letter2.pdf

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Sent: Saturday, December 7, 2024 2:07 PM
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NAME: Betzi Kelton

EMAIL: betzi.kelton@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3601 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-6211

PHONE: 5129242000

FAX:

COMMENTS: requesting a formal hearing

December 7, 2024

Betzi Kelton

3601 County Road 258

Liberty Hill, Tx 78642

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request

TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

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The facility's proposed location will be in what is now a densely populated residential area with a school nearby. When this permit was originally approved, the surrounding area was largely undeveloped pastures, much different than the neighborhoods and school that are now adjacent to the proposed plant site. I am in opposition to the approval of this facility for several reasons.

The operation of the Liberty Hill South San Gabriel Wastewater Treatment Facility presents several significant health and environmental concerns that warrant careful consideration. These risks can affect both the local community and the surrounding ecosystem.

First Concern: Noxious Gasses and Hazardous Emissions

One of the primary concerns is the history of noxious odor emissions from Liberty Hill's South San Gabriel Plant. Given that the proposed site is close to a school, the potential for these gases and odors to negatively impact the health and comfort of students and staff is substantial.

In addition to odors, there are serious worries about the release of hazardous pollutants into the air, groundwater, soil, and the North San Gabriel River. Wastewater treatment plants are often not fully effective at removing all contaminants. Commonly found pharmaceuticals in treated effluent—including antibiotics, hormones, anti-inflammatory drugs, antidepressants, benzodiazepines, beta-blockers, anti-seizure medications, and chemotherapy drugs—pose potential health risks to both humans and aquatic life.

Second Concern: Impact on Natural Resources

The discharge of wastewater into Sowes Branch, a wet-weather creek that does not consistently flow, raises further concerns. This means the effluent will enter the North San Gabriel River undiluted, particularly affecting recreational areas like Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown. Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown are frequently used natural resources where people swim, kayak,

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Third Concern: Long-Term Health and Environmental Impact

The long-term consequences of air and water contamination are profound and far-reaching. Studies have shown that sustained exposure to pollutants from wastewater treatment facilities can lead to chronic health problems in nearby populations, including respiratory diseases, developmental delays, and an increased risk of cancer, particularly among children. The environmental consequences could also be devastating, affecting local wildlife, water quality, and soil health for generations. Once contaminants enter the ecosystem, they can persist and accumulate in the food chain, impacting not only local wildlife but also human health.

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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:50 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

From: Betzi.kelton@gmail.com <Betzi.kelton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 2:21 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COMPANY:

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PHONE: 5129242000

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am against this wwtp for several reasons. It's close to divine savior academy, and may put the children at risk. It is close to where I live and could produce strong smells and algae bloom in the Sowe's creek that borders my property and the north fork of the San Gabriel that also borders my property. This warp could likely decrease property values in the nearby area which includes my house and 18 acres and the Santa Rita neighborhood

TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Betzi Kelton

Mailing Address: 3601 County Road 258

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill TX Zip: 78642

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

Email: betzi.kelton@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 924 2000

- 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.

Ellie Guerra

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LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2538

PHONE: 7133829111

FAX:

COMMENTS: I REQUEST TO CONTEST CASE HEARING

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.842222,30.672777&level=18> THE WASTEWATER PLANT CAN AND WILL CAUSE SIHNIFICANT HEALTH ISSUES FOR MY FAMILY AND OUR NEWBORN BABY GIRL. THE WATER QUALITY WILL IMPACT BEYOND MY SANTA RITA COMMUNITY BASED ON FAILED COMPLIANCE HISTORY FOR OTHER WASTEWATER PLANTS IN LH. BESIDES THE ODOR EMITTED WILL HINDER OUR HOME VALUES AND DEGRADE OUR STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL RESIDENTS, CHILDRENS AND NEARBY SCHOOLS

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NAME: MRS Divine Lakshmi


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ADDRESS: 107 FORTUNA CT
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FAX:



COMMENTS: I am writing on behalf of myself and fellow residents of the Santa Rita Ranch community in Liberty Hill, Texas. As homeowners who have invested our hard-earned savings into properties within this neighborhood, we are deeply concerned about the proposed construction of a Waste Water Treatment Plant in close proximity to our residential area. When considering our options for a retirement home in the Austin metropolitan area, we were drawn to Santa Rita Ranch due to its advertised reputation as an exceptional community in which to reside. However, we were not made aware of any plans to build a Waste Water Treatment Plant in such close vicinity, a crucial detail that would have significantly influenced our decision-making process. We now fear that the presence of such a facility could potentially devalue our lifetime investments in these properties. Moreover, there are well-documented health hazards commonly associated with residing in close quarters to Waste Water Treatment Plants. The potential for unpleasant odors and pollutants poses a threat not only to our quality of life but also to the well-being of our families and the thousands of other households who call Santa Rita Ranch their home. We respectfully urge you to intervene and persuade the City of Liberty Hill and Williamson County to reconsider the proposed location of this Waste Water Treatment Plant. It would be prudent to identify an alternative site that is sufficiently removed from residential areas, thereby safeguarding the interests and investments of the Santa Rita Ranch community. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, which is of utmost importance to us and our neighbors.

Ellie Guerra

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Matthew Lamkin

EMAIL: mattllamkin@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 112 BANYON DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2539

PHONE: 2142067596

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my wife and child. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Ronald Latz
117 Oakley Pass
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
914-560-6184

December 18, 2024

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Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

I request a contested hearing.

My name is Ronald Latz, and myself along with my wife Julia Latz, are the owners of a single-family home at 117 Oakley Pass, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. I can be reached at 914-560-6184. We are in our late 60's.

Our home is in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch ("Regency"), an age 55 and older community just across the Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed location of the wastewater treatment plant. My home is 0.9 miles from the proposed plant site and 200 feet from Sowes Branch Creek. Sowes Branch Creek winds its way through the Regency community, along a nature walking trail, past our Amenity Center, beyond the backyards of our homes. The creek is quite prevalent.

According to the National Institute of Health, wastewater handling has been associated with an increased risk of developing adverse health effects, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. The older population of the Regency is highly susceptible to such illnesses.

We understand that wastewater treatment plants are critical, however, living very near these plants can present several challenges. One of the primary concerns for individuals living near wastewater treatment plants is the quality of air. Many wastewater treatment processes involve chemicals like chlorine, ammonia, and sulfur dioxide. These chemicals can evaporate and become airborne, posing a risk to respiratory health. Prolonged exposure can lead to conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory disorders. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants, which is exactly our population at the Regency.

It was only this past May 2024 that we learned about the plans for this new wastewater treatment facility. This is the same for all the Regency residents and future homeowners, in the course of construction. There was no prior disclosure from the developers, Ed Horne and Toll

Brothers, or from real estate agents. How is it possible that this project, which has reportedly been in the planning stages since 2009, was not disclosed to potential homebuyers? Had we known, this information would undoubtedly have influenced our decisions to purchase homes here—especially given Liberty Hill’s concerning history of violations and lawsuits related to its existing wastewater treatment facility.

Many of us at the Regency are deeply upset. After reading about the numerous violations, reading media articles, reviewing lawsuits, watching news segments, and learning about the 2013 settlement concerning this proposed plant, we feel helpless and overwhelmed.

At the May 8th city council meeting, more than a hundred residents attended, expressing an urgent need for answers. We are concerned that Liberty Hill officials did not adequately prioritize the welfare of residential communities and schools near the proposed plant site. When the plant was first proposed, there were no nearby developments. Now, there are three communities (including the Regency) and a school is in close proximity. This raises significant concerns regarding quality of life, environmental impacts, and the potential loss of property values. We appreciate that TCEQ is listening and held a public hearing on December 3rd.

My wife and I have many questions that we need answers. TCEQ and Liberty Hill seem to be falling back on minimum standards. It is very clear that minimum standards are not working in existing plants and are in fact very harmful to humans, wildlife and nature. First and foremost, what measures will be taken to ensure that effluent overflow, discharged into Sowes Branch Creek, will be properly treated to prevent the growth of algae blooms? We need assurances that the highest standards of treatment will be followed—not a cost-benefit analysis where human and environmental health are secondary to financial considerations.

Sowes Branch Creek is not a large watercourse, and the limited flow of water through it raises serious concerns. How will the water flowing through the creek—eventually making its way to the San Gabriel River, Lake Georgetown, and ultimately into our drinking water supply—be adequately diffused and treated to remove harmful nitrates, phosphates, and other contaminants?

We also have quality of life concerns due to our close proximity to the proposed plant:

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3. We have invested a significant portion of our net worth in our homes. Our property values will be affected by the proximity to this plant.
4. Have elected officials taken the time to walk through our neighborhoods and understand the concerns of homeowners firsthand?

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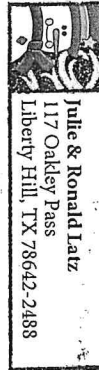
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There is so much we still don't know, and it is unconscionable that the developers failed to disclose these plans when we purchased our homes. I urge your assistance in halting this project until all of our questions and concerns can be fully addressed. We need a thorough assessment of all alternatives, and we deserve assurances that any facility built will be designed and operated with the highest standards of safety and environmental protection.

Thank you for your time and for considering holding a contested hearing on this crucial issue.

Sincerely yours,


Ronald Latz



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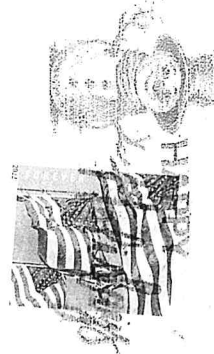
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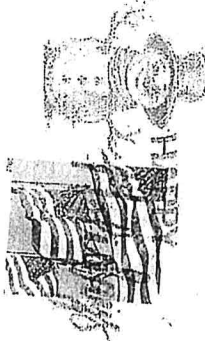
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December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

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Name: Ronald Latz

Mailing Address: 117 Oakley Pass

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill Zip: 78642

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

Email: ron@ronlatz.com

Phone Number: (914) 560-6184

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

If yes, which one? Regency Homeowners at Santa Rita Ranch

☒ 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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AT PUBLIC MEETING

Thank you TCEQ for holding this public meeting.

My name is Ron Latz, and I am speaking as a deeply concerned resident of the 55-and-older Regency at Santa Rita Ranch in Liberty Hill, which is located directly across from the proposed wastewater treatment plant on Ronald Reagan Blvd.

It was only this past May that all the residents of Regency learned about the plans for this facility. There was no prior disclosure from the developers, Ed Horne and Toll Brothers, or from real estate agents. How is it possible that this project, which has reportedly been in the planning stages since 2009, was not disclosed to potential homebuyers? Had we known, this information would undoubtedly have influenced our decisions to purchase homes here—especially given Liberty Hill's concerning history of violations and lawsuits related to its existing wastewater treatment facility.

Many of us, both in the Regency and surrounding communities, are deeply upset. After reading about the numerous violations, reading media articles, reviewing lawsuits, watching news segments, and learning about the 2013 settlement concerning this proposed plant, we feel helpless and overwhelmed. We do, however, appreciate the seriousness with which TCEQ and the new Liberty Hill City Council are approaching this issue.

At the May 8th city council meeting, more than a hundred residents attended, expressing an urgent need for answers. We are concerned that Liberty Hill officials adequately prioritize the welfare of residential communities and schools near the proposed plant site. When the plant was first proposed, there were no nearby developments. Now, there are three communities and a school in close proximity. This raises significant concerns regarding quality of life, environmental impacts, and the potential loss of property values.

We have heard from many
~~I understand that~~ residents from neighboring communities and parents from the nearby school ~~will be speaking~~ tonight.

As for those of us in the Regency community, directly across the street from the proposed plant, we have specific concerns. First and foremost, what measures will be taken to ensure that effluent overflow, discharged into Soves Branch Creek, will be properly treated to prevent the growth of algae blooms? We need assurances that the highest standards of treatment will be followed—not a cost-benefit analysis where human and environmental health are secondary to financial considerations.

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From: Ron Latz <ron@ronlatz.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 21, 2024 3:25 PM
To: Info <Info@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Meeting for Permit No WQ0015000001

I received the notice of the public meeting occurring on Thursday October 3rd. This is a very important meeting to the surrounding communities, yet it has been scheduled on Rosh Hashanah. The Jewish population is relatively small, though I find it insensitive to have scheduled the meeting on this holy day, and it will preclude some people from attending. Can it be scheduled for a later date that is not a religious day?

Thanks,
Ron
914-560-6184

Jennifer Cox

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NAME: Ronald Latz

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ADDRESS: 117 OAKLEY PASS
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2488

PHONE: 9145606184

FAX:

COMMENTS: I bought a home at the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch last year. There was no sales or contract disclosure at all about the Waster Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) being installed. Information like that would have had an impact on my decision, as Liberty Hill has a terrible record of violations and lawsuits at their existing WWTP. There is an uproar of concern by residents at the Regency, Saddleback and SRR North communities. There are Quality of Life issues with us being of close proximity. How safe will we be from toxins. An Environmental watchdog is needed to keep track of on-going issues and concerns. With Liberty Hill's poor track record, how do we know are communities will be safe to live? We have spent a sizable amount of our next worth and there can be a Loss of Property Values. We found out planning

was in the works for 15 years. And Ed Horne donated land to Liberty Hill before new communities were created nearby. Regency and Saddleback developments have been built too close to this proposed site. We have Environmental Concerns about the Compliance with Effluent Discharge Standards. Overflow will be discharged into the creek running through the backyards of people at the Regency, The level of water in the creek is so minimal most of the year as to not be able to diffuse the treated water. What are the emergency protocols during large rainfalls (flooding the low lying area) and freezes (bursting pipes). What is the priority — saving money or protecting residents? Will there be robust treatment of nitrates and phosphates, so algae blooms are not created? Will there be a cover so that the methane can be siphoned and repurposed, so odors don't permeate over communities? There is so much information that we as residents do not know, and it is unconscionable that the developers did not disclose the existence of these plans. I ask your help to stop any further installation until many of these questions and concerns can be answered, and the homeowners can be satisfied that a level of vigilance will be built around whatever agreed upon facility is constructed.

TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Charles Le

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

If yes, which one? Saddleback

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Jennifer Cox

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REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

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NAME: Charles Le

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FAX:

COMMENTS: As a concerned resident of the Saddleback Community in Liberty Hill located next to Divine Savior and Soves Branch, I kindly ask that you please reconsider building the WWTP in our area and move the WWTP to a more remote area. The Saddleback and Santa Rita Ranch community is growing at a very rapid pace and it will be a huge mistake to build a WWTP in such a populated area. We have family

and children in this area who values health and safety and this is a very huge concern that we do not support.

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TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Claudia Loewenstein

Mailing Address: 577 Faith Drive

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill Zip: 78642

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If yes, which one? _____

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*****ORAL PRESENTATION**

Property owner: Claudia Loewenstein

Subject: Submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ); Concerns Regarding the Application for TPDES Permit

WQ0015000001 for the Proposed Santa Rita Upper Sowes Creek(Middlebrook Treatment Plant

Location : 577 Faith Drive Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Proximity to proposed treatment : 1,000 feet

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December 3,2024

AT PUBLIC MEETING

My name is Claudia Loewenstein. I live 1,000 feet directly in line of site- on the ridge that will overlook into the sewage treatment plant.

I formally stand before you addressing the **renewal application for the waste water** treatment plant. This facility's proposed location and operational strategies pose significant risks and hazard to the densely populated subdivisions of Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana, Saddleback, The Regency and to the K-12 school-Divine Savior. Additionally, it is my understanding that a multifamily residential community is planned at the edge of the proposed sewage treatment plant so this location of the Waste Water Treatment plan will impact that group of families as well.

The location choice for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, is **astonishingly close** to where children play. In the face of potential system failures or inadequate treatment processes, robust safeguards and comprehensive emergency response plans are not just important—**they are absolutely critical.**

Imagine if you will a scenario where a failure in the system allows untreated or poorly treated water to enter our community's supply. This could result in severe health consequences, including outbreaks of waterborne diseases.

The potential environmental and health impacts on the extreme proximity located in the heart of 5 communities necessitate a **thorough examination** of the permit's implications.

Legally, The TCEQ considers odors that may be and I quote be: **"injurious to or adversely affect human health or welfare" or "interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of animal life, vegetation, or property"** as potential nuisances.

Westerly winds will affect all of us in the Ventana section and winds from the south east (prevailing winds) will impact the k-12 school Divine Savior immensely along with the

Saddleback community. I'm a senior citizen, my husband and I along with school children WILL BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED by odors.

Again, for the sake of time, I've provided detailed concerns in the letter I will hand in.

Let's not kid ourselves, Make no mistake, a very large population will be affected and if things go wrong ---because we are so close to the plant---and large number of citizens will be affected to include pre-schooler all the way to our 55+ senior citizens.

This is why waste water treatment plants are not designed in the hearts communities, rather, on the outskirts with a reasonable distance from schools and residences, and thoroughfares.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

First, Thank you all here for inviting us to this process to address our concerns. We need and appreciate transparency.

The construction of **the Waste Water Treatment Plan was NOT included on any maps ---** -where the plant is being built in fact---- the area was **labeled "Light Commercial" and NOT WASTEWATERTREATMENT PLANT—THIS IS NOT LIGHT COMMERCIAL THIS IS INDUSTRIAL.**

We were mislead: A purposeful avoidance of the developer's plans was kept from all of us who built nearby. This is why I (along with hundreds of families) I find myself living 1,000 feet from this proposed plant—the developer knew full well that he was planning on building a water sewage treatment plant— Only shortly before this TCEQ meeting was posted, is there mention of the plant on the map.

I would not have chosen to build our home so close to a sewage plant; the risks are too great for me, the grandkids and my family. Suddenly, we all are finding ourselves in a potentially dangerous and unpleasant environment.

Altering the map after the properties have been built ----is devastating to us.

And we urge you to reconsider the wisdom of a Waste Water Treatment plant so close to so many homes. **And There is still plenty of time to do this, an area less crowded.**

If plant not moved:

In the event the city and developer ignore our pleas and concerns for relocation of the WWTP;

It is imperative and we rightfully demand -----stringent safeguards with detailed emergency protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of our families and community.

And -----until the risks are fully examined and all issues addressed, the plant should not move forward.

Compliance struggles:

Liberty Hill's compliance struggles serve as a cautionary example. The TCEQ must thoroughly evaluate the compliance history of all parties involved. To ensure the proposed facility adheres to regulatory standards, strict compliance with **Title 30, Chapter 217 of the Texas Administrative Code**----- is essential.

PLEASE listen to the following **summation overview** of a more detailed listing of concerns that I will hand in written form tonight

Specific points of concern include:

1. **Financial and Technical Considerations**---for me this is a HUGE concern and it should be for every single person in this room because all of us --we will all be left holding the brunt in one form or the other.

The involvement of a developer in financing the wastewater treatment plant raises profound concerns: we insist for our wellbeing, our health:

- **Implement safeguards** to prevent potential **shortcuts** that could compromise environmental and public health
- **Evaluate** the developer's expertise in wastewater management
- **Assess** the ability to ensure **long-term compliance and sustainable** operations
- **No shortcuts on odor control—to save him money at the expense of our health, wellbeing and home environments.**
- Esthetic considerations as the plant is built to fit into a residential community.

2, Odor Control Design and Compliance

- Strict adherence to TAC §217.198 regarding **odor control measures** must be mandated.
- **The Texas Clean Air Act, codified in Chapter 382 of the Texas Health and Safety Code**, addresses air contaminants, including odors, that may affect human health or welfare

Regulatory Compliance and Design

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3. Effluent Standards and Environmental Impact

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- . Given Liberty Hill's history of failing to meet required standards, stringent measures are necessary:
- Increase frequency and transparency of monitoring for compliance

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3. *Water Quality Protection*

The facility's impact on Sowes Creek and Lake Georgetown, a vital drinking water source, must be carefully managed:

- Implement robust strategies to safeguard water quality

4. *Compliance History and Oversight*

Emergency Response and Safeguards

To protect public health and the environment:

- Establish clear communication protocols with residents for transparency
- Implement robust safeguards against system failures

And finally, Permit Parameters and Monitoring

- A few examples: Enhance permit requirements to ensure environmental protection:

- Enforce stricter effluent limits, especially for nutrients like phosphorus
- Require implementation of cutting-edge treatment technologies

I've spelled this out in detail in the written comments.

CONCLUSION

To conclude here this evening: The stakes could not be higher for our community. By allowing this facility to operate in such close proximity to our homes, we are gambling with the health and safety of our families, our children, and our future.

The current proposed lot leaves no margin for error and it is a reckless move to place the waste water treatment plant in the heart of communities rather than the outskirts.

The potential hazards—be they: air pollution, water contamination, or unforeseen accidents—**loom large** and the plans threaten the very fabric of our neighborhood.

Please, ladies and gentlemen, we cannot afford to be complacent. The risks are real, and the consequences of inaction could be devastating.

I implore the TCEQ to recognize the gravity of this situation. By relocating this facility away from densely populated areas and enforcing the strictest possible safety measures, we can avert a potential disaster.

The alternative—ignoring these warnings—could lead to irreversible damage to our environment, chronic health issues for residents, and a legacy of regret

Let us not be the community that looks back years from now, wishing we had done more. wishing we had heeded the people at this meeting. The time to act is now. Our health, our homes, and our peace of mind hang in the balance. I urge you to prioritize the well-being of our citizens over all other considerations and make the responsible choice for our community's future.

Hand-in
Request for Contested
Hearing 1

Subject: * * * Request for Contested Hearing; Concerns Regarding the Application for TPDES Permit WQ0015000001 for the Proposed Santa Rita Upper Soves Creek Treatment Plant
Property owner: Claudia Loewenstein
Location : 577 Faith Drive Liberty Hill, TX 78642
Proximity to proposed treatment : . 1,000 feet, directly in view of proposed plant site- on ridge in VENTANA section of Santa Rita Ranch North.

December 3, 2024

Submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Prepared by: Concerned Citizen Residing Within One Mile of the Proposed Facility
(Claudia Loewenstein)

Dear Chief Clerk,

I am formally requesting a Contested Case Hearing concerning the renewal application for TPDES permit WQ0015000001.

This facility's proposed location and operational strategies pose significant risks and hazard to the densely populated subdivisions of Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana, Saddleback, The Regency (55+) and to the K-12 school-Divine Savior. Additionally, it is my understanding, that a multifamily residential units community is planned extremely close to the proposed sewage treatment plant.

The potential environmental and health impacts on the extreme proximity located in the heart of 4 communities, necessitate a thorough examination of the permit's implications.

Public Health Protection/ Proximity to Residential Areas / Safeguards

My home is directly across the street within 1,000 ft. facing in direct line of view of the proposed plant. Furthermore, like so many other homes, it is elevated on a hillside, and will be exceedingly vulnerable to these health concerns outlined in this letter. The facility's location so close to mentioned residential communities and a K-12 school community, raises concerns about odor nuisances and air quality degradation along with hazards.

Proximity to school

The location choice for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, is astonishingly close to where children play. In the face of potential system failures or inadequate treatment processes,

robust safeguards and comprehensive emergency response plans are not just important—**they are absolutely critical.**

Cleary, a site more distant to our 4 communities should seriously be considered.

The risk to public health is alarmingly high. Imagine a scenario where a failure in the system allows untreated or poorly treated water to enter our community's supply. This could lead to severe health consequences, including outbreaks of waterborne diseases.

Again the proposed location site within less than a mile to the densely populated areas surrounding the facility, such as Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana, Saddleback, and The Regency, not to mention the proximity to Ronald Reagan Highway's newly widened roadway, all, would be particularly vulnerable and a very large population will be affected.

This is why waste water treatment plants are not designed in the heart of a community, rather, on the outskirts with a reasonable distance from schools and residences, and thoroughfares.

Misleading property buyers

In the event the city and developer ignore our pleas and concerns for relocation of the WWTP; keep in mind:

the construction of the Waste Water Treatment Plan was NOT included on any maps the area was labeled "Light Commercial" .

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We would not have chosen to build our homes so close to a sewage plant., the risks are too great for me, my grandkids and family- which is why the builder did not disclose the correct plans. Altering the maps after the properties have been completed is devastating.

Suddenly, we all are finding ourselves in a dangerous and unpleasant environment.

It is imperative and we rightfully demand stringent safeguards with detailed emergency protocols to ensure the safety and well-being of our families and community.

And until the risk is fully examined and all issues addressed, the plant should not move forward.

Liberty Hill's compliance struggles serve as a cautionary example. The TCEQ must thoroughly evaluate the compliance history of all parties involved.

Please refer to the compiled outline of concerns our neighbors and I have for requesting the Contested Case Hearing. To ensure the proposed facility adheres to regulatory standards, strict compliance with **Title 30, Chapter 217 of the Texas Administrative Code** is essential. Specific points of concern include:

1. **Odor Control Design and Compliance**

- Strict adherence to TAC §217.198 regarding **odor control measures** must be mandated. This includes the implementation of **odor containment and treatment technologies** to minimize emissions of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) known to pose risks to human health. The facility's proximity to residential areas, particularly homes within 1,000 feet, necessitates advanced systems such as **carbon scrubbers, biofilters, and closed-loop odor containment** and covers to mitigate the odors which will undoubtedly affect our quality of life.

2. **Facility Design Requirements**

- Verification that the design meets all requirements in Subchapter B (Wastewater Treatment Facility Design Requirements).
- Ensuring the collection system complies with either Subchapter C (Conventional Collection Systems) or Subchapter D (Alternative Collection Systems).
- Confirming that treatment processes such as preliminary treatment, activated sludge systems, and disinfection adhere to their respective subchapters.

3. **Effluent Standards Compliance**

- Effluent limits must be protective and enforceable. Liberty Hill's history of failing to meet required standards raises concerns about similar risks for this facility, jeopardizing public health and environmental safety.

4. **Environmental Impact on Water Quality on Sowes Creek**

- The Brazos River Authority's July 7, 2023, communication highlights potential risks to Sowes Creek and Lake Georgetown, a vital drinking water source and recreational hub. Robust strategies must be implemented to safeguard water quality against adverse impacts.

5. **Compliance History Concerns**

- Liberty Hill's past compliance struggles serve as a cautionary example. The TCEQ must thoroughly evaluate the compliance history of all parties involved.
- Increased Oversight Requirements

- Stringent monitoring and oversight are necessary to prevent similar compliance failures at the proposed facility. Keep in mind the extraordinary proximity in the heart of the effected communities.

6. Downstream Water Resource Protection

a. Impact on Drinking Water Sources

- ❖ The discharge may affect tributaries feeding into major drinking water sources, increasing risks of nutrient loading and ecosystem disruption.

b. Advanced Treatment Processes

- ❖ To protect Hill Country streams, advanced treatment technologies and higher effluent quality standards should be mandated.

7. Permit Parameters and Monitoring Requirements

8. Stricter Effluent Limits

- Lower discharge limits for nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen should be enforced to protect sensitive waterways.

9. Enhanced Monitoring and Reporting

- Increased frequency and transparency of monitoring are essential to ensure compliance.

10. Advanced Technologies

- Implementation of cutting-edge treatment technologies is necessary to guarantee high-quality effluent.

11. Financial and Technical Constraints/Concerns Regarding the Involvement of Developer in charge of building costs of the treatment plant.

- The involvement of a developer underwriting the finances of the city's WWTP introduces significant risks that short cuts will take place, leaving our communities in unhealthy, odorous and unpleasant environment, destroying the quality of life of school children and residents all in order to cut costs for the developer rather than safeguard the wellbeing of citizens and residents.
- **Lack of Experience**
 - ❖ Compared to established entities like the cities of Georgetown or Liberty Hill, the developer may lack operational expertise in wastewater management and insist on cost cuts that endanger hundreds upon hundreds of residents.
 - ❖ Concerns exist about the developer's and hence city's ability to ensure long-term compliance, proper maintenance, and sustainable operations.

12. Safeguard and public health measures if the plan moves forward/ System Failures and Safeguards

- Emergency response plans and robust safeguards are critical and residents will want to hear details, to protect public health, especially in case of system failures or inadequate treatment

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○ Advanced Technologies

- ❖ Implementation of cutting-edge treatment technologies is necessary to guarantee high-quality effluent. Which again, raises cause for concern that the developer will cut corners to save money, rather than safeguard the community he built.

14. Consideration of Regionalization and Alternatives

1. Integration with Existing Facilities

- The TCEQ should explore connecting to established wastewater systems with proven compliance records.

2. Alternative Disposal Methods

- **Options like land application or beneficial reuse should be considered to minimize direct discharge into vulnerable water bodies.**

15. Environmental Justice

1. Equity in Environmental Impact
 - The proposed location's potential to disproportionately affect certain communities must be evaluated.
2. Cumulative Environmental Stressors
 - The commission should assess the cumulative impacts of multiple environmental stressors in the area.

16. Texas Clean Air Act,

- Codified in Chapter 382 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, addresses air contaminants, including odors that may affect human health or welfare

Conclusion: The stakes could not be higher for our community. By allowing this facility to operate in such close proximity to our homes, we are gambling with the health and safety of our families, our children, and our future.

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Kimberly Muth

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

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COMMENTS: see attached letter with list of neighbors

May 2, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105

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Subject: Urgent Concern Regarding TDPS Permit WQ0015-000001 Renewal for Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook WWTP

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express profound concern regarding the application for renewal of the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit (WQ0015-000001) associated with the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). My apprehensions pertain to the proposed location and operational implications of this facility within the densely populated subdivisions of Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana, Saddleback, and The Regency.

First Concern: Facility Design and Sewage Intake Management

Through consultations with a civil engineer specializing in municipal WWTP design, it has become evident that the design of the sewage intake is critical to ensure the effective collection and handling of raw sewage, thereby minimizing the risk of overflows and odor emissions. The community demands reassurance that these aspects have been meticulously designed to mitigate all potential risks effectively. We seek detailed explanations on the measures implemented to address these vital concerns.

Second Concern: Environmental Impact and Water Quality

Another significant issue aligns with the concerns raised by the Brazos River Authority in their communication dated July 7, 2023. They highlighted potential adverse effects on Dry Creek, which feeds into Lake Georgetown — a critical source of drinking water and a hub for recreational activities in Williamson County. Given the increasing population density, it is imperative to understand specifically how the WWTP will prevent any negative impacts on Lake Georgetown's water quality. The community needs assurances that robust measures will be in place to protect this essential resource. The effluent limit must be protective and enforceable, and Liberty Hill has a history of not meeting the required standard. We are concerned that a similar negligent situation will occur with the new facility

Additional Request: Aesthetic and Environmental Buffering

While not directly related to the permit application, we strongly urge the developer and the city to consider the visual and environmental impact of the WWTP on the surrounding residential areas. We advocate for the implementation of sufficient buffering, such as strategic tree planting and landscaping, to enhance aesthetic integration and reduce the facility's visibility from nearby homes.

The decision to renew this permit carries significant implications for our community's health, safety, and environment. As residents directly affected by the WWTP's operations, we request that these issues be addressed comprehensively before any further action is taken on the permit renewal.

Thank you for considering our concerns. We look forward to your detailed response and to a resolution that prioritizes the well-being of our community and environment. Please see the attached list of concerned residents of Santa Rita Ranch.

Respectfully,
Claudia Loewenstein and Randy Willis
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

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COMMENTS: I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant that is planned to be built near our community. I strongly believe that this project should not be given permission to proceed due to the negative impact it will have on the surrounding 3,000 homes and people living nearby. As a resident of this community, I am deeply worried about the potential health risks and environmental hazards that could arise as a result of the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The emissions and pollutants that are released during the treatment process pose a serious threat to the air and water quality in our area, as well as to the health and well-being of the residents who live here. Furthermore, the construction and operation of the plant will have a detrimental effect on the local wildlife and ecosystems, as well as on property values and the overall quality of life in our community. The noise, odor, and traffic that will accompany the plant's operation are likely to disrupt the peace and tranquility that we currently enjoy. I urge you to reconsider granting permission for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be built in our neighborhood. I believe that there are alternative solutions that can be explored to address the wastewater treatment needs of our area without putting the health and safety of our community at risk. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Ellie Guerra

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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Nidhi Malik

EMAIL: Nidhimalikrealtor@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 122 ALONDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2400

PHONE: 5122172504

FAX:

COMMENTS: Against the waste water plant. It is going to discharge waste water in lake Georgetown. It is going to impact lives of community living in the neighborhood.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:19 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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PHONE: 5122172504

FAX:

COMMENTS: A humble request to reconsider and move the location of Waste Water treatment plant away from Santa Rita. At this time, Santa Rita is one of the biggest master planned community and home to thousands of people. This plant will -damage the reputation of the community; will be difficult for the people living in; an eyesore. At this time Ronald Reagan is most used road and this wastewater will drive people away from Liberty Hill. Liberty Hill still has a lot of undeveloped land away from residential community, where they can plan for the plant. Why near the residential and planned community? With your efforts and planned and wise decisions, Liberty Hill can be made popular and loved among new buyers. Good for city and good for economy if waste water treatment is moved away from residential areas.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:02 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Preethi Malla

EMAIL: Meherpreethi19@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 104 BELL CHIME DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2609

PHONE: 6614314514

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am formally requesting for hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my husband and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Vincent Redondo

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Ellie Guerra

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk (MC105)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711

Re: CONTESTED CASE HEARING REQUEST

TPDES Permit No. **WQ0015000001**
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

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TEXAS
COMMISSION
ON ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY

Dear Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

We, David and DeAnna Martin, owners of our home at 713 Faith Drive Liberty Hill, TX are writing this letter to inform you that we are requesting a contested hearing for TCEQ ID Number WQ0015000001.

David Martin can be reached at 512.656.2898 and DeAnna Martin can be reached at 512.426.7104.

We want it known that our property is situated in the Ventana Section of North Santa Rita Ranch along the ridge line located directly east of and within 1,200 feet of the proposed Water Treatment Facility.

Due to the high potential of airborne odor from this facility caused by the facility itself, facility failures, or from affluent runoff, we are concerned for our physical and mental health as senior citizens within this community.

Additional to the impact on our health, we are very concerned about the impact this facility will have on our (1) quality of life enjoying the great outdoors, (2) our property value, and (3) resale value of our home because of the potential impacts of airborne odor since we regularly have strong winds from the west and northwest and because our property sits due east of the proposed Water Treatment Facility sight. It should be noted that the unsightliness of the facility itself could very well affect our property value and resale value at an equal cost to the other mentioned concerns.

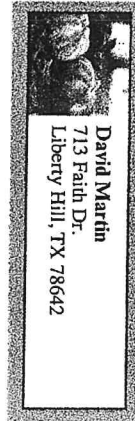
Furthermore, as Texans we enjoy many outdoor activities and are concerned about the affluent runoff from the waste water facility traveling downstream into Lake Georgetown. Not only do we get our drinking water from Lake Georgetown, we enjoy the lake for all its aesthetic beauty and sporting reasons such as picnicking, swimming, boating and fishing. We fear the fish and other wildlife in or near Lake Georgetown will eventually die and Lake Georgetown will become smelly, contaminated, and unsightly, and it'll lose its natural beauty.

Sincerely,
signed:  

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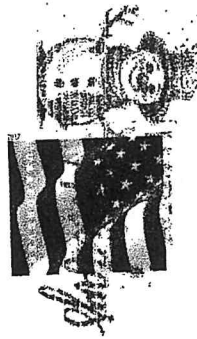
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TPDES Permit No. W0001500001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

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December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

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Name: DeAnna Martin

Mailing Address: 713 Faith Drive

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill, TX Zip: 78642

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Email: dbmartin2008@yahoo.com

Phone Number: (512) 426-7104

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If yes, which one? Santa Rita Ranch - Ventana

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:49 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

From: dpmartin2008@yahoo.com <dpmartin2008@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:14 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: David Martin

EMAIL: dpmartin2008@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 713 FAITH DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2247

PHONE: 5126562898

FAX:

COMMENTS: We decided to build our forever home in the Ventana subdivision of Santa Rita Ranch north, of which is located along the ridge line adjacent to Ronald Reagan. We recently learned that a WWTP plant has been planned for this area of Liberty Hill. The parcel for the WWTP is near the intersection of Ronald Reagan and Augustine Way. It's important to emphasize, there was never any disclosure of said WWTP by our Builder Scott Felder, Ed Horne, Liberty Hill, or the HOA of Santa Rita Ranch. We closed on our home in 2021 but this WWTP has been in the planning stages since 2009. We've learned Infrastructure has been ongoing unbeknownst to us homeowners. Additionally, important to note, the parcel of land will be directly across the street from us and our neighbors in Ventana subdivision of SRR and

also very close to Saddleback subdivision of SRR, Devine Savior where children are going to school and the Grove Church. There is also a dry creek that runs behind this parcel under Ronald Reagan through The Regents subdivision of SRR. A large group met voiced our concerns with the Liberty Hill city counsel and they urged us to contact TCEQ to voice our concerns. Although another WWTP is needed, it's appalling that this location was selected, given the proximity to so many families and given the potential health and environmental concerns.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:32 AM
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From: Emailforchristine@gmail.com <Emailforchristine@gmail.com>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MRS Christine M Martinez

EMAIL: Emailforchristine@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 520 MONROVIA CT
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2504

PHONE: 2812217667

FAX:

COMMENTS: TCEQ permit # WQ0015000001 I request a contested case hearing. The waste water treatment plant will cause a significant decrease in home values. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my husband and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance

history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Sunday, May 5, 2024 8:00 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Christine Martinez

EMAIL: emailforchristine@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 520 MONROVIA CT
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2504

PHONE: 2812217667

FAX:

COMMENTS: We are opposed to the placement of the Waste Water Treatment Facility near Santa Rita Ranch. The placement of the WWTP in such a high-density area with the creek flowing throughout Santa Rita Ranch could severely affect all nearby residents:

- Environmental Concerns: Effluent discharge will flow directly into Sowe's Branch (through Regency Neighborhood) into the North Fork of San Gabriel River, then into Lake Georgetown- one of our drinking water sources.
- An eye sore: The design and handling of raw sewage could easily lead to unpleasant odors affecting all area homes, and significantly impact daily life and property values.
- The smells and contamination from WWTPs are already causing havoc in other Liberty Hill neighborhoods. We need the wastewater plant moved to a less dense living area and less visible from the roads.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 11:24 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: CORRECTION: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001
Attachments: TCEQ Letter - Google Docs1.pdf

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Cara Massey

EMAIL: caramass@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3701 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4751

PHONE: 5128102955

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see the attached document regarding request for contested case hearing.

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TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Chara Massey

Mailing Address: 3701 CR 258

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill TX Zip: 78642

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Email: caramass@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 810-2955

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Good evening. My name is Cara Massey, and I am a concerned parent of a student who attends Divine Savior Academy and a local resident that lives a little over mile from the proposed plant site. I am speaking today in strong opposition to the construction of a wastewater treatment plant located so close to our school and community.

There are several critical concerns that I believe must be addressed before allowing this plant to be built near a school and populated community.

I am concerned about the potential health risks this facility may pose to the students of Divine Savior Academy. These risks include noxious gasses, hazardous emissions, and flooding risks. Wastewater treatment plants can release unpleasant and potentially harmful odors and gasses into the surrounding environment. This is primarily due to the gasses hydrogen sulfide and ammonia, as well as chemicals known as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Exposure can result in various health consequences, such as causing and/or exacerbating respiratory issues, including asthma, bronchitis, and cystic fibrosis. VOCs can also be carcinogenic. Given the proximity of the proposed site to our school (approximately 0.685 miles away), the gas and odors could significantly affect the health and comfort of students and staff.

There are also serious concerns about the release of hazardous pollutants into the air, groundwater, and soil. Wastewater treatment plants are generally not 100% effective in removing all contaminants. Pharmaceuticals, such as antibiotics, hormones, anti-inflammatory drugs, antidepressants, benzodiazepines, beta-blockers, anti-seizure medications, and chemotherapy drugs are medications that can be commonly found in treated effluent. These can pose potential health risks to people and aquatic life. With the plant located so close to our school and neighborhood, there is a very real risk of wastewater overflow or back-up, particularly in the event of heavy rainfall. The plant's location makes it challenging to contain such an overflow, potentially flooding areas that make up this neighborhood and the nearby school, causing both environmental and public safety hazards.

I am also concerned about the negative impact this proposed facility could have on the community at large. This includes the previously mentioned effects of gasses and pollutants not only on nearby children, but also on downstream effects on people and aquatic life. The wastewater will be discharged into Soves Branch, a wet-weather creek that doesn't consistently flow with water. This will result in the effluent being undiluted when it hits the North San Gabriel River, just upstream from the recreational areas of Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown. Based on prior estimates of the anticipated flow rate of the effluent discharge, along with the likelihood that these estimates will increase over time with growth of the community, the effluent will make up a vast majority of the water that will be flowing through the North San Gabriel River. Prior early estimates of the discharge were 2 cubic feet per second, while the median flow rate through the North San Gabriel River measured just to the west of where Soves Branch joins it from November 2023 to November 2024 was 1.2 cubic feet per second (being as low, during times of minimal to no rain, as 0.01 cubic feet per second; data gathered from waterdata.usgs.gov). This minimally diluted effluent could have a significant impact on the aquatic life, recreational users of the river and lake, and the drinking supply.

Lake Georgetown is a critical source of drinking water for our area. Its chemical levels are monitored by the Brazos River Authority. Phosphorus and Nitrogen levels often increase due to wastewater effluent. WWTP facilities often fail to remove pharmaceuticals, plastics, and chemical compounds, which in this case will be headed directly into the source of drinking water. The City of Liberty Hill has a history of TCEQ violations at their South San Gabriel Plant. Given this history, there is reason to be concerned about the city's ability to effectively manage a new treatment plant without compromising the health and safety of our community and our critical supply of drinking water.

While we all understand the necessity of wastewater treatment, it is essential that the location of such facilities be carefully considered. Most importantly it should be placed far enough away from sensitive areas such as schools, homes, and recreational spaces to help reduce exposure to harmful gasses, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals. Current estimates indicate that this area's demand for water will exceed its supply by 2030. I've watched Planning and Zoning meetings for the City of Liberty Hill and the city's future potential shortage of drinking water has been mentioned several times. Therefore, I urge you to reconsider the damage minimally diluted wastewater effluent will do to one of our communities most important resources.

Given these issues, I urge the TCEQ and the City of Liberty Hill to reconsider the permit for this wastewater treatment plant. We have a responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our children, families, and the environment. Building a wastewater treatment plant so close to a school, recreational, and residential areas is irresponsible and poses significant risks that cannot be overlooked.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Massy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

December 4, 2024

Brian and Cara Massey
3701 County Road 258
Liberty Hill, Texas 78642
512-810-2955

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

Dear Chief Clerk,

We are writing to request a contested case hearing regarding the renewal application for TPDES permit WQ0015000001 for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrooks Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant of the permit is The City of Liberty Hill. Our property is located at the above address and the affected area of our property lies approximately 3500 meters from the proposed location of the facility. The northernmost portion of our property begins where Sowes Branch joins into the North San Gabriel River, continuing east along the river.

The facility's proposed location will be in what is now a densely populated residential area with a school in close proximity. When this permit was originally approved, the surrounding area was largely undeveloped pastures, much different than the neighborhoods and school that are now adjacent to the proposed plant site. We are in opposition to the approval of this facility for several reasons.

Health and Environmental Risks:

-Noxious Gasses: Wastewater treatment plants can release unpleasant and potentially harmful odors and gasses into the surrounding environment. This is primarily due to the gasses hydrogen sulfide and ammonia, as well as chemicals known as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Exposure can result in various health consequences, such as causing and/or exacerbating respiratory issues, including asthma, bronchitis, and cystic fibrosis. VOCs can also be carcinogenic. Given the proximity of the proposed site to our school, the gas and odors could significantly affect the health and comfort of students and staff. The existing South San Gabriel Plant serves as an excellent case in point, with its history of noxious and intolerable odor emissions.

-Hazardous Emissions: There are also serious concerns about the release of hazardous pollutants into the air, groundwater, soil, and the North San Gabriel River. Wastewater treatment plants are generally not 100% effective in removing all contaminants. Pharmaceuticals, such as antibiotics, hormones, anti-inflammatory drugs, antidepressants, benzodiazepines, beta-blockers, anti-seizure medications, and chemotherapy drugs are medications that can be commonly found in treated effluent. These can pose potential health risks to people and aquatic

life, especially given the recreational use of the North San Gabriel River including swimming, fishing, tubing, and kayaking.

-Impact on and Natural Resources: The wastewater will be discharged into Sowes Branch, a wet-weather creek that doesn't consistently flow with water. This will result in the effluent being undiluted when it hits the North San Gabriel River, just upstream from the recreational areas of Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown. Based on prior estimates of the anticipated flow rate of the effluent discharge, along with the likelihood that these estimates will increase over time with growth of the community, the effluent will make up a vast majority of the water that will be flowing through the North San Gabriel River. Prior early estimates of the discharge were 2 cubic feet per second, while the median flow rate through the North San Gabriel River measured just to the west of where Sowes Branch joins it from November 2023 to November 2024 was 1.2 cubic feet per second (being as low, during times of minimal to no rain, as 0.01 cubic feet per second; data gathered from waterdata.usgs.gov). This more minimally diluted (and substantially so when there are times of less rain) could have a significant impact on the aquatic life, recreational users of the river and lake, and the drinking supply.

Long-Term Health and Environmental Impact:

-The long-term consequences of air and water contamination are not just theoretical. Studies have shown that sustained exposure to pollutants from wastewater treatment facilities can lead to chronic health problems in nearby populations. Respiratory diseases, developmental delays, and increased risk of cancer are just a few of the potential impacts on children living and learning near such facilities.

-Furthermore, the environmental consequences could be devastating. The effects on local wildlife, water quality, and even soil health could affect generations to come. Once contaminants enter the ecosystem, they can persist, accumulating in the food chain and affecting not only local wildlife but also human health.

Flooding and Back-Up Risks:

-With the plant located so close to our school and neighborhood, there is a very real risk of wastewater overflow or back-up, particularly in the event of heavy rainfall. The plant's location makes it challenging to contain such an overflow, potentially flooding areas that are home to families, schools, and businesses, causing both environmental and public safety hazards.

Precedent of Violations:

-The City of Liberty Hill has a history of TCEQ violations at their South San Gabriel Plant. The City of Liberty Hill South San Gabriel Plant had 7 TCEQ violations before 2020. Under biggest scrutiny has been the phosphorous levels discharged into the South San Gabriel River. These were found to be high enough that excessive algae blooms were occurring, impacting the recreational use of the river. Concerningly, though evidence was provided supporting a much lower phosphorous level that would be healthier for the ecosystem of the river, the City of Liberty Hill responded not with acceptance of this data and eagerness to do what is in the best

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Sincerely,

Brian and Cara Massey

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Cara Massey

EMAIL: caramass@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3701 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4751

PHONE: 5128102955

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please see the attached document regarding request for contested case hearing.

December 4, 2024

Brian and Cara Massey
3701 County Road 258
Liberty Hill, Texas 78642
512-810-2955

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

Dear Chief Clerk,

We are writing to request a contested case hearing regarding the renewal application for TPDES permit WQ0015000001 for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrooks Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant of the permit is The City of Liberty Hill. Our property is located at the above address and the affected area of our property lies approximately 3500 meters from the proposed location of the facility. The northernmost portion of our property begins where Soves Branch joins into the North San Gabriel River, continuing east along the river.

The facility's proposed location will be in what is now a densely populated residential area with a school in close proximity. When this permit was originally approved, the surrounding area was largely undeveloped pastures, much different than the neighborhoods and school that are now adjacent to the proposed plant site. We are in opposition to the approval of this facility for several reasons.

Health and Environmental Risks:

-Noxious Gasses: Wastewater treatment plants can release unpleasant and potentially harmful odors and gasses into the surrounding environment. This is primarily due to the gasses hydrogen sulfide and ammonia, as well as chemicals known as Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Exposure can result in various health consequences, such as causing and/or exacerbating respiratory issues, including asthma, bronchitis, and cystic fibrosis. VOCs can also be carcinogenic. Given the proximity of the proposed site to our school, the gas and odors could significantly affect the health and comfort of students and staff. The existing South San Gabriel Plant serves as an excellent case in point, with its history of noxious and intolerable odor emissions.

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life, especially given the recreational use of the North San Gabriel River including swimming, fishing, tubing, and kayaking.

-Impact on and Natural Resources: The wastewater will be discharged into Sowes Branch, a wet-weather creek that doesn't consistently flow with water. This will result in the effluent being undiluted when it hits the North San Gabriel River, just upstream from the recreational areas of Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown. Based on prior estimates of the anticipated flow rate of the effluent discharge, along with the likelihood that these estimates will increase over time with growth of the community, the effluent will make up a vast majority of the water that will be flowing through the North San Gabriel River. Prior early estimates of the discharge were 2 cubic feet per second, while the median flow rate through the North San Gabriel River measured just to the west of where Sowes Branch joins it from November 2023 to November 2024 was 1.2 cubic feet per second (being as low, during times of minimal to no rain, as 0.01 cubic feet per second; data gathered from waterdata.usgs.gov). This more minimally diluted (and substantially so when there are times of less rain) could have a significant impact on the aquatic life, recreational users of the river and lake, and the drinking supply.

Long-Term Health and Environmental Impact:

-The long-term consequences of air and water contamination are not just theoretical. Studies have shown that sustained exposure to pollutants from wastewater treatment facilities can lead to chronic health problems in nearby populations. Respiratory diseases, developmental delays, and increased risk of cancer are just a few of the potential impacts on children living and learning near such facilities.

-Furthermore, the environmental consequences could be devastating. The effects on local wildlife, water quality, and even soil health could affect generations to come. Once contaminants enter the ecosystem, they can persist, accumulating in the food chain and affecting not only local wildlife but also human health.

Flooding and Back-Up Risks:

-With the plant located so close to our school and neighborhood, there is a very real risk of wastewater overflow or back-up, particularly in the event of heavy rainfall. The plant's location makes it challenging to contain such an overflow, potentially flooding areas that are home to families, schools, and businesses, causing both environmental and public safety hazards.

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Jennifer Cox

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Brian Massey

EMAIL: bmass8@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3701 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4751

PHONE: 5128102966

FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like to request that this wastewater treatment plant be built in another location. When the original plans to build this were proposed, there weren't as many people living in this area, and I don't think the community appreciated the potential impact of the treatment facility in this location. Now, some 10 years later, there are neighborhoods with many homes in close proximity to where the plant is planned. Additionally, there is a school, Divine Savior Academy that is close to the proposed site, and a Liberty Hill middle school and high school are being built nearby as well. I have concerns of the potential impact on these schools and the children attending them. I'm also concerned that the plant is proposed to discharge the effluent into a creek that flows through the recently built Santa Rita Regency neighborhood and either through or adjacent to the Sant Rita Saddleback neighborhood. This creek then merges with the North San Gabriel River, which feeds into Lake Georgetown not too far downstream from where the creek merges with the river. Lake Georgetown is a source of drinking water for Georgetown and at least some of Round Rock. I'm concerned that any treatment of wastewater that is discharged may not be able to remove medications that have arrived via the wastewater from homes and businesses, as well as any potential improper discard of chemicals that may arrive at the waste water treatment facility. With these potential toxins, combined with the City of Liberty Hill's documented transgressions in managing their current treatment facility that discharges into the South San Gabriel, I have concerns that these toxins will be discharged into our drinking water. At the western most part of Lake Georgetown is Tejas Park, a popular spot for residents to camp and enjoy swimming, fishing, and kayaking in the North San Gabriel. This park is located very close to where the discharged effluent will be joining into the North San Gabriel, which would expose the people and families who are enjoying the park and river. I request that you please consider building this treatment facility in a different location that will not experience the impact on this growing community. Thank you.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2024 4:14 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Cara Massey

EMAIL: caramass@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3701 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4751

PHONE: 5128102955

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to request that you relocate this wastewater treatment plant. The permit was granted many years ago and this area is now densely populated. There are many neighborhoods nearby and a private school adjacent to the location. The location of the wastewater treatment plant would negatively affect the property value of many homeowners, many who recently bought "premium" lots and built a house. Please also consider that the effluent from this plant will flow into Lake Georgetown (which is not far away), a primary drinking source for many residents. There is also a recreational park (Tejas Park) where people swim and camp that is just a little downstream from where the proposed would be discharging the effluent. Please reconsider moving this waste water treatment plant to a less densely populated area.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:01 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Fernando Matias

EMAIL: fernandomatias923@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 416 BEREAN LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2584

PHONE: 2548334555

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for my family and our community. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:00 PM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MR Gowri Shankar Mathur Chandrasekaran

EMAIL: gowrimc@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 248 CANYONCREST WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2618

PHONE: 7326689973

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a case hearing on this. The waste water plant will cause significant health issue for myself and my family, especially my 4 year old. The water quality, odor emitted will severely impact the community beyond Santa Rita Ranch and will have major impact on home values.

Patrick McDevitt
632 Hallwood Dr.
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
310-850-0484

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December 18, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk (MC105)
P.O. Box 13087
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Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

I request a contested hearing.

My name is Patrick McDevitt, and myself along with my wife Lorelei McDevitt, are the owners of a single-family home at 632 Hallwood Dr., Liberty Hill, TX 78642. I can be reached at 310-850-0484. We are in our late 70's.

Our home is in the Regency at Santa Rita Ranch ("Regency"), an age 55 and older community just across the Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed location of the wastewater treatment plant. My home is 0.9 miles from the proposed plant site and 200 feet from Sowes Branch Creek. Sowes Branch Creek winds its way through the Regency community, along a nature walking trail, past our Amenity Center, beyond the backyards of our homes. The creek is quite prevalent.

According to the National Institute of Health, wastewater handling has been associated with an increased risk of developing adverse health effects, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. The older population of the Regency is highly susceptible to such illnesses.

We understand that wastewater treatment plants are critical, however, living very near these plants can present several challenges. One of the primary concerns for individuals living near wastewater treatment plants is the quality of air. Many wastewater treatment processes involve chemicals like chlorine, ammonia, and sulfur dioxide. These chemicals can evaporate and become airborne, posing a risk to respiratory health. Prolonged exposure can lead to conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory disorders. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants, which is exactly our population at the Regency.

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At the May 8th city council meeting, more than a hundred residents attended, expressing an urgent need for answers. We are concerned that Liberty Hill officials did not adequately prioritize the welfare of residential communities and schools near the proposed plant site. When the plant was first proposed, there were no nearby developments. Now, there are three communities (including the Regency) and a school is in close proximity. This raises significant concerns regarding quality of life, environmental impacts, and the potential loss of property values. We appreciate that TCEQ is listening and held a public hearing on December 3rd.

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Thank you for your time and for considering holding a contested hearing on this crucial issue.

Sincerely yours

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Patrick McDevitt

632 HALLWOOD DR.
LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Patrick McDevitt

EMAIL: pmcdevitt512@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 632 HALLWOOD DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2492

PHONE: 3108500484

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, We are very concerned for our quality of life and property value should the Santa Rita Ranch water treatment be allowed to continue without requirements to reduce discharge into our neighborhood. The city of Liberty Hill has demonstrated with the algae pollution of the S. San Gabriel River that they are not capable to manage the plant. We would appreciate active oversight by your department. Thank you.

Paul McPheeters
300 Oakley Pass
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
210-535-3937

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December 30, 2024

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My wife, Diane and I, are the owners of a single-family home at 300 Oakley Pass, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. We are in our late 60's.

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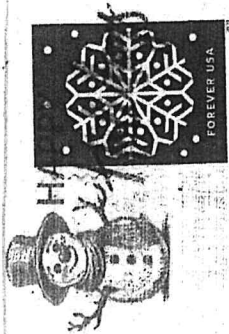
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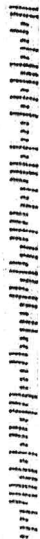
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COMMENTS: I am writing to express my deep concerns regarding the installation of a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in our community. As a resident of SRR, the lack of communication and transparency surrounding this project is alarming. The presence of a WWTP raises valid concerns about environmental impacts, odors, noise pollution, and property values. We urgently need detailed information about the WWTP's capacity, operations, environmental assessments, and mitigation measures. Additionally, I strongly urge you to halt the installation of the WWTP until these concerns are thoroughly addressed and the community is adequately consulted. I kindly request immediate dialogue or a written response to address these concerns and ensure the well-being of our community. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Nick Mihnovets
508 Hallwood Drive
Liberty Hill, TX 78642
512-632-1805

December 26, 2024

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Office of the Chief Clerk (MC105)
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

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I request a contested hearing.

My name is Nick Mihnovets, and myself along with my wife Cheri Mihnovets, are the owners of a home in the Santa Rita Ranch 55+ Regency neighborhoods at 508 Hallwood Drive, Liberty Hill, TX 78642. I can be reached at 512-632-1805.

Our home is just across Ronald Reagan Blvd from the proposed location of the wastewater treatment plant. My home is 0.9 miles from the proposed plant site where Sowes Branch Creek winds its way through the Regency community, along a nature walking trail, past our Amenity Center, beyond the backyards of our homes. The creek is quite prevalent.

While researching this issue and trying to better understand this permit, it has been found that According to the National Institute of Health, wastewater handling has been associated with an increased risk of developing adverse health effects, including respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. This is of grave concern since our 55+ section of the Regency is highly susceptible to such illnesses.

We understand that wastewater treatment plants are critical, however, living extremely near these plants can present several challenges.

Concerns:

1. Individuals living near wastewater treatment plants are exposed to negatively impacted quality of air. Many wastewater treatment processes involve chemicals like chlorine, ammonia, and sulfur dioxide. These chemicals can evaporate and become airborne, posing a risk to respiratory health. Prolonged exposure can lead to conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory disorders. The elderly are particularly vulnerable to these pollutants, which is exactly our population at the Regency, my wife and I included.

2. We only learned about this planned treatment facility in May of 2024. This is not isolated to just my wife and I, as this is the same for all the Regency residents and future homeowners, in the course of construction. There was no prior disclosure from the developers, Ed Horne, and/or Toll Brothers. How is it possible that this project, which has been in the planning stages since 2009, was not disclosed to potential homebuyers? I would have thought the permitting process would legally require developers and builders to disclose such plans as soon as a permit is filed. Had we known, this information would undoubtedly have influenced our decisions to purchase homes here—especially given Liberty Hill's concerning history of violations and lawsuits related to its existing wastewater treatment facility. Certainly, after reading about the numerous violations, reading media articles, reviewing lawsuits, watching news segments, and learning about the 2013 settlement concerning this proposed plant, we feel helpless and overwhelmed and believe our investment at this stage of our life is being negatively impacted.
3. Sowes Branch Creek is not a large watercourse, and the limited flow of water through it raises serious concerns. How will the water flowing through the creek—eventually making its way to the San Gabriel River, Lake Georgetown, and ultimately into our drinking water supply—be adequately diffused and treated to remove harmful nitrates, phosphates, and other contaminants?
4. Have all the residents that get their drinking water from Lake Georgetown been advised of the proposed plan? If not, why wouldn't the permitting process require such communication?

At the May 8th city council meeting, more than a hundred residents attended, expressing an urgent need for answers. We are concerned that Liberty Hill officials, and prior to that the developer Ed Horne, did not adequately prioritize the welfare of residential communities and schools near the proposed plant site. When the plant was first proposed, there were no nearby developments. Now, there are three communities (including the Regency), and a school is in close proximity. This raises significant concerns regarding quality of life, environmental impacts, and the potential loss of property values.

We appreciate that TCEQ is listening and did hold a public hearing on December 3rd. While informative it raised even more concerning questions regarding the health and welfare of our community with this pending treatment facility.

There are many questions that we believe need answers:

1. TCEQ and Liberty Hill seem to be falling back on minimum standards which have already caused issues and required the standards to be increased from what I understand. It seemed noticeably clear that minimum standards are not working in existing plants and are in fact very harmful to humans, wildlife, and nature. First and foremost, what measures will be taken to ensure that effluent overflow, discharged

into Sowes Branch Creek, will be properly treated to prevent the growth of algae blooms? How will the discharge work in a creek with exceptionally low water flow and potential dilution issues? We would like TCEQ to provide assurances that the highest standards of treatment will be followed—not a cost-benefit analysis where human and environmental health are secondary to financial considerations.

2. From the meeting it seems TCEQ does not address air quality and sewage plants have exemptions when it comes to air quality. This is overly concerning with close proximity to our homes and schools so close to the facility.

We also have quality of life concerns due to our close proximity to the proposed plant:

1. What emergency protocols are in place for extreme weather events, such as heavy rainfall flooding low lying areas with untreated sewage, or freezes that could lead to flooding or burst pipes?
2. How safe will we be from toxic emissions? Treatment pools should be covered to capture methane and minimize odors that could affect nearby communities.
3. We have invested a sizable portion of our net worth in our homes. Our property values will be affected by the proximity to this plant.
4. Have elected officials taken the time to walk through our neighborhoods and understand the concerns of homeowners firsthand?
5. Has consideration been given to updating the existing south plant to handle the capacity proposed for the new north plant?
6. Beyond the nearby areas, have all towns been notified of the potential impact on its drinking water, such as Round Rock?

Finally, we strongly recommend the permit be denied and a suitable location away from homes and schools be utilized for treatment plants. If the permit is approved, we strongly believe that an independent environmental watchdog is needed to oversee the plant's operations and ensure that ongoing concerns are addressed.

There is so much we still do not know, and it is unconscionable that the developers failed to disclose these plans when we purchased our homes. I urge your assistance in halting this project until all of our questions and concerns can be fully addressed. We need a thorough assessment of all alternatives, and we deserve assurances that any facility built will be designed and operated with the highest standards of safety and environmental protection.

Thank you for your time and for considering holding a contested hearing on this crucial issue.

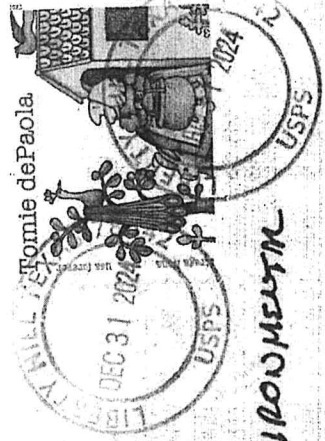
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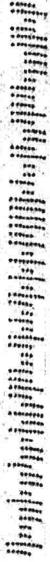
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The ED's responses to the issues raised in my comments are inadequate because the responses only recite the regulatory requirements, recite the process of evaluating the draft permit, and conclude without evidence or explanation that the draft permit meets applicable requirements. Factual and legal disputes related to the above issues remain and require a contested case hearing. Conclusion. I respectfully request a contested case hearing on the application and draft permit of the City of Liberty Hill for the renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001. I request that the TCEQ Commissioners refer the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings on the issues listed and discussed above. Thank you for considering my comments and concerns associated with the draft permit and for considering my contested case hearing request. Sincerely, Stephanie Morris birdsnebesfarm@gmail.com 1409 Orchard Drive Leander, Texas, 78641 512-563-2488

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The ED's responses to the issues raised in my comments are inadequate because the responses only recite the regulatory requirements, recite the process of evaluating the draft permit, and conclude without evidence or explanation that the draft permit meets applicable requirements. Factual and legal disputes related to the above issues remain and require a contested case hearing. Conclusion. I respectfully request a contested case hearing on the application and draft permit of the City of Liberty Hill for the renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001. I request that the TCEQ Commissioners refer the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings on the issues listed and discussed above. Thank you for considering my comments and concerns associated with the draft permit and for considering my contested case hearing request. Sincerely, Stephanie Morris birdsnbeesfarm@gmail.com 1409 Orchard Drive Leander, Texas, 78641 512-563-2488
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Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 10:56 AM
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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

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COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 233 ALICANTE LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2550

PHONE: 8157512856

FAX:

COMMENTS: The placement of the WWTP in such a high-density area with the creek flowing throughout Santa Rita Ranch could severely affect all nearby residents: • Environmental Concerns: Effluent discharge will flow directly into Sowe's Branch (through Regency Neighborhood) into the North Fork of San Gabriel River, then into Lake Georgetown- one of our drinking water sources. • An eye sore: The design and handling of raw sewage could easily lead to unpleasant odors affecting all area homes, and significantly impact daily life and property values. • The smells and contamination from WWTPs are already causing havoc in other Liberty Hill neighborhoods. Various news articles detail how the WWTP South San Gabriel River location has caused damage to the river. There are much more viable options available to the



city that aren't in such close proximity to an enormous master planned community like SRR. I'm hopeful the city will reconsider these plans. Respectfully submitted, -David Neeld

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Dinesh P



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COMMENTS: We, the residents of santa rita ranch liberty hill, are writing to express our deep concerns regarding the proposed construction of a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) near our community. As parents, we are particularly worried about the potential health and safety risks posed to our children. First and foremost, we are concerned about the impact of the plant on air quality. The release of odors and emissions from the treatment process could pose respiratory health risks to our children, especially those with asthma or other respiratory conditions. Additionally, we are worried about potential water and soil contamination. Despite the treatment process, there is always a risk of accidental spills or leaks that could contaminate nearby water sources and soil, posing a threat to the health of our children who play outdoors. Furthermore, the construction and operation of the WWTP may disrupt our daily lives with increased noise levels, heavy traffic, and potential visual pollution. These disruptions could negatively impact our children's ability to study, play, and enjoy their surroundings safely. We urge you to reconsider the location of the WWTP and explore alternative sites that are farther away from residential areas. Our children's health and well-being should be a top priority, and we believe that the risks associated with the proximity of the plant to our homes are too great to ignore. Thank you for considering our concerns. We hope for a constructive dialogue and a resolution that prioritizes the safety and health of our community, especially our children

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:34 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

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COMPANY:

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FAX:

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Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

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LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4460

PHONE: 5122946588



FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like to request a formal hearing to contest the wastewater plant in Liberty Hill in Santa Rita Ranch. This will have a negative impact on this community and needs to be relocated. Thank you, Brian Peterson

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:16 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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From: ishabala.pillai@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 2:40 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: USHA MUTHUKRISHNA PILLAI

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PHONE: 6123089420

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am formally requesting a contested case hearing on the Executive Director's decision to issue TPDES Permit No. WQ0015005001 for the Liberty Hill area. I live at 849 Olinda Way, Liberty Hill, TX 78642, which is near the proposed discharge location. My family and I will be directly and personally affected by this permit. My concerns include potential contamination of local water resources, increased flooding risk, odors, impacts to wildlife, and negative effects on our property values and quality of life.

We rely on nearby water sources for daily use and recreation, and are concerned about potential harm from pollutants discharged under this permit. Given these direct impacts, I respectfully request that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality grant a contested case hearing so that these important issues can be fully examined. Thank you for considering my request. We also note that a similar facility at 1633 North US-183, Leander, TX 78641 has faced ongoing problems, including many public complaints about odors, water quality, and property impacts. Google reviews and local reports indicate that maintenance at that facility is inadequate, leading to repeated issues for nearby residents.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MRS Usha Muthukrishna pillai

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PHONE: 6123089420

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please consider the health issue that the people going to live in that area. The chemical usage and odor we are going to face life long it's not a friendly environment. 1. Odor Issues • Source: Water treatment plants can emit unpleasant odors from chemicals or organic waste. • Impact: Persistent foul smells can reduce the quality of life and cause discomfort for nearby residents. Health Concerns 1. Airborne Contaminants • Source: Gases like hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and methane can be released during treatment. • Health Impact: Prolonged exposure can lead to headaches, dizziness, nausea, or respiratory issues. 2. Water Contamination Risks • Source: Leaks or spills from the plant could contaminate local water sources. • Health Impact: Ingestion or exposure to untreated or improperly treated water can lead to waterborne diseases. 3. Chemical Exposure • Source: Chemicals such as chlorine and ammonia are commonly used in treatment processes. • Health Impact: Accidental releases can cause respiratory irritation, burns, or other acute reactions. 4. Pathogen Exposure • Source: Treated water and waste may still contain traces of pathogens if the process is not thorough. • Health Impact: Can lead to infections, particularly for people with compromised immune systems. 5. Noise-Induced Stress • Source: Prolonged exposure to noise from machinery. • Health Impact: Chronic stress can result in mental health issues, high blood pressure, or cardiovascular problems. 6. Allergic Reactions • Source: Fine particulate matter or residual chemicals from the plant. • Health Impact: May trigger allergies or exacerbate conditions like asthma.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 2:34 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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NAME: MRS Usha Muthu krishna pillai

EMAIL: ishabala.pillai@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 216 CANYONCREST WAY
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PHONE: 6123089420

FAX:

COMMENTS: Studies on the Impact of Living Near a WTP While there is limited research specifically focused on living near water treatment plants, several studies on the environmental and health impacts of industrial facilities can be applied: Health Effects: Some research indicates that living near industrial facilities (including water treatment plants) may increase the risk of respiratory issues due to air pollution and chemical exposure. However, these effects are usually linked to proximity to facilities

emitting large amounts of harmful chemicals, which modern plants often avoid. Finding Research Papers: You can find research papers on these topics from the following sources: Google Scholar (scholar.google.com): Search for terms like "impact of living near a water treatment plant" or "health risks from water treatment facilities". JSTOR (www.jstor.org): A digital library offering academic journal articles. It's ideal for finding peer-reviewed papers on environmental science, public health, and social impact studies. PubMed (pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov): A database of medical and health-related research papers. You can search for studies related to the health impacts of chemicals used in water treatment. ScienceDirect (www.sciencedirect.com): Offers a vast collection of scientific articles, including those on environmental science and water management. Environmental Health Studies on Water Treatment Facilities Health organizations and hospitals sometimes collaborate on studies of environmental health impacts. Research may include how water treatment plant emissions (such as chemical pollutants, odors, or airborne particles) affect residents living nearby. These studies can be particularly useful to understand how living near such facilities may lead to respiratory problems or other health concerns. Example Paper: Environmental Health Impacts of Proximity to Water Treatment Plants: A Study of Respiratory Diseases Hospitals may publish papers that correlate environmental factors like air quality near water treatment plants with increased rates of asthma or other respiratory conditions in nearby populations. Water treatment plants, especially those involved in wastewater treatment, can release unpleasant odors and potentially harmful particles into the air. These emissions typically come from decomposing organic matter and chemical processes. Potential Health Risks: Respiratory Issues: Hydrogen sulfide, a gas produced during the breakdown of organic matter, can be released by some water treatment plants. Prolonged exposure to this gas can lead to respiratory problems, such as irritation of the eyes, nose, and throat, and in higher concentrations, it can cause more severe health issues like headaches, nausea, dizziness, and even lung damage. Particulate Matter: Dust and particulate matter generated by the treatment processes can contribute to air pollution, which may aggravate conditions such as asthma, bronchitis, and other respiratory disorders. Although water treatment plants are designed to eliminate harmful pathogens, failures or deficiencies in the treatment process can occasionally lead to contamination. This is more of a risk during maintenance or if a plant's system malfunctions. Potential Health Risks: Bacterial Infections: If the water treatment plant fails to properly disinfect the water, bacteria like *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, or *Campylobacter* could survive and contaminate drinking water. This could lead to gastrointestinal infections, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. Viral Infections: Viruses such as rotavirus or norovirus could also make their way into water systems if treatment is inadequate, leading to gastrointestinal diseases. Parasitic Infections: Parasites like *Giardia* and *Cryptosporidium* are more resistant to chlorine disinfection. These could cause diarrheal illnesses and other intestinal infections if the plant does not meet health standards. Increased Risk of Cancer In addition to the risks from DBPs (like THMs), prolonged exposure to contaminated water can sometimes lead to long-term health consequences like cancer, especially if water treatment systems are not functioning properly or contaminants escape from the plant. Potential Health Risks: Bladder and Colon Cancer: Research has shown that long-term exposure to water containing high levels of DBPs, especially in drinking water, may increase the risk of bladder and colon cancer.

Mark Mendoza

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 12:17 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Jackie Primrose

EMAIL: jackie.primrose@socialindoor.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3901 CR 258
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

PHONE: 5122195010

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please find attached my letter requesting a contested hearing regarding the renewal application of this permit. Please let me know if I need to send this letter a different way. Thank you

December 26, 2024

Bryan & Jackie Primrose
3901 County Road 258
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

Re: Contested Case Hearing Request
TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001
Applicant: The City of Liberty Hill

Dear Chief Clerk,

I am writing to request a contested case hearing regarding the renewal application for TPDES permit WQ0015000001 for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrooks Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant of the permit is The City of Liberty Hill. My affected property is located at the above address and lies on the North Fork of the San Gabriel River about 100 yards downstream of where Sowes Branch flows into the river.

The facility's proposed location will be in what is now a densely populated residential area with a school nearby. When this permit was originally approved, the surrounding area was largely undeveloped pastures, much different than the neighborhoods and school that are now adjacent to the proposed plant site. I am in opposition to the approval of this facility for several reasons.

The operation of the Liberty Hill South San Gabriel Wastewater Treatment Facility presents several significant health and environmental concerns that warrant careful consideration. These risks can affect both the local community and the surrounding ecosystem.

First Concern: Precedent of Violations

The City of Liberty Hill's history of TCEQ compliance violations at the South San Gabriel Plant raises significant concerns regarding the city's ability to effectively manage a new treatment facility without compromising community health and safety. Before 2020, the Liberty Hill South San Gabriel Plant recorded seven TCEQ violations. The question is not whether, but when there will be an accidental discharge and how damaging it will be to the environment and the families, especially children, that play in the affected waters. Monitoring and alerts are reactionary and only inform of what we have already been exposed to. There are animals, adults, and children playing in the river immediately downstream of the proposed discharge area, not only because there are many homes in the area, but because there is also a National Park and camp ground that draws people from all over to this area of the river.

Second Concern: Impact on Natural Resources

In addition, the quality standards have proven to not be stringent enough. Even when meeting their quality requirements, the South San Gabriel plant has had significant detrimental effects on the South San Gabriel River. There are countless testimonies of problems on the river.

The following was posted with documenting photos on Nextdoor by Mark Shepherd on Dec 3rd 2024..." San Gabriel Fish. This a follow up from my previous post about the dead and dying fish on the San Gabriel River on 11/27 last Wednesday. The affected fish are all dead. If you live near Katy Crossing area and notice a foul stench in the air or have a few vultures living on your roof, then you're not alone. The fish can be found from the near the wastewater treatment discharge enters the river and for about one mile downstream. I'm no expert but TCEQ will be releasing an official report soon. I'm told that there is no danger to the public, pets or the groundwater. This was an accident, but I feel that the responsible party owes a huge apology to the people of Georgetown ; especially the fishermen, kayakers, hikers, bikers, campers, birdwatchers and river lovers that frequent the San Gabriel downstream from the park. I'm hoping that systems can be upgraded or converted to new technology that doesn't require chlorine so that this tragedy does not happen again. Nature is resilient and the fish will return. Fishing will be poor for a few years as most of the large gamefish as well as carp were killed. The smell will improve after a few weeks and the vultures will move on to their next job."

Why are fish dying if there isn't anything hazardous in the water?

The discharge of wastewater into Soves Branch, a wet-weather creek that does not consistently flow, raises further concerns. This means the effluent will enter the North San Gabriel River undiluted, particularly affecting recreational areas like Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown. Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown are frequently used natural resources where people swim, kayak, fish, and boat. Such minimally diluted effluent could significantly impact aquatic life, recreational users, and the overall drinking water supply.

Third Concern: Long-Term Health and Environmental Impact

The long-term consequences of air and water contamination are profound and far-reaching. Studies have shown that sustained exposure to pollutants from wastewater treatment facilities can lead to chronic health problems in nearby populations, including respiratory diseases, developmental delays, and an increased risk of cancer, particularly among children. The environmental consequences could also be devastating, affecting local wildlife, water quality, and soil health for generations. Once contaminants enter the ecosystem, they can persist and accumulate in the food chain, impacting not only local wildlife but also human health. This is especially concerning when the North Fork of the San Gabriel is the source of drinking water for thousands of people.

Fourth Concern: Flooding and Back-Up Risks

The proximity of the plant to a school and neighborhood presents a significant risk of wastewater overflow or back-up, especially during heavy rainfall. The location complicates efforts to contain such overflows, potentially flooding areas that house families, schools, and businesses, and leading to environmental and public safety hazards.

Fifth Concern: Noxious Gasses and Hazardous Emissions

Another concern is the history of noxious odor emissions from Liberty Hill's South San Gabriel Plant. Given that the proposed site is close to a school, the potential for these gases and odors to negatively impact the health and comfort of students and staff is substantial.

In addition to odors, there are serious worries about the release of hazardous pollutants into the air, groundwater, soil, and the North San Gabriel River. Wastewater treatment plants are often not fully effective at removing all contaminants. Commonly found pharmaceuticals in treated effluent—including antibiotics, hormones, anti-inflammatory drugs, antidepressants, benzodiazepines, beta-blockers, anti-seizure medications, and chemotherapy drugs—pose potential health risks to both humans and aquatic life.

Sixth Concern: Pollution of Drinking Water

Finally, the effluent from the plant will first flow into Soves Branch, then into the North Branch of the San Gabriel River, which leads to Lake Georgetown—a critical source of drinking water for our area. The Brazos River Authority monitors the chemical levels in the lake, and levels of phosphorus and nitrogen often increase due to wastewater effluent. Wastewater treatment facilities frequently fail to remove pharmaceuticals, plastics, and chemical compounds, which will ultimately flow directly into our drinking water supply.

Given these issues, I urge the TCEQ and the City of Liberty Hill to reconsider the permit for this wastewater treatment plant. We have a responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our children, families, and the environment. Building a wastewater treatment at this location is irresponsible and poses significant risks that cannot be overlooked.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Again, we formally request a contested case hearing.

Sincerely,

Bryan and Jackie Primrose

Bryan.primrose@socialindoor.com

Jackie.primrose@socialindoor.com

512-219-5009/5010

did not speak

TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Bryan Primrose

Mailing Address: 3901 County Road 258

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill

Zip: 78642

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

Email: bryan.primrose@socialindoor.com

Phone Number: (512) 219-5009

- 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.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 3:47 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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Sent: Monday, June 10, 2024 10:48 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Bryan Primrose

EMAIL: bryan.primrose@socialindoor.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3901 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2106

PHONE: 5122195009

FAX:

COMMENTS: This wastewater plant MUST be moved to a different location. The population in this area has exploded and this part of the river, especially, has become a draw to residents in the area. We have all made significant investments our property just to be near the river and destroying the river will destroy our property values. The smell, the health safety risks, the destruction of the environment we all love through contaminants and algae blooms is not acceptable. Not only do children and animals swim in the

water a stones throw away, but this very water is the source of drinking water to tens of thousands of people. Proceeding with the waste water plant at this location would be reckless and irresponsible.

Ellie Guerra

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FAX:

COMMENTS: My name is Bryan Primrose. We live 100 yards down river on the North Fork of the San Gabriel river from where Soves Branch discharges. We request that this permit be denied. Liberty Hill has a history of violating the restrictions of their waste water plant on the south fork of the San gabriel. Self reporting is not sufficient considering their history. The water they will be discharging will affect everyone that lives along the river like our family. This discharge water will go into lake Georgetown that is



used for drinking water. There are other uses of this water like landscaping. We cannot allow our drinking water to be contaminated. Please deny this permit and have liberty hill move this plant away from the San Gabriel river. Once there is a spill into our river and lake Georgetown, it will be too late. There is no way to clean up these releases.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:48 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: sadagopan_kr@yahoo.com <sadagopan_kr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 10:26 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Sadagopan Rajagopalan

EMAIL: sadagopan_kr@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 104 ORVIETO CV
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4452

PHONE: 4693554552

FAX:

COMMENTS: I protest to have the waste water treatment facility right near the Santa Rita community due to multiple reasons 1) smell 2) decrease in house value 3) and environmental impacts. Please reconsider the location and move it to location which is not close to an housing community - thanks

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 1:51 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Venkatesh Khann Vellore Rajanbabu

EMAIL: venkatesh.khanna@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 121 CHRISTIAN CT
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2371

PHONE: 7377811262

FAX:

COMMENTS: This will be definitely impacting our environment and health factors. Kindly requesting to reconsider moving this to a different place where home community not there. Thank you very much

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:25 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Lakshmana Ramachandran

EMAIL: ttemp.ft@gmail.com



COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 236 JANELLE LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2403

PHONE: 4692376041

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed waste water treatment plan in our community. While I understand the necessity of upgrading our infrastructure to handle waste water efficiently, the current proposal raises significant environmental, health, and economic concerns that must be addressed before moving forward. Environmental Impact: The proposed site for the waste water treatment plant is dangerously close to our local school, river and residential houses. These areas are home to diverse ecosystems that could be severely disrupted by potential leaks or spills. The long-term consequences on local wildlife, plant life, and water quality cannot be



underestimated. It's crucial to conduct comprehensive environmental impact assessments and explore alternative locations that pose less risk to our natural resources. Health Concerns: The proximity of the proposed plant to residential areas raises serious health concerns for our community. The potential for air and water pollution could lead to increased respiratory issues, waterborne diseases, and other health problems for residents, particularly vulnerable populations such as children and the elderly. Ensuring the health and safety of our community should be the highest priority. Economic Considerations: The economic impact of the proposed plant on property values and local businesses is another critical factor. The presence of a waste water treatment facility could lead to a decrease in property values and deter new businesses and residents from moving to the area. Moreover, the potential costs associated with mitigating environmental damage and health issues could place a significant financial burden on our local government and taxpayers. Community Involvement: The decision-making process for this project has lacked adequate community involvement and transparency. Many residents feel that their concerns have not been properly heard or addressed. I urge local officials to facilitate more public forums and information sessions to ensure that all voices are heard and that the community is fully informed about the potential impacts of this project. Alternative Solutions: Before proceeding with the current plan, I strongly encourage exploring alternative solutions, such as investing in advanced water treatment technologies, enhancing existing facilities, or finding more suitable locations that minimize risk. Collaborative efforts with environmental experts, health professionals, and community members can lead to more sustainable and acceptable outcomes. In conclusion, I urge decision-makers to reconsider the proposed waste water treatment plan in its current form. By prioritizing the health, safety, and well-being of our community and environment, we can find a solution that meets our infrastructure needs without compromising our quality of life. Thank you for considering my concerns. Sincerely, Lakshmana

Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:37 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: Pradeep.ramanna@outlook.com <Pradeep.ramanna@outlook.com>
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Pradeep Ramanna

EMAIL: Pradeep.ramanna@outlook.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 145 MORNINGDALE DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2607

PHONE: 5122645664

FAX:

COMMENTS: I'm formally requesting for a hearing

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 2:37 PM
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From: Ramavarapu@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 2:16 PM
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MR Sridhar Ramavarapu

EMAIL: Ramavarapu@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 849 Olinda Way
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

PHONE: 8504439717

FAX:

COMMENTS: I Request a contested case hearing

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NAME: Sridhar Ramavarapu

EMAIL: Ramavarapu@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 849 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2616

PHONE: 8504439717



FAX:

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FAX:

COMMENTS: We are home owners in Santa Rita Ranch (SRR), Saddleback community in Liberty Hill, TX. We were attracted to SRR due to its advertising as a great community to live in. But there was no information disclosed about a Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to be constructed so close to SRR Saddleback community. This would have been an important disclosure, had it been made, that would have factored into our decision to buy in SRR. Now we are afraid that due to the WWTP our lifetime investment will devalue. Besides we are also worried about potential health hazards that are typically associated with living close to a WWTP. The quality of life will be damaged due to potential smell and pollutants from the WWTP. The WWTP is going to be a problem not just for my family but for thousands of families that



call SRR their home. We request your help to convince the City of Liberty Hill and Williamson County to find another location for the WWTP away from residential areas.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Alex Rancel

EMAIL: alexrancel@icloud.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 348 LA DERA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2122

PHONE: 5128009833

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing regarding the wastewater plant. The plant's operations pose significant health risks to my family and the surrounding community. The water quality will be severely compromised, affecting residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood. The failed compliance history of the other wastewater plant in Liberty Hill serves as a clear indication of the potential consequences. The emitted odor will significantly impact home values and the overall quality of life for residents and children in nearby schools.

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 4:33 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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NAME: Sree harsha Ravilla

EMAIL: Ravillasreeharsha@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 740 Olinda Way
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PHONE: 6574458111

FAX:

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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MR Sree harsha Ravilla

EMAIL: ravillasreeharsha@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 740 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2615

PHONE: 6574458111

FAX:

COMMENTS: As part of the community, I submit this comment to oppose the WWTP that is coming near the Santa Rita ranch.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:43 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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NAME: Sivanagaaditya Ravuri

EMAIL: aaditya.ravuri@gmail.com


COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 509 MONROVIA CT
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2504

PHONE: 6305427775

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed construction of a waste water treatment plant in our community. After learning about this plan, I felt compelled to voice my opposition, as I strongly believe that such a facility would have detrimental effects on our environment, health, and overall quality of life. Our community cherishes its natural surroundings, clean air, and pristine water sources. Introducing a waste water treatment plant in close proximity would not only compromise these essential elements but also pose significant risks to the health and safety of our residents. The potential environmental impact of such a facility cannot be overlooked. Increased pollution, unpleasant odors, and potential water contamination are just a few of the issues that could arise.



Additionally, the visual blight caused by the construction and operation of the plant would diminish the aesthetic appeal of our neighborhood and could negatively impact property values. In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the decision to proceed with the waste water treatment plant project in our community. I implore you to prioritize the well-being and interests of the residents who call this place home. Thank you for taking the time to consider my request. I look forward to your prompt response and hope that we can work together to find a solution that benefits everyone involved.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Anders Roedland

EMAIL: anders.roedland@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 116 CORONELLA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2323

PHONE: 4124272274

FAX:

COMMENTS: I would like a public hearing regarding this waste water plant. We are not comfortable with it discharging waste water the river that feeds Lake Georgetown, which is the drinking water source for a lot of residents in our area.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:27 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: drombola@outlook.com <drombola@outlook.com>
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Daniel Rombola

EMAIL: drombola@outlook.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 412 GREAT LAWN BND
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2466

PHONE: 8603728686

FAX:

COMMENTS: To whom it may concern, I strongly urge you to reconsider the location of the Waste Treatment Facility. This facility, while obviously serving a purpose, would cause far more harm than good to the local residents in the area. It's a fair statement to say, that a meaningful number of people that bought homes in Santa Rita Ranch made those decisions having no idea this was a possibility and would have made a very different decision with that in hand. It also appears, that this has been in the works for awhile and the developer was aware this was happening. While apparently not illegal - it seems extremely disingenuous to not tell the people you are selling homes to that you are going to be so close to a waste treatment facility - and only after a majority of homes have sold this information comes out. This facility

could put tremendous pressure on immediately local housing prices / make re-sale more difficult / have a very unpleasant odor radiating throughout the area / be an eyesore for the community. I hope the decision makers take these frustrations from residents and make a different decision as to the location of this facility.

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 3:13 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: vamsisagi5@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 2:37 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Vamsi Krishnam Raju Sagi

EMAIL: vamsisagi5@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 212 CANYONCREST WAY
LIBERTY HILL, TX 78642

PHONE: 9032745022

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:59 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Nirali Saliya

EMAIL: saliyanirali@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 241 CANYONCREST WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2618

PHONE: 9293525251

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a contested case hearing regarding the proposed wastewater plant. This facility will cause significant health risks to me, and my family. It will negatively affect water quality for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood, especially given the compliance issues associated with the other wastewater plant in Liberty Hill. Additionally, the odors emitted from the plant will drastically reduce home values and diminish the quality of life for residents, including children attending nearby schools.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:00 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Tia Sanders

EMAIL: tsanders7599@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 564 FAITH DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2149

PHONE: 5122966459

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am requesting a contested case hearing. The wastewater plant poses significant health risks to me and my family. It will greatly impact water quality for residents well beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood, as evidenced by the non-compliance issues with the other wastewater plant in Liberty Hill. Additionally, the odors emitted will negatively affect property values, quality of life for residents, and the well-being of children in nearby schools.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, December 5, 2024 4:09 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Minnie Faye Sansom

EMAIL: mfsansom@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3495 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4791

PHONE: 5129237336

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to request a contested case hearing regarding the renewal application for TPDES permit WQ0015000001 for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrooks Wastewater Treatment Plant. The applicant of the permit is The City of Liberty Hill. My property is located at the above address and the affected area of my property lies on Soves Branch Creek. The facility's proposed location will be in what is now a densely populated residential area with a school nearby. When this permit was originally approved, the surrounding area was largely undeveloped pastures, much different than the neighborhoods and school that are now adjacent to the proposed plant site. I am opposed to the approval of this facility for several reasons. The operation of the Liberty Hill South San Gabriel Wastewater Treatment Facility presents several significant health and environmental concerns that warrant careful consideration. These risks can affect both the local community and the surrounding ecosystem.

First Concern: Noxious Gasses and Hazardous Emissions One of the primary concerns is the history of noxious odor emissions from Liberty Hill's South San Gabriel Plant. Given that the proposed site is close to a school, the potential for these gases and odors to negatively impact on the health and comfort of students and staff is substantial. In addition to odors, there are serious worries about the release of hazardous pollutants into the air, groundwater, soil, and the North San Gabriel River. Wastewater treatment plants are often not fully effective at removing all contaminants. Commonly found pharmaceuticals in treated effluent—including antibiotics, hormones, anti-inflammatory drugs, antidepressants, benzodiazepines, beta-blockers, anti-seizure medications, and chemotherapy drugs—pose potential health risks to both humans and aquatic life.

Second Concern: Impact on Natural Resources The discharge of wastewater into Soves Branch, a wet-weather creek that does not consistently flow, raises further concerns. This means the effluent will enter the North San Gabriel River undiluted, particularly affecting recreational areas like Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown. Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown are frequently used natural resources where people swim, kayak, fish, and boat. Such minimally diluted effluent could significantly impact aquatic life, recreational users, and the overall drinking water supply.

Third Concern: Long-Term Health and Environmental Impact The long-term consequences of air and water contamination are profound and far-reaching. Studies have shown that sustained exposure to pollutants from wastewater treatment facilities can lead to chronic health problems in nearby populations, including respiratory diseases, developmental delays, and an increased risk of cancer, particularly among children. The environmental consequences could also be devastating, affecting local wildlife, water quality, and soil health for generations. Once contaminants enter the ecosystem, they can persist and accumulate in the food chain, impacting not only local wildlife but also human health.

Fourth Concern: Flooding and Back-Up Risks The proximity of the plant to a school and neighborhood presents a significant risk of wastewater overflow or back-up, especially during heavy rainfall. The location complicates efforts to contain such overflows, potentially flooding areas that house families, schools, and businesses, and leading to environmental and public safety hazards.

Fifth Concern: Precedent of Violations The City of Liberty Hill's history of TCEQ violations at the South San Gabriel Plant raises further concerns regarding the city's ability to effectively manage a new treatment facility without compromising community health and safety. Before 2020, the Liberty Hill South San Gabriel Plant recorded seven TCEQ violations.

Sixth Concern: Pollution of Drinking Water Finally, the effluent from the plant will first flow into Soves Branch, then into the North Branch of the San Gabriel River, which leads to Lake Georgetown—a critical source of drinking water for our area. The Brazos River Authority monitors the chemical levels in the lake, and levels of phosphorus and nitrogen often increase due to wastewater effluent. Wastewater treatment facilities frequently fail to remove pharmaceuticals, plastics, and chemical compounds, which will ultimately flow directly into our drinking water supply. Given these issues, I urge TCEQ and the City of Liberty Hill to reconsider the permit for this wastewater treatment plant. We have a responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our children, families,

and the environment. Building a wastewater treatment plant so close to a school and residential areas is irresponsible and poses significant risks that cannot be overlooked. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Again, we formally request a contested case hearing. My husband and I signed a mediated settlement agreement in 2014. That agreement should still be in effect; however, given the change in this area, which is now densely populated, I have many concerns about where it is located.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 3:32 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MRS Minnie Faye Sansom

EMAIL: mfsansom@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 3495 COUNTY ROAD 258
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4791

PHONE: 5129237336

FAX:

COMMENTS: Sowes Branch feeds directly into Lake Georgetown, which is the source of Georgetown's water supply. The following is from a KVUE news report: "A change in EPA standards aims to cut down Americans' exposure to PFAS, or forever chemicals. A water treatment plant in Georgetown exceeds the new standards." In 2013 we were dealing with this treatment plant. My deceased husband, James W. Sansom, and I attended a TCEQ meeting in Georgetown, to protest the plant. A TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001 dated April 3, 2014 was issued that had effluent limitations and monitoring requirements. This permit expired on December 1, 2018. My husband was a geologist who did many environmental studies and reports in Central Texas, and he was very concerned not only with the wastewater going down Sowes Creek, which is usually dry, but also the chemicals going directly into our water supply. My property is in Liberty Hill's jurisdiction. My husband is deceased now, but I still live on my land. I assumed that I would be notified of any pending permits since Sowes Branch Creek goes down my property on the east side. I will be directly affected by wastewater going down the creek which is usually dry.

TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Jennifer Shaffer

Mailing Address: 300 Canyoncrest Way

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill Zip: 78642

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

Email: Jdshaffer18@gmail.com

Phone Number: (214) 620-4490

- 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.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 2:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Saturday, July 20, 2024 5:56 PM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Jennifer Shaffer

EMAIL: jdshaffer18@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 300 CANYONCREST WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2619

PHONE: 2146204490

FAX:

COMMENTS: My family and I ask you to please, please, please change the plans/location of the wastewater treatment plant within the Santa Rita Ranch community. We just built our dream home in a what we thought was our dream community, having zero idea (and with zero disclosure from the builder) that a decision had been made to place a Water Treatment Plant within Santa Rita Ranch and next door to our community, Saddleback. We moved here because of the previous KNOWN plans of the landowner, not the UNKNOWN decisions of the Santa Rita Ranch developer. We moved here for the ability to raise our family in a beautiful, healthy, fresh air, thriving community, to grow equity within our homes to better serve our future, with highly rated schools tucked inside and surrounding the community, a wonderful private school Divine Savior and our Church The Grove, all nestled together. Grandparents can move into The Regency and benefit from this exceptional space. Now to know that a wastewater treatment center will be within this community and the neighbor to Saddleback, is gut wrenching, heartbreaking. There is so much undeveloped land within Liberty Hill, please, please, PLEASE move the wastewater treatment plant to a new location, and area that won't impact the lives of all of us that feel tremendously misled as this information was not disclosed upon home purchase. Why impact these families lives, schools, churches and the retirement decisions for the 55+ that have already purchased in The Regency? Liberty Hill has the ability to grow and be one of the biggest and best areas in the Austin Metroplex, let us have this opportunity back versus ruining all that has been done already with a wastewater treatment center smack in the middle of this now flourishing community. Please reconsider this decision, please find a new location for the plant.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 4:58 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 7:55 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: MS Jana Shen

EMAIL: myron.qmandmd@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 408 BEREAN LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2584

PHONE: 6089606858

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to formally oppose the wastewater plant proposed under TCEQ permit #WQ0015000001. This plant poses significant risks to public health, the environment, and property values, particularly given its proposed location in a heavily populated area. 1. Outdated Permit in a Rapidly Developed Region The permit for this project was granted years ago, prior to the substantial growth of the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood and surrounding areas. The population density has dramatically increased, making the original approval unsuitable under current conditions. The permit does not account for the risks posed to a thriving community, including schools, homes, and parks. 2. Public Health Concerns Wastewater plants are known to emit odors and contaminants that can cause health issues for nearby residents. Given the population density and proximity to schools, this project could pose serious health risks, particularly to children and elderly individuals. 3. Environmental Risks The compliance history of similar wastewater plants in Liberty Hill raises serious concerns about water quality. Leaks or failures at this plant could degrade nearby water sources, impacting a broad region beyond Santa Rita Ranch. 4. Impact on Property Values and Quality of Life The presence of this plant will inevitably lower property values and diminish the quality of life for residents. Foul odors and environmental hazards will deter potential buyers and harm the investment made by current homeowners. I respectfully request a contested case hearing to reconsider the appropriateness of this plant under today's circumstances. A reevaluation of the permit, considering updated environmental assessments and current community conditions, is essential to ensure the well-being of residents and the protection of our environment. Thank you for addressing these critical concerns.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 12:35 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Praveen Shivaprasad

EMAIL: praveen0989@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 432 BEREAN LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2584

PHONE: 4804084921

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am a resident of Santa Rita Ranch community. I recently learnt that a Waste Water treatment plant is planned in the close vicinity of our community. This would pose multi-fold problems from loss of property values, harming the environment to affecting the quality of lives of many residents. There are multiple schools close to the planned facility and the odors from the plant could impact the students. Kindly reconsider the location of this plant. Thanks, Praveen

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:00 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: K Skinner

EMAIL: Kaf305@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 200 VALLETTA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2553

PHONE: 5126263935

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please use this QR code to submit a statement to fight the wastewater plant. You have until the end of the meeting. It can be as simple as I request a formal hearing. There is a lawyer on the panel that will meet with the residents in attendance of the meeting. This plant will affect us all. TCEQ permit # WQ0015000001 This is my formal statement and I am begging you all to submit one similar. I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for surrounding residents and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: dsmith@envision-creative.com <dsmith@envision-creative.com>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: David Smith

EMAIL: dsmith@envision-creative.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 409 TEXON DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2154

PHONE: 5127793283

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a contested case hearing. The waste water plant can and will cause significant health issues for myself, my husband and children. The water quality will be severely impacted for residents far beyond the Santa Rita Ranch neighborhood based on the failed compliance history for the other waste water plant in Liberty Hill. The odor emitted will severely impacted home values and quality of life for residents and the children in nearby schools.

Mark Mendoza

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 12:05 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: l@3710.io <l@3710.io>
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2024 3:15 PM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Landon Smith

EMAIL: l@3710.io

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 917
Georgetown, TX 78627

PHONE: 7206332505

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear Chief Clerk, I am writing to request a contested case hearing regarding the renewal application for TPDES Permit WQ0015000001 for the Santa Rita Upper Middlebrooks Wastewater Treatment Plant. My property is located on the North Fork of the San Gabriel River near the bridge at Tejas and will be directly impacted. More importantly, the thousands of families who swim in this part of the river, Lake Georgetown, and the Blue Hole will also be affected. The proposed plant is now in a densely

populated residential area near a school, a stark contrast to the undeveloped pastures present when the original permit was issued. It also affects other densely populated areas.

1. History of Violations The City of Liberty Hill's South San Gabriel Plant has a history of TCEQ violations, raising serious concerns about their ability to manage this facility safely. Past incidents highlight the likelihood of accidents, which could harm families, children, and wildlife using the river downstream. Monitoring systems only warn of exposure after the fact, which is unacceptable for a community dependent on this waterway.

2. Environmental Damage Even while meeting standards, treated effluent has caused significant harm to the South San Gabriel River, including fish die-offs and foul odors. Discharging into Sowes Branch, a seasonal creek, will introduce minimally diluted effluent into recreational areas like Camp Tejas and Lake Georgetown, impacting aquatic life, recreation, and drinking water quality.

3. Health, Safety, & Contamination Risks *Wastewater contaminants, including pharmaceuticals and chemicals, can persist in ecosystems and drinking water, posing long-term risks to human and environmental health. Additionally, odors and emissions from the plant could negatively impact nearby neighborhoods and schools.

*Flooding and Overflows: Drinking Water: Effluent from the plant will flow into Lake Georgetown, a critical water source for the area. Wastewater treatment plants frequently fail to remove harmful pollutants, risking contamination of our drinking water supply.

*Backups: The plant's location near homes and schools increases the risk of wastewater overflows during heavy rain, leading to environmental and public health hazards. For these reasons, I urge the TCEQ and the City of Liberty Hill to reconsider this permit. Approving the facility in this location is irresponsible and poses unacceptable risks to public health, safety, and the environment. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Again, I formally request a contested case hearing. Sincerely, Landon Smith

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:36 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

From: l@3710.io <l@3710.io>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:41 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Landon Smith

EMAIL: l@3710.io

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: PO BOX 917
GEORGETOWN TX 78627-0917

PHONE: 7206332505

FAX:

COMMENTS: I highly object to this. Not only to the act itself, but the fact that we were never notified and only found out you are allowing sewage dumping into our river from a neighbor at the 11th hour. This is insane. We will be making this horrible decision and process known to every media outlet out there. The fact that TCEQ is even considering this is beyond comprehension. Absolutely disgusting

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 2:43 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: susansmith5310@yahoo.com <susansmith5310@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:17 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Susan Marie Smith

EMAIL: susansmith5310@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 820 FAITH DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2225

PHONE: 2813815091

FAX:

COMMENTS: Please be advised that I am sending our objection to the above-referenced Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment plant which is planned to be built in the residential community of Santa Rita Ranch, alongside the Divine Savior Academy and Grove Church. Please reconsider this project and schedule a public hearing on this proposed Plant so that you can hear our community objections. We were never informed of this Plant until very recently and without public disclosure and the locale is not ideal for a residential housing community, school and church. Also,

there are many other parcels of land which this Plant could be built which would not have the potential environmental concerns, etc. Please reconsider the location for this Plant and do not issue this permit.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:22 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

PM

From: sarjun.arjun91@gmail.com <sarjun.arjun91@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 1:37 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Arjun Sridhar

EMAIL: sarjun.arjun91@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 217 BELLA LUNA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2405

PHONE: 9799859270

FAX:

COMMENTS: Subject: Important: WWTP Installation Concerns Hello, I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to urgently address the recent installation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in our community. The lack of prior communication has understandably caused significant concern among residents. As a homeowner in Santa Rita Ranch, I emphasize the importance of transparency and communication regarding developments that directly impact our neighborhood. We require detailed information on the WWTP, including its capacity, operational procedures, environmental assessments, and measures to mitigate potential adverse effects on our community. Prompt action is necessary to address these concerns and foster a cooperative relationship between residents and developers. I kindly

request an immediate meeting or a comprehensive written response to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent issue. Sincerely, Arjun Sridhar 217 Bella Luna Way Liberty Hill TX:78642

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:40 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: Sarjun.arjun91@gmail.com <Sarjun.arjun91@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 10:24 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 2:12 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: casirayne05@gmail.com <casirayne05@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 3, 2024 11:10 PM
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Casi Stuchell

EMAIL: casirayne05@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 121 DOUBLE MOUNTAIN RD
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2131

PHONE: 9499237915

FAX:

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:16 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: sureshsujatha@gmail.com <sureshsujatha@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:49 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Sujatha Suresh

EMAIL: sureshsujatha@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 408 GREAT LAWN BND
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2466

PHONE: 4087722262

FAX:

COMMENTS: I want to t l my strenuous objection to the location of the WWTP right across from Says Roots Ranch North. We were not informed about this being right on Ronald Regan in plain view, impacting our property values and potentially causing environmental impacts through odors and ground water contamination. I would like the country to reconsider the placement of this plant in an area that is less visible and placed away from major residential developments.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:11 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: adri.felrod@gmail.com <adri.felrod@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 9:40 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Adriana E Suwinski

EMAIL: adri.felrod@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 757 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2615

PHONE: 4088561579

FAX:

COMMENTS: This waste water treatment plant needs to be moved, we have schools elderly children and families. How could you not take any of this into consideration; this is Texas we have so much land you can use elsewhere do not build this next to our homes our lively hood. This is not safe for any of us to live around have children near ect... Liberty Hill you need to move this into an area not near \$500K plus homes. Please move this or cancel it.

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 4:02 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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Sent: Saturday, May 11, 2024 8:26 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Hans Charles Suwinski

EMAIL: Hans4455@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 757 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2615

PHONE: 4086934581

FAX:

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Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2024 2:14 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: CORRECTION: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 2:10 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2 <pubcomment-occ2@tceq.texas.gov>; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC <pubcomment-opic@tceq.texas.gov>; PUBCOMMENT-ELD <pubcomment-eld@tceq.texas.gov>; PUBCOMMENT-WQ <pubcomment-wq@tceq.texas.gov>
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From: hans4455@gmail.com <hans4455@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2024 9:34 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Hans C Suwinski

EMAIL: hans4455@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 757 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2615

PHONE: 4086934581

FAX:

COMMENTS: Dear Whoever can help I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a wastewater treatment plant near our residential community. While I understand the importance of infrastructure development, this project raises several significant concerns that merit reconsideration or relocation.

Environmental Risks The proposed location poses risks to local ecosystems. Wastewater treatment facilities, even with advanced technology, can occasionally fail or face overflows during extreme weather events, leading to potential contamination of nearby soil and waterways. This could harm wildlife and compromise local biodiversity.

Health and Safety Concerns Proximity to a wastewater treatment plant exposes residents to potential health risks. Even with rigorous management, odors, airborne particles, and the possibility of pathogens in the vicinity could affect public health. Noise pollution from machinery and truck traffic may also disrupt daily life.

Negative Impact on Property Values Studies have shown that industrial facilities near residential neighborhoods often reduce property values. This proposed plant could diminish the attractiveness of our community and financially burden homeowners who have invested in their properties.

Community Disruption The construction and operation of the plant would likely increase traffic, noise, and pollution, disrupting the peace and character of the area. Many residents moved here for the quiet, clean environment, which this project threatens to compromise.

Alternative Locations It is reasonable to assume that less densely populated or more industrially zoned areas could accommodate this facility without significant disruption to residential neighborhoods. An exploration of alternative sites should be prioritized before finalizing the current location.

In light of these concerns, I urge you to reconsider granting this permit for the proposed location. I request that a more thorough public consultation and alternative site assessment be conducted to ensure the project aligns with community interests and minimizes harm. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Hans Suwinski Concerned Citizen of Santa Rita Ranch

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2024 1:06 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

From: visionxscope@gmail.com <visionxscope@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 9:49 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <pubcomment-occ@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number WQ0015000001

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CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Hans Suwinski

EMAIL: visionxscope@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 757 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2615

PHONE: 4086934581

FAX:

COMMENTS: MOVE THIS TERRIBLE IDEA AWAY FROM US HOME OWNERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, SCHOOLS!!! WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU PEOPLE. WE LIVE HERE! WE BOUGHT OUR HOME AT THE START OF THIS YEAR AND THIS WAS NEVER MENTIONED TO US OTHERWISE WE WOULD HAVE NOT BOUGHT HERE!. YOU NEED TO RESPECT THE COMMUNITY OUR RESOURCES AND LAND. MOVE THIS TERRIBLE SMELLY PLANT AWAY FROM WHERE WE LIVE. THERE IS NOTHING TEXAS ABOUT THE WAY

YOU ARE TREATING US OUR THE LAND! Please do not approve this permit they need to have an alternate location provided away from all homes and future communities.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2024 3:33 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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REGULATED ENTY NAME WILLIAMSON COUNTY MUD 19 - SANTA RITA UPPER MIDDLEBROOK WWTP

RN NUMBER: RN106076862

PERMIT NUMBER: WQ0015000001

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Hans Charles Suwinski

EMAIL: Hans4455@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 757 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2615

PHONE: 4086934581

FAX:

COMMENTS: Good afternoon we have just moved into the Saddleback community over in Santa Rita Ranch in February 2024. We have saved up our life savings to get our first home to raise our children in it and now we are told there's gonna be a water treatment center next to our house. This is unacceptable for our children. This is unacceptable for the area of Santa Rita and this is unacceptable for liberty Hill to put this next to our home. Go put this somewhere else where there's nobody living here we don't wanna smell the gas. We don't wanna smell the water. We wanna be able to live comfortable in our home that we are paying liberty Hill on This is unfortunate and it should not be completed. You have every resident in our community upset and frustrated and we are all paying taxes to you. We need we need this to

be fixed. We need to be corrected because nobody is gonna be staying in that city. If you this is where you're gonna put a water treatment plan the sellers the homes did not disclose that to any of the resident to live there and we are all very upset. You need to remove this water treatment

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 5:02 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Bhanu Shankar Tanneru

EMAIL: bhanu.cognosbi@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 820 OLINDA WAY
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2616

PHONE: 7745404355

FAX:

COMMENTS: We have concerns on how the plant will be maintained so that it would have less impact on our environment as well as flora and fauna. It should not deteriorate our present living standards. I am formally requesting a hearing for this to ensure everything will be taken care.

Jennifer Cox

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Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 5:15 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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ADDRESS: 820 OLINDA WAY
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PHONE: 7745404355

FAX:

COMMENTS: We are concerned about the location of WWTP because of below reasons - quality of life issues - loss of property values - environmental concerns Though how good they maintain there is always scope for an occurrence of an issue WWTP on south is an example. By taking our concerns in to account, If another place which is far from residential area is chosen instead of the present location, It would be a great help

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 10:56 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-WQ
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Eric Thomas

EMAIL: eric.james.thomas@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 201 NASH LN
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-4456

PHONE: 5124614874



FAX:

COMMENTS: I am filing a contested hearing to the proposed wastewater treatment plant in our community for the critical reason of proximity to the communities in the area.

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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Kristen Turk

EMAIL: foreverswim@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 316 JOYA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2159

PHONE: 7703282233

FAX:

COMMENTS: Hello, My family and I live off of CR258 and will directly be impacted by the proposed wastewater plant. We are worried about this due to the potential smell, leaching into the watershed, and the pollutants that will be put into the air. The location that the wastewater plant is proposed to is far too close to communities that will be negatively impacted. Please reconsider the location for this plant. Thank you, The Turk Family.

Vincent Redondo

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 11:41 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: priyavou@gmail.com <priyavou@gmail.com>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Priya Vaddepally

EMAIL: priyavou@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 312 REDONDA DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2576

PHONE: 5157086804

FAX:

COMMENTS: It is really concerning that Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is being constructed in a highly dense residential area. The placement of the WWTP in such a high-density area with the creek flowing throughout Santa Rita Ranch could severely affect all nearby residents and potentially contaminate one of our drinking water sources the Lake Georgetown. I request you to please reconsider the placement of WWTP to a different location

Jennifer Cox

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2024 11:25 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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From: ramarao.sap@gmail.com <ramarao.sap@gmail.com>
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Venkata Jaya Ra Vakkalagadda

EMAIL: ramarao.sap@gmail.com



COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 148 BANYON DR
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2539

PHONE: 4045795998

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed Wastewater Treatment Plant that is planned to be built near our community. I strongly believe that this project should not be given permission to proceed due to the negative impact it will have on the surrounding 3,000 homes and people living nearby. As a resident of this community, I am deeply worried about the potential health risks and environmental hazards that could arise as a result of the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The emissions and pollutants that are released during the treatment process pose a serious threat to the air and water quality in our area, as well as to the health and well-being of the residents who live here. Furthermore, the construction and operation of the plant will have a detrimental effect on the



local wildlife and ecosystems, as well as on property values and the overall quality of life in our community. The noise, odor, and traffic that will accompany the plant's operation are likely to disrupt the peace and tranquility that we currently enjoy. I urge you to reconsider granting permission for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be built in our neighborhood. I believe that there are alternative solutions that can be explored to address the wastewater treatment needs of our area without putting the health and safety of our community at risk. Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns. I look forward to hearing from you about this matter.

Ellie Guerra

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Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:37 AM
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PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Caroline Walker

EMAIL: Caroline_walker13@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 117 DOUBLE MOUNTAIN RD
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2131

PHONE: 5127514215

FAX:

COMMENTS: This is a hazard to health. I request a formal hearing.

Ellie Guerra

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, December 4, 2024 11:38 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-WQ; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
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COUNTY: WILLIAMSON

PRINCIPAL NAME: CITY OF LIBERTY HILL

CN NUMBER: CN602959033

NAME: Dylan Walker

EMAIL: Dwalk305@yahoo.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 117 DOUBLE MOUNTAIN RD
LIBERTY HILL TX 78642-2131

PHONE: 5126959159

FAX:

COMMENTS: I request a formal hearing

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TCEQ Registration Form

December 3, 2024

City of Liberty Hill

Proposed Renewal of TPDES Permit No. WQ0015000001

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Randy Willis + ~~Charles Lee Weston~~

Mailing Address: 577 Faith Dr Liberty Hill, Tx 78642

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Liberty Hill Zip: 78642-

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

Email: ~~VRW751@gmail.com~~ VRW751@gmail.com

Phone Number: (512) 705-0477

- 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.

Oral presentation: Randy Willis, Santa Rita Ranch North Resident (12.03.24)

Honorable Commissioners of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,

My name is Randy Willis. I live at 577 Faith Drive, Santa Rita Ranch North subdivision, Ventana Section, Liberty Hill, TX.

Thank you for taking the time to hear the voices of concerned citizens from the Greater Liberty Hill area regarding the proposed Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant. We deeply appreciate this opportunity to directly address the grave concerns that may impact the quality of life for nearby residents. Our gratitude extends to Representative Caroline Harris Davila for facilitating this public opportunity to address this process and to the Liberty Hill Mayor Crystal Mancilla for engaging in constructive dialogue with the community.

Transparency in governmental processes is vital for fostering trust, especially in this case where residents were not informed about the proximity of this facility at any time before, during, and after the purchasing of their homes—many of which are positioned on premium lots with direct views and very close proximity of the proposed site. This lack of disclosure highlights a serious breach of trust. I understand we're not here to discuss the lack of transparency of the Santa Rita Ranch developer. However, we are here today, to implore you to critically review the application, listen to the community's concerns, and carefully weigh the potential detrimental effects this project could have on everyday life for senior citizens, school children, area residents, since this is the first time we have had to address you directly.

I stand before you today as a deeply concerned citizen residing less than 1,000 feet from the proposed Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant. I urge you to carefully reconsider authorizing TPDES Permit WQ0015000001 and at the very least we demand the strictest adherence to environmental and health protection standards for this project

Compliance with Design and Operational Standards

We must ensure that this plant fully complies with **Title 30, Chapter 217 of the Texas Administrative Code**, particularly Subchapter B for design criteria and Subchapters C and D for the collection system. Every aspect of the treatment process—preliminary treatment, biological

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treatment, and disinfection—must meet these rigorous standards. The history of wastewater plant issues in our area underscores the critical need for robust regulatory oversight.

Concerns with Developer Involvement

A major concern has recently surfaced regarding the developer's role in funding the plant for the City of Liberty Hill. In many cases, developers prioritize cost-cutting measures to maximize profit, often bypassing essential design and environmental considerations. This raises significant red flags, particularly given Liberty Hill's own historical challenges with wastewater treatment operations management. While Liberty Hill has gained valuable experience from its current plant, the potential for budget limitations from the developer in this project raises concerns about compliance with TAC Chapter 217 standards.

We believe the perceived developer's lack of direct experience in wastewater treatment and environmental compliance may exacerbate this issue. Unlike established entities such as Georgetown, we are of the opinion that the developer may lack technical expertise and proven financial resources to ensure long-term success in operations and facility maintenance.

Design Flaws and Public Health Risks

We are especially concerned about the **odor control measures** in the plant's design. Ineffective odor management could result in significant emissions of harmful gases. Given that our residence is situated directly above the proposed plant site, prevailing western winds could carry toxic fumes directly into our home. As senior citizens, we are particularly vulnerable to the potential health impacts of these emissions, including respiratory issues. In addition, a private school located South of the proposed site, could increase health related issues from the toxic fumes from a southern wind blowing towards the school for the school aged children

We implore the Commission to mandate the most stringent odor-control technologies in the plant's design to safeguard nearby residents and school.

Lessons from Liberty Hill's Past Compliance Failures

Liberty Hill's history of over 1,000 days of non-compliance with ammonia nitrogen and phosphorus discharge limits serves as a cautionary tale. These violations highlight the critical need for enhanced monitoring, advanced treatment systems, and long-term planning to prevent similar issues. If the developer's approach to funding prioritizes cost over quality, Liberty Hill—and by extension, our community—could once again face significant environmental and regulatory challenges.

Impact on Water Resources

The proposed discharge will affect tributaries feeding major drinking water sources, posing significant risks to water quality and aquatic ecosystems. Excessive nutrient loading can lead to algal blooms, may kill fish, and degradation of Hill Country streams. Advanced treatment processes must be employed to ensure effluent quality far exceeds just minimum standards required by law.

Public Health and Environmental Justice

Studies consistently demonstrate increased health risks for those living near wastewater treatment facilities, including respiratory and skin conditions. With residential areas less than a mile from the proposed site, the potential health impacts must not be ignored. Furthermore, the plant's location raises environmental justice concerns. We must carefully evaluate whether its placement disproportionately affects certain communities and whether cumulative environmental stressors in the area have been adequately assessed.

Recommendations

To address these concerns, I strongly recommend:

- 1. Alternative Regional Solutions:** Fully explore connections to existing facilities with better compliance records.

2. **Mandatory Advanced Odor Control:** Require cutting-edge odor control measures to protect nearby residents and school children.
3. **Stricter Permit and Monitoring Conditions:** Implement strict discharge limits for nutrients, more frequent monitoring, and advanced treatment technologies
4. **Environmental Justice Assessments:** Conduct thorough reviews of cumulative impacts on community-specific health risks and environment waters system.

Conclusion

Given the sensitive nature of our Hill Country ecosystems, Liberty Hill's compliance history, and the involvement of an inexperienced developer, I urge the TCEQ to exercise extreme caution in approving this permit. The health and safety of nearby residents, senior citizen, school children, the integrity of our water resources, and the long-term sustainability of this project depend on your decision.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter. Let us prioritize environmental stewardship and public health above all else.

Respectfully,
Randy Willis, Claudia Loewenstein
577 Faith drive
Liberty Hill, Texas 78642
Santa Rita Ranch
Ventana Section

Written Submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Application for TPDES Permit WQ0015000001 for the Proposed Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant

Prepared by: Concerned Citizen, Randy Willis, 577 Faith Drive, Santa Rita Ranch North, Ventana Section, Liberty Hill, Texas. Residing less than one half mile of the proposed facility.

I. Compliance with Design Criteria

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) must ensure the proposed facility adheres to regulatory standards, strict compliance with **Title 30, Chapter 217** of the **Texas Administrative Code (TAC)** is essential. Specific points of concern to be addressed include:

1. Facility Design Requirements

- Verification that the design meets all requirements in **Subchapter B** (Wastewater Treatment Facility Design Requirements).
- Ensuring the collection system complies with **Subchapter C** (Conventional Collection Systems) or **Subchapter D** (Alternative Collection Systems).
- Confirming that treatment processes such as preliminary treatment, activated sludge systems, and disinfection adhere to their respective subchapters.

2. Odor Control Design and Compliance

- Strict adherence to TAC §217.198 regarding **odor control measures** must be mandated. This includes the implementation of **odor containment and treatment technologies** to minimize emissions of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) known to pose risks to human health. The facility's proximity to residential areas, particularly homes within 1,000 feet, necessitates advanced systems such as **carbon scrubbers, biofilters, and closed-loop odor containment**.

3. Effluent Standards Compliance

- Effluent limits must be protective and enforceable. Liberty Hill's history of failing to meet required standards raises concerns about similar risks for this facility, jeopardizing public health and environmental safety.

4. Environmental Impact on Water Quality

- The Brazos River Authority's July 7, 2023, communication highlights potential risks to **Dry Creek** and **Lake Georgetown**, a vital drinking water source and recreational hub. Robust strategies must be implemented to safeguard water quality against adverse impacts.

II. Compliance History Concerns

1. Historical Violations in the Region

- Liberty Hill's compliance struggles serve as a cautionary example. The TCEQ must thoroughly evaluate the compliance history of all parties involved.

2. Increased Oversight Requirements

- More stringent monitoring and oversight are necessary to prevent similar compliance failures at the proposed facility.

III. Concerns Regarding the Developer's Role

1. Developer Funding Model

- The developer's role in funding the wastewater treatment plant raises significant concerns. Cost-cutting measures commonly implemented by developers to maximize profits can lead to design compromises and environmental risks.

2. Risk of Inadequate Design and Construction

- Developers often prioritize the least expensive solutions, increasing the likelihood of critical design flaws or omissions. This approach could bypass necessary environmental safeguards, leaving the City of Liberty Hill ultimately responsible for long-term issues.

3. Budgetary Constraints

- A constrained budget for the plant increases the risk of non-compliance with **Title 30, Chapter 217 of the Texas Administrative Code**, particularly:
 - **Subchapter B** (Wastewater Treatment Facility Design Requirements).
 - **Subchapters C and D** (Conventional and Alternative Collection Systems).

4. Operational Challenges

- While Liberty Hill has gained experience managing its current wastewater facility, relying on a budget-constrained, developer-driven model introduces significant risks. Without adequate investment, the plant may struggle to meet regulatory standards and sustain proper maintenance over its lifecycle.

5. TCEQ Oversight Recommendations

- We urge the Commission to:
 - Ensure detailed evaluation of the developer's proposed design and construction plans.
 - Mandate that the facility meets or exceeds all TAC requirements, with no cost-driven compromises.
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- Conduct regular compliance reviews and monitoring to address potential deficiencies proactively.

IV. Public Health Protection

1. Odor Emissions and Public Health

- The release of **toxic fumes such as hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)**, known for causing respiratory irritation and long-term health risks, is a major concern. With prevailing western and or southern winds potentially directing emissions toward homes and school, the health risks for residents, particularly senior citizens, and school age children are exacerbated. TCEQ must mandate the most stringent odor control measures to ensure community safety.

2. System Failures and Safeguards

- Emergency response plans and robust safeguards are critical to protect public health, especially in case of system failures or inadequate treatment.

V. Downstream Water Resource Protection

1. Impact on Drinking Water Sources

- The discharge may affect tributaries feeding into major drinking water sources, increasing risks of nutrient loading and ecosystem disruption.

2. Advanced Treatment Processes

- To protect Hill Country streams, advanced treatment technologies and higher effluent quality standards should be mandated.

VI. Permit Parameters and Monitoring Requirements

1. Stricter Effluent Limits

- Lower discharge limits for nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen should be enforced to protect sensitive waterways.

2. Enhanced Monitoring and Reporting

- Increased frequency and transparency of monitoring are essential to ensure compliance.

3. Advanced Technologies

- The implementation of cutting-edge treatment technologies is necessary to guarantee high-quality effluent.

VII. Consideration of Regionalization and Alternatives

1. Integration with Existing Facilities

- The TCEQ should explore connecting to established wastewater systems with proven compliance records.

VIII. Environmental Justice

1. Equity in Environmental Impact

- The proposed location's potential to disproportionately affect certain communities, particularly senior citizens and school children, must be evaluated.

2. Cumulative Environmental Stressors

- The commission should assess the cumulative impacts of multiple environmental stressors in the area.
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Conclusion

The sensitive nature of Hill Country waterways, the compliance issues in the region, and the involvement of an inexperienced developer necessitate extreme caution. **Odor control**, in particular, must be a top priority given the risks posed to nearby residents, especially senior citizens and children attending nearby school. The TCEQ must prioritize public health, environmental protection, and long-term sustainability over short-term development interests. This permit application requires careful scrutiny to ensure that the facility will not compromise the health, safety, or environment of the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randy Willis,
577 Faith Drive
Liberty Hill, Texas , 78642
Santa Rita Ranch North
Ventana Section

Subject: Request for Contested Hearing; Concerns Regarding the Application for TPDES Permit WQ0015000001 for the Proposed Santa Rita Upper Sowes Creek Treatment Plant

Property Owner: Randy Willis

Location: 577 Faith Drive, Liberty Hill, Texas 78642

Proximity to proposed treatment plant: on ridge .2 miles (1000 feet) directly above and in direct view from Ventana section for Santa Rita North.

December 3, 2024

Submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Subject: Concerns Regarding the Application for TPDES Permit WQ0015000001 for the Proposed Santa Rita Upper Middlebrook Wastewater Treatment Plant

Prepared by: Concerned Citizen Residing Within One Mile of the Proposed Facility

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- Verification that the design meets all requirements in **Subchapter B** (Wastewater Treatment Facility Design Requirements).
- Ensuring the collection system complies with **Subchapter C** (Conventional Collection Systems) or **Subchapter D** (Alternative Collection Systems).
- Confirming that treatment processes such as preliminary treatment, activated sludge systems, and disinfection adhere to their respective subchapters.

2. Odor Control Design and Compliance

- Strict adherence to TAC §217.198 regarding **odor control measures** must be mandated. This includes the implementation of **odor containment and treatment technologies** to minimize emissions of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and other volatile organic compounds (VOCs) known to pose risks to human health. The facility's proximity to residential areas, particularly homes within 1,000 feet, necessitates advanced systems such as **carbon scrubbers, biofilters, and closed-loop odor containment**.

3. Effluent Standards Compliance

- Effluent limits must be protective and enforceable. Liberty Hill's history of failing to meet required standards raises concerns about similar risks for this facility, jeopardizing public health and environmental safety.

4. Environmental Impact on Water Quality

- The Brazos River Authority's July 7, 2023, communication highlights potential risks to **Dry Creek** and **Lake Georgetown**, a vital drinking water source and recreational hub. Robust strategies must be implemented to safeguard water quality against adverse impacts.

II. Compliance History Concerns

1. Historical Violations in the Region

- Liberty Hill's compliance struggles serve as a cautionary example. The TCEQ must thoroughly evaluate the compliance history of all parties involved.

2. Increased Oversight Requirements

- More stringent monitoring and oversight are necessary to prevent similar compliance failures at the proposed facility.

III. Concerns Regarding the Developer's Role

1. Developer Funding Model

- The developer's role in funding the wastewater treatment plant raises significant concerns. Cost-cutting measures commonly implemented by developers to maximize profits can lead to design compromises and environmental risks.

2. Risk of Inadequate Design and Construction

- Developers often prioritize the least expensive solutions, increasing the likelihood of critical design flaws or omissions. This approach could bypass necessary environmental safeguards, leaving the City of Liberty Hill ultimately responsible for long-term issues.

3. Budgetary Constraints

- A constrained budget for the plant increases the risk of non-compliance with **Title 30, Chapter 217 of the Texas Administrative Code**, particularly:
 - **Subchapter B** (Wastewater Treatment Facility Design Requirements).
 - **Subchapters C and D** (Conventional and Alternative Collection Systems).

4. Operational Challenges

- While Liberty Hill has gained experience managing its current wastewater facility, relying on a budget-constrained, developer-driven model introduces significant risks. Without adequate investment, the plant may struggle to meet regulatory standards and sustain proper maintenance over its lifecycle.

5. TCEQ Oversight Recommendations

- We urge the Commission to:
 - Ensure detailed evaluation of the developer's proposed design and construction plans.
 - Mandate that the facility meets or exceeds all TAC requirements, with no cost-driven compromises.
 - Conduct regular compliance reviews and monitoring to address potential deficiencies proactively.

IV. Public Health Protection

1. Proximity to Residential Areas

- The facility's location within one mile of residential areas raises and private school concerns about odor nuisances and air quality degradation, particularly for vulnerable populations like senior citizens and school age children.

2. System Failures and Safeguards

- Emergency response plans and robust safeguards are critical to protect public health, especially in case of system failures or inadequate treatment.

3. Odor Emissions and Public Health

- The release of **toxic fumes such as hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)**, known for causing respiratory irritation and long-term health risks, is a major concern. With prevailing western winds potentially directing emissions toward homes and private school, the health risks for residents, particularly senior citizens, and school age children, are exacerbated. TCEQ must mandate the most stringent odor control measures to ensure community safety.

V. Downstream Water Resource Protection

1. Impact on Drinking Water Sources

- The discharge may affect tributaries feeding into major drinking water sources, increasing risks of nutrient loading and ecosystem disruption.

2. Advanced Treatment Processes

- To protect Hill Country streams, advanced treatment technologies and higher effluent quality standards should be mandated.

VI. Permit Parameters and Monitoring Requirements

1. Stricter Effluent Limits

- Lower discharge limits for nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen should be enforced to protect sensitive waterways.

2. Enhanced Monitoring and Reporting

- Increased frequency and transparency of monitoring are essential to ensure compliance.

3. Advanced Technologies

- Implementation of cutting-edge treatment technologies is necessary to guarantee high-quality effluent.

VII. Consideration of Regionalization and Alternatives

1. Integration with Existing Facilities

- The TCEQ should explore connecting to established wastewater systems with proven compliance records.

2. Alternative Disposal Methods

- Options like land application or beneficial reuse should be considered to minimize direct discharge into vulnerable water bodies.

VIII. Environmental Justice

1. Equity in Environmental Impact

- The proposed location's potential to disproportionately affect certain communities must be evaluated.

2. Cumulative Environmental Stressors

- The commission should assess the cumulative impacts of multiple environmental stressors in the area.
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Conclusion

The sensitive nature of Hill Country waterways, the compliance issues in the region, and the involvement of an inexperienced developer necessitate extreme caution. **Odor control**, in particular, must be a top priority given the risks posed to nearby residents, especially senior citizens and school age children attending nearby school. The TCEQ must prioritize public health, environmental protection, and long-term sustainability over short-term development interests. This permit application requires careful scrutiny to ensure that the facility will not compromise the health, safety, or environment of the surrounding community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Residents' property values and quality of life, as well as those of the kids attending the local schools, will be negatively impacted by the stink.

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