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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Extension of Time to Complete Performance Test
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Good afternoon, Mr. Klee.

The TCEQ has received your request to delay Westlake Chemical's performance test of its catalytic oxidizer, which is due March 31, 2020. Westlake has requested an extension of time of up to six months in order to complete the performance test. The request is granted. The new deadline will be no later than September 30, 2020. The test must be conducted as soon as practicable before this date. Should the need for a second extension need to be considered, please re-submit your request.

Regards,

Jonathan Walling, Area Director
Coastal & East Texas Area
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

To whom it may concern:

Westlake Longview Corporation is required by Special Condition 6 of NSR Permit No. 7695 to conduct a performance test of its Catalytic Oxidizer (CatOx) every three years. The deadline for the required upcoming test is March 31, 2020. While the testing of the CatOx has been scheduled, Westlake is concerned about the recent events concerning the COVID-19 virus.

We have been informed that the principal member of the crew scheduled to participate in the performance test has recently visited an area of California in which a number of COVID-19 cases have been identified.

In addition to this, Westlake has directed most of its personnel to follow a revised work schedule whereby personnel are now, on a weekly basis, alternating working on-site and from home. This reduced staffing level makes it very difficult to simultaneously address plant operations and provide oversight of the crew doing the performance test.

Given the current situation, in order to minimize social contact and the possible spread of the disease, Westlake prefers to postpone this test.

Therefore, we respectfully request that Westlake be granted an extension of time of up to six months in order to complete the performance test of the CatOx.

Sincerely,

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