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Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District

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TexCom Gulf Disposal, LLC filed applications with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requesting approval to inject industrial commercial nonhazardous wastes underground in Montgomery County. TexCom proposes to inject a variety of chemicals more than 5,000 feet beneath the surface through multiple aquifers and at least one oil formation. TexCom's applications are of serious concern to the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District. The District is committed to protecting all aquifers and groundwater resources in Montgomery County, and its Board of Directors and General Manager are treating TexCom's applications as a high priority. The District's Board of Directors includes representatives of virtually all major water stakeholders in Montgomery County, including The Woodlands Joint Powers Agency, the San Jacinto River Authority, the City of Conroe and other incorporated cities in the county, the Soil and Water Conservation District, the various municipal utility districts, and two representatives of the public appointed by the Montgomery County Commissioners Court.

The Lone Star District first became aware of TexCom's project in mid-July 2007, and quickly took action to investigate the issues and to actively participate in the litigation pending before the State Office of Administrative Hearings in Austin. The District immediately engaged environmental attorneys, engineers, geologists, and scientists with extensive experience on the issues to review TexCom's applications and determine whether they pose an unreasonable threat to the groundwater resources of Montgomery County. The District's attorneys and experts spent considerable efforts in September and October studying the applications and the issues, and have concluded that the applications contain significant deficiencies, oversights, and misleading scientific assumptions. It is the District's position that TexCom's applications present an unreasonable risk of contamination of the aquifers that make up the water supply of a significant number of people in Montgomery County, including the cities, rural areas, and businesses that rely on this precious resource. The District is also concerned that TexCom's Environmental Manager has left the company for unknown reasons and that TexCom's financial situation is questionable.

The Lone Star District has worked hard to protect the groundwater resources of Montgomery County in this matter, and is committed to making its case to the TCEQ that TexCom's applications should be denied. The District has also worked closely, in coordination with the County, City of Conroe, and many landowners who share the commitment to protect Montgomery County's groundwater resources. Trial is set for December 12, 2007, and the District is actively working to prepare for that trial.

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