## TCEQ PROPOSED PERMIT NO. 2324

APPLICATION BY	§	BEFORE THE
MONTGOMERY LANDFILL	§ §	TEXAS COMMISSION ON
SOLUTIONS, L.P.	§ §	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSE TO HEARING REQUESTS AND REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION

## I. Introduction

The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or Commission) files this Response to Hearing Requests and Requests for Reconsideration (Response) on the application of Montgomery Landfill Solutions, L.P. (Applicant) for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permit Number 2324 (the Application).

Attached for Commission consideration are the following:

Attachment A - Technical Summary and Draft Permit

Attachment B – Executive Director's First Amended Response to Public

Comment

Attachment C - Compliance History

Attachment D - GIS Map & Landowners List

The following people submitted an identical hearing request to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, and will be known as **Group 1**:

Heather Adams
Lori Adams
Rodney Adkinson
Lewis Akin
Amy Ashby
Kevin Ashby
Emileen Atkinson
Richard Atkinson
Willie Mae Atkinson
Ebbie Bailey
Martha Barr
Deborah Bell
Jason Bellini
Kimberly Bellini

Rosalie Biano

Kennith Bishoff
Lea Ann Bishoff
Betty Blackman
Terry Blackman
Violet Blackman
W. L. Blackman
Ann Blackmer
Robert Blackmer

Karen and Tim Bradberry

Barry Brannon Sherry Brannon Courtney Brennan

Tila Brooks Charles Buzbee Marie Buzbee Laura Champagne

Gary Chunn Penny Chunn

Concerned Citizen #1 Larry Wayne Collins

James Crandle

William Winwright Cribbs

Troy Deaton
David Deschner
Frank Fanning
Stephanie Ford
Vanda Ford
Skipper Fountain

Skipper Fountain Steven Geisman Judith Grav

Melinda Hall Sandy Hamilton Steve Hamilton

Beverly Hammett Jerry Hammett Linda Hampton

Kathleen Harrison Laurie Headings Sonja Henry

Dallas Hiett Barbara Huddleston

Timothy Huston Bobbie Irwin Stanley Johnson

Laura Jones
Ross Jones

Lorena Jungst John Kenney Marylin Kinney

Henry Knight Sharon Labian Francine Lafield

Brice Leverett

Edward Lichnerowicz

David Lounder
Christine Ludwig
David Ludwig
Charles Wade Lyle

Jose Marquez Robert Martin

James and Lori Mattox

Jeffery McCaffrey Melissa McCaffrey Ronald McCaffrey Don McCaslin Maggie McCaslin

Meghan McCaslin Tricia McCaslin Barbara McLeane Esmeralda McLeane

Matt McLeane
Ned McLeane
Michelle Miller
Robert Miller
Tommy Miller
Lorrie Minix

Christopher Morrill
Crystal Morrill
Milton Mueller
Rhonda Nash
David Neal
Debbie Neal
Casey Neely
Glenda O'Farrell
Judith O'Toole
John Overall

Jesse Prewitt
Kelly Radmanovich
Milorad Radmanovich
Fransisco Ramirez

Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains

Patricia Ream
Robert Ream
Charles Reed
Kelly Reed
David Rendon
Terry Rollins
Maria Ronberg
Alexandra Ronngren

Daniel and Mary Rosales

Russel Schoonover R. Allen Selph R. T. Selph Vera Shafer Frances Sheppard

Bob Singleton Sfc. James Singleton Charley Smith
Jaren Smith
John Smith
Leah Smith
Richard Smith
Herbert Somplasky
Nikki Somplasky
Kathryn Spore
Linda Standley
Nancy Steward
Thomas Steward
Bennett Stone
David Tate
Rhonda Tate
Joyce Taylor

Adriadna Natalia Teapila

Billy Thompson Kenneth Thompson Todd Thompson Gordon Trott Kimberly Trott Jason Turner Sandra Turner
John Vickery
Maria Vickery
Margaret Wagner
R. L. Walker
R. W. Walker

James Walkinshaw, Jr.

Fahad Waqas
James Watkins, Jr.
Cliff Welch
Deborah Welch
Jimmie Welch
John Welch

Karen and Dale Welch
Janet Westbrook
Charlotte Williams
James L. Williams
James S. Williams
Lacey Williams
Herschel Wilson
Jacqueline Woychesin

Paul Zylman

The following people submitted an identical hearing request to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, and will be known as **Group 2**:

Justin Abbot
Roger Adams
Ruth Allen
Stephen Barfield
Johnny Beall
Karen Beall
Dorthy Bell
Jason Bellini
Kimberly Bellini
R. A. Benedict
Ralph Benedict II
Bonnie Braswell
Charles Buzbee

James Clanton
Floyd Collins
Tina Collins
Joshua Davis

Marie Buzbee

Dennis Cartwright

Rosemary Cartwright

Alberto Enriquez Anneliese Enriquez Belinda Faulkner

Lisa Ford
Terri Gandy
Sherry Glaze
Matt Glazewski
Glenda Godejohn
Maurice Godejohn
Steven Gothard
Mark Grimes
Martha Guilbeaux
Ronnie Guilbeaux
Kenny Hamby
Sheila Hardrick
Prescilla Harris
Deborah Heuermann

Amber Hunt Jimmy Hunt Seth Jones Crystal Kelsoe
Eric Kelsoe
Ed Kirkland
Floralee Lovell
James Lovell
David Ludwig, Jr
Charles Lyle
Mark Matheny
Bob McDaniel
Terri McDonald

Carl and Linda McLeod

Linda Middleton Luis Nava Albert Nelson Shelia Nelson Tara Olephant Weda O'Neil Linda Ott Sylvia Padilla Jack Potter Lisa Reasor Terry Rollins Delores Roost J. Sandles

David Sargent, Jr.

Stephanie Simmons James Singleton Ciara Smalling Sherry Smalling John and Leah Smith Nikki Somplasky George Standley Linda Standley Ricky Standley Joseph Tanseu David Tate Rhonda Tate Jason Turner Ken Vandine Shawn Wallace Dan Wallaer Cynthia Watford Shawn Watford James Watkins Angela Welch Dale Welch

The following people submitted an identical hearing request to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, and will be known as **Group 3:** 

Rachel Amacloe
William Boles
Bonita Booth
Stephanie Brennan
Tom Brennan

Ernest and Marie Brown

Doug Cockerham William Cockerham

Amy Colvin
Peggy Davis
Norma Gibson
Vernie Gibson
James Harden
Tommy Jensen
Dalva Keener
Stanley Lambery

Howard Launius
Everette Lawson
Barbara Mayeux
Barbara McLeane
Donald Myers
Mrs. Don Myers
Paul Simmons, Jr.
Brandi Thoede
Jessie Van Liew
Jim Vaught

Karen Welch

Michael Wilkinson

Esther Williams
Julianne Young

Elanor van Tungeln Jim van Tunglen Craig Welch Sandy Welch Charlotte Williams The following people submitted an identical hearing request to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, and will be known as **Group 4**:

Richard Arnold
Eric Bettis
Kayla Finley
James Frank
Vivian Hickman

Tanya Hill Chrispen Johnson Norma Lord Clara Riggins
Larry Riggins
Carol Saxon
Marla Todd
Elanor von Tunglen

Donald Myers

James von Tunglen

Mark Wiggins

The following people submitted an identical hearing request to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, and will be known as **Group 5**:

Linda Collins Tina Collins Norma Gibson Albert and Shelia Nelson

Billy Wagnon Karen Welch

The following people submitted an identical hearing request to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, and will be known as **Group 6:** 

Daniel Heil

Jerri Heil

Three petitions requesting a Contested Case Hearing were received by the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk on May 28, 2004. The first of the three petitions contains the names and addresses of the following persons, and will be known as **Petition 1:** 

Roy W. Abramson Misty Adams

Richard J. Adams, Jr.

Lewis Akin
April Allen
Jeff Allman
Melanie Antiller
Carlos Arreola
Raymond Atkinson
Richard Atkinson
Luis F. Azuara

Melinda Bacon Jimmy Bagley Clayton Bagwell Avery Ballard

Cindy Jenkins Bayer Dustin Beckham

Glenn Bell

Alicia Bentley
Corallyn Berger
Stephanie Bigs
James R. Bingham
Betty Blackman
Nicole Blake
Amy Blanton
Carrie Blanton
Taina Blanton

Magnolia C. Boehm Wayne Boehm

Fran Bogert Al Bolt

Kathie Boswell Virginia Boswell Joe Bowman Stephen Boyles

David & Shari Bracewell

Deborah Briggs
Pat Brookshire
Dennis Brown
Dorothy M. Brown
Erieda Brown

Frieda Brown Jack Brown Lee Brown Ken Burling

Mark Cadwallader Robert E. Caldwell David Campbell Stephen Carle David Carr Tera Carrasco Hayle Casey R. Cash

Carol Castanon
Louis Castanon
Jenise & Phil Cemino
Brian Chaloupka
Darrell Chaloupka
Vallye W. Chandler

Jo Chapman
Ann Cheatham
Rickie Childers
Barbra Christiansen
Jason Christiansen
John Cisneros
Pat & Paul Clark
Billy & Myla Cobler
Charles & Doris Coburn

Christy Coburn
William Coburn
Becky Colebank
Carl Comstock
Connie Contreras
Thomas L. Cook
Scott Coshrey
Teresa Coshrey
James Couch

Doug & Tamara Couey

Bill Cruz Jesus Cruz Julie Culver

Elvis & Pat d'Agrella

Bruce Dailey

Karla Darden Robert Darden Ayha Darvey

David Lynn Dauzart

Terry Dauzart
Argelio De Leon
Esmeralda De Leon
Mabry Dellyer
David Dempsy
Gail & R. Dewey

Matt Dodd

Deborah K. Doran Durwood Doss Durwood Doss, II L. V. Dowden Amy Downs James Doyal Leroy Dudley Tami Dudley Gregg Dunn L. E. Dunn, III Mary Edwards Wendy Ellis Kenneth Essman Karen Eudy Phil Eudy Shawna Everett

Shawna Everett Barry Fantes Tara Fay Kenita Fendley

Cheryl Fincher
Bobby Finley
Brandon Ford

Matthew & Tanci Foster Julia & Scott Frankenfield

Rex Fry

Jo Anne Galulman Esteban Garcia Juan Garcia Stacey Garee

Gary & Jess Garner

F. P. George

Maureen M. Golden Cara Jo Gonzalez Kelly Gorrell Betty Grantham Randy Gross
Brittany Gullette
Ken Hacker
Denise Hall
Justin Hambrick
Debbie Hancock
Bruce Hansen
Mark Harrell
Harry Harris
Wynne Harris

Tracey Marie Harrison

Mary Hartt Rhonda Harvey Bryan Hayes Tammy Haywood Laurie & Ron Headings Brenda & Trey Hearn

Joseph Hemby Carol Hennessy Kathy Hernandez

Tony Herrin Lisa Hessler Jamie Higgins David Hinder Beverly Hinds J. L. Hodges Clorinda Hogan

Dwayne & Pam Hood

Chanhe Horton
Claudia Hubbard
Jeff Hunter
Stacie Hunter
Theresa Hymil
Toni Inglet
Rusty Ireland

Don Johnson Jolene Johnson Marty & Rene Kay

Mart Keltch
Patty Keltch
Bryan Kelley
Morgan Kelley
Devan Kendrick
Sharon Kendrick

Vincent Scott Kendrick

Larry Kennedy

Kara Kern
Jennifer Kirk
Zachary C. Kirk
Jennifer Knight
Susan Koskoc
Ruby Krautkremer

John Kuke
Tracey Kurtz
Angela Kyle
Tamara Lambdin
Jim Lamendola
D. LaRouche

Kevin & Melanie Lawson

Librado Leal Sherry LeBlanc Anita Lee Sandy Lehman

Bright & Michael LeMaster

Raymond Lewis
Mark Lichman
Charles Lightfoot
Jill Limbaugh
Phillip Lindsey
Patricia Little
John Long

George R. Longmore
Donald Loosier

Jim Luton Stella Luton Brandi Lyons

Susie & Thomas Machen

Susie Machen Tommy Machen Brenda Mackey Mark Maddox Sharon Maddox Raileen Mangurn Kenneth Manzella Jennifer Martinez Mark Matheny

Bobby & Patsy Matthews

Susan Matthews Travis Mayeux Matt McCleane

Wanda Laynette McCray

Pattie McGee

April McHenry Michael McKay

Cindy & Phillip McKenzie

Ronny McKinnie
Stephane McMillan
Amy McMullen
Trey Meador
Matt Medford
Aida Medinilla
Albert Menard
Linda Menard
Josh Merimon
Diana Merrell

J. Miles S. Miller

Kellie Montgomery Cindy & Terry Moon

Tammy Moore
Robert Morgan
Bobby Morris
Ella May Morris
Michael Moris
Vickie Morse
William Mozingo
Alisa Murphy
Susan Murrell
Kevin Myers
Mark Nalty

Tiffany Neal
Albert Nelson
Shelia Nelson
Deborah Noble
George D. Noble
Paula Noble

Ranee Nolern Dianne Nuget Doris O'Dell Dennis O'Malley

Mary O'Malley Matt O'Malley Marigrace O'Neil

Debbie Orsack

John & Pattie Ortega

Judith O'Toole Melinda Parker Michael W. Parker Betty Parmer George Parmer Avery Patterson Mariann Patterson Melanie Perdue

William Petty, Jr. Linda Phillips Janie Piecis

Susan Pine
Darrel Pinksion
Eric Powell
Michelle Pule

William C. Quimm Geraldo Ramirez

Diana Real
Robby Real
David Rendon
Link Reneau
Mary Rich
Ermajean Ritter

Ermajean Ritter Judy Robertson Scotty Robinson Jim Rogganbock Johnny Rothe

S. W. Rutherford Cynthia Sam Lamont Sam David Sams Brandon Sanders

Maruea Sangstear
Sparky A. Santana
Brenda Schank
Robert Scharee

Kenneth Schelsteder Mr. & Mrs. Schulmire

Gordon Sealy
Jerri Sealy
Vinson Sealy
Judi Self
R. F. Shannon
Cyndi Simmons
Lee Simmons
Tracy Simonsen

John Small Cassie Smith Jerrie Smith John & Leah Smith Nikki Somplasky Jan & Ron Stallworth

Linda Standley Nick Steele Bart Steen Linda Stegenga Analeisa Stern

Jeff Stern Connie Stipanic Bryan Stuart Colette Talbert

George Tambourides
David Tate
Rhonda Tate
H. W. Taylor

H. W. Taylor Joyce Taylor Claude A. Teal Debra Teekamp Floyd Temple

Debbie Thiel Amy Thomas Hailey Thomas Michael Thomas Pat Thomas

Tracie Thomas
Janice Thomason
Scott Thompson
Sheri Thompson
Jack S. Torrence
Marcia Townsend

Debra Trammel
H. Eugene Trammel

Josh Travesse Ross Travesse Ross Tuff Stan Tully

Amanda Middel-Urby

Cabrilla Valdes

Dee Van

Barb & Dick Van Liew

Max Vickers

P. H. Bickey

Debra Walters

Loni Walton

Faustino D. Villarreal Yvonne P. Villarreal Jim von Tungeln Ashlea Vyoral Doug Vyoral Rachel Walker Tammy Walker Bobby L. Walters

Danny & Donna Warner

Beckie Warren
Paula Warren
Shannon Warren
Sue Wayford
Donna Weaver
Randall Weaver
Jordan Wedgewood

Dale Welch
Karen Welch
Heath Wells
Jody Westra
Marie Whiddon
Judy Whitten
Joe K. Williams
David E. Wilson
Diane A. Wilson
Jacqueline Woychesin
Ricky Woychesin

Kristin Wright
Charles W. Yawn
Sercy Yawn
Banica Young
Bubba Young
Lila Young
Racheal Young
Ray Young
Richard Young
Karen Zeller
Paul Zylman

26 Concerned Citizens

The second of the three petitions contains the names and addresses of the following persons, and will be known as **Petition 2**:

Kathleen M. Adams

Richard J. Adams, Jr.

Wesley T. Adkins

Kathy Armstrong

Raymond Atkinson

Richard Atkinson

Rodney Atkinson

Luis Azuara

Judy Banks

Elizabeth Barbosa

Melissa & Rick Barton

Corallyn Berger

Magnolia & Wayne Boehm

Ernest & Marie Brown

Jenise & Phillip Cemino

Paul Clark

Floyd Collins

Linda Collins

Lee Compton

Doug & Tami Couey

Sam Croce

Diana Crowson

William Crowson

David & Karen Deschmer

Mark & Monica Direnna

Sonny Donaldson

Deborah K. Doran

Leroy Dudley

Jerry Evans

Richard W. Fendley

Barbara Gandy

Robert Gandy

Sidney Gaylord

Betty Gregg

Fred Gregg

Suzanne Hansen

Dewana & Jamie Higgins

Rusty Ireland

Eugene & Tina Jackson

George Johnson

Dorene Jones

Randy Kitchen

Librado Leal

Joe Leggett

Patti Little

Susie & Thomas Machen

Terry Mann

Bobby L., Jr., & Patsy Matthews

Betty & Louis McGuire

Jeff L. McKinney

Dennis McNabb

David C. McQueen

Destiny & Tom Miller

Arguimiro Molina

Brvan & Lisa Neal

Glyn O'Briant

Monica Ogilvie

Marigrace O'Neal

Trudilee O'Neal

Gladys Perez

Linda & Robert Phillips

Billy & Deborrah Pickering

Jessica & Larry Rancher

Danielle & Paul Reich

David Rendon

Agnes & Eddie Rogers

Alan Schuler

Gordon & Jerri Sealy

Melvin Sharpe

Brad & Michele Shrieve

Arlinda & Billy Smith

Cassie & James Smith

Leah Smith

Linda Smith

Donnie & Rebecca Sutton

Maxey Tharp

Barb Van Liew

Daniel Vargas

Candice Villarreal

Chris Walker

John & Vicki Warner

G. W. Wayman

Jimmy Weeks

Dale Welch

John Welch

Karen Welch

Clifford D. Welsh

Joe K. Williams

James Woodall

James Woodan

The third and final petition contains the names and addresses of the following persons, and will be known as **Petition 3**:

Juan and Leticia Aguilar

Daniel Barnett Sharon Barnett Rogelio Baroenus Samantha Baumgarten Lety and Mike Bieniek

C. B. Boudreaux Rachel Bratcher Janine Bryant Jon Buckholtz Tracy Cadengo Billy Collier Jason Cowart Pat Crowley

Mary Ann Daniels
Judy C. Dehart
J. R. De Leon
Marde De Leon
Sunnie De Leon
Janice & Pat Ferrer

Rick Finery Homer Galicia Rachel Giblin Leah Gonzales Jack Grant Frank Harris, Jr.

Maggie Harris J. O. Hudson

Roxanna Hudson

Lee and Tina Leal William Maddox

Amanda McShan Kenneth R. Meuth

Kimberly Oneal Marvin Orsack

Brian Peterman

Lance Pigott, Jr. Lupita Miles Pigott

Fay Pilkington Gregoria Ramirez Raquel Ramirez

Tomas Ramirez

Charles E. Richmond

Diana Richmond Earlene Santo

John & Leah Smith
Justin A. Theriot

Keith A. Theriot

Paul Vyoral Johnny Walker Shannon Winton Michael Wolf

Dalton Woolery Patty Zarate

3 Concerned Citizens

The following people submitted hearing requests on behalf of Citizens Against Montgomery Landfill (CAML):

Mary Carter

David Tate

The following people submitted hearing requests on behalf of Montgomery County, Texas:

Hon. Ed Rinehart, Montgomery County Commissioner Pct. No. 4 The Hon. Alan B. Sadler, Montgomery County Judge

The following people submitted individual hearing requests:

Willie Mae Atkinson

Denise Bell

Karen Bradberry

Lennice Cargill, on behalf of

Keystone Natural Resources

Doug Crofton Leon Cubillas Jim Dawson

Rev. Duane Hamilton

Sandy Hamilton

Hon. Ruben Hope, Jr., State Representative District 16

Judith Horne
Thornton Ireland
Devin Kaatz
Normane Kaatz

Ernest Kannak, Jr. Mary Lou Kirves

Wayne Kocurer Christine Ludwig Susana Magaña

Nonnie Maffet Ronald Maffet Steven Matthews

Barbara Mayeux Travis Mayeux

Barbara McLeane

Carol Parten

R. M. Palmer, on behalf of International Paper, Realty

Division (International

Paper) Greg Poole

Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains

Louis Reiszner Carla Robles Pedro Rosales, Jr. Lynda and Bob Sasser

Anita Severa Melvin Sharpe Cassie Smith John Smith Leah Smith Robert Smith Linda Standley David Stegenga Linda Stegenga Nancy Steward Thomas Steward

John Tate Rhonda Tate Debra Teekamp Daniel Vargas Dino Villareal James Walkinshaw

Karen Welch

Sabrina Westerfeld Charlotte Williams

Paul Zylman

The following people submitted requests for reconsideration to the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk:

Deborah Doran
Thornton Ireland

Barbara Mayeux Linda Standley

## II. Description of the Facility

The Applicant has applied to the TCEQ for a new permit that would authorize the construction and operation of a new Type IV municipal solid waste landfill in Montgomery County, Texas. The proposed landfill would primarily serve the construction and demolition needs of Montgomery County, but may also serve the surrounding counties. The total permitted facility will include 473.0 acres of land of which approximately 207.1 acres will be used for waste disposal. The final elevation of the waste fill and soil cover material will be 408.29 feet above mean sea level. The waste acceptance rate is expected to average approximately 3,000 tons per day.

If the Commission issues the draft permit, the site will be authorized to accept municipal solid waste resulting from, or incidental to, construction, demolition and grounds keeping activities, including brush, construction and demolition waste, rubbish, inert material, man-made inert material, trash, yard waste that is free from putrescible and household waste, scrap tires that have been slit and quartered or shredded, but not from a tire disposer or recycler that is reimbursed from the State Waste Tire Recycling Fund, and other waste as approved on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director. The site is not able to accept those waste streams that are expressly prohibited by 30 TAC Chapter 330, including but not limited to hazardous waste, Class 1 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 2 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 3 non-hazardous industrial waste, regulated radioactive waste, waste containing regulated polychlorinated biphenyls, putrescible waste, household waste, liquid waste, water and wastewater treatment sludge, grease or grit trap wastes, special wastes, and waste material that may cause odor or nuisance or that may require excessive or special on-site procedures and handling requirements.

If the Commission issues the draft permit, the facility will be located at 3761 North Walker Road, approximately 1.4 miles north of the intersection of North Walker Road and SH 105, abutting the west side of North Walker Road. The location is outside any city limits. The land within one mile of the proposed facility is 60% undeveloped or agricultural, 39% residential with some agricultural use, and 1% industrial. The structures that are within one mile of the facility are primarily homes and some structures incidental to agricultural uses. There are approximately 780 people that reside within one mile of the proposed facility, with nine structures and habitable buildings within 500 feet of the permit boundary. The nearest structure is approximately 75 feet east of the permit boundary and about 1,150 feet east of the waste cell.

#### III. Procedural Background

The application was received on March 17, 2004, and declared administratively complete on April 4, 2004. Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain a Municipal Solid Waste Permit (NORI) was published on April 21, 2004 in the *Conroe Courier*. Notice of Public Meeting was published on July 19, 26, and August 2, 2004 in the *Conroe Courier*, and a public meeting was held in Conroe, Texas on August 9, 2004. The Executive Director completed the technical review of the application on October 21, 2004, and prepared a draft permit. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for a Municipal Solid Waste Permit (NAPD) was published on November 25, 2004. Notice of Public Meeting was published on February 17, 24, and March 3, 2005 in the *Conroe Courier* and the *Houston Chronicle*, and a second public meeting was held in Conroe, Texas on March 10, 2005. The Executive Director prepared his original Response to Public Comment, and filed it with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk on July 6, 2006. In July of 2006, the Applicant asked the TCEQ to suspend its processing of the application while amendments to the application and facility layout were considered.

On November 10, 2006, the Executive Director received an amended application for review. The Executive Director completed the technical review of the amended application on September 7, 2007, and a second NAPD was published on December 21, 2007 in English in the Conroe Courier and Houston Chronicle, and in the Spanish language newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, El Sol. Notice of Public Meeting was published on March 20, 27, and April 3, 2008 in the Conroe Courier and the Houston Chronicle, and a third public meeting was held on April 10, 2008 in Conroe, Texas. The comment period for this application closed on April 11, 2008. In response to traffic concerns raised during the public comment period, the Applicant submitted additional changes to the amended application on August 21, 2008 revising the entry path to the proposed facility. This design change required additional technical The Executive Director prepared his First Amended Response to Public Comment, and filed it with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk on February 13, 2009. The Executive Director's Final Decision Letter was mailed February 26, 2009, and the period for timely filing a Request for Reconsideration or Contested Case Hearing Request ended on March 30, 2009. The review of this permit application has gone well beyond the typical time frame allotted due to the extension of the public comment period to allow for additional public meetings, the submission and subsequent technical review of the amended permit application, additional technical review after the submission of modifications to the amended application, and responding to extensive public comment. This application was administratively complete on or after September 1, 1999; therefore, this application is subject to the procedural requirements adopted pursuant to House Bill 801 (76<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 1999).

## IV. Access to Rules, Laws, and Records

The Commission's current rules may be accessed online by using the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) viewer feature on the Texas Secretary of State website at: <a href="https://www.sos.state.tx.us">www.sos.state.tx.us</a> (Select "State Rules & Open Meetings," then "Texas Administrative Code," and then "TAC Viewer").

30 TAC Chapter 330, Municipal Solid Waste, was amended by the TCEQ, effective March 27, 2006. Since the application was declared administratively complete on April 4, 2004, it was reviewed in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 330 prior to the 2006 amendments. The archived rules are available through the TCEQ's website at <a href="https://www.tceq.state.tx.us">www.tceq.state.tx.us</a> (Select "Rules," then "Municipal Solid Waste Chapter 330 Rules prior to March 27, 2006")

Texas statutes may be accessed through the Texas Legislative Council's website at: http://www.tlc.state.tx.us (Select "Internet Resources," then "Texas Statutes").

General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at: <a href="https://www.tceq.state.tx.us">www.tceq.state.tx.us</a> (For downloadable rules in Adobe PDF format, select "Rules," then "Current TCEQ Rules," then "Download TCEQ Rules")

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 31 Tex. Reg. 2502 (March 24, 2006).

Federal statutes and regulations may be accessed through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website at: <a href="www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a> (Select "Laws & Regulations").

Commission records for this facility are currently available for review and copying during regular business hours at the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, Building F, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX. 78753. A copy of the amended application and draft permit are currently available for review and copying at the Montgomery County Library in Conroe, Texas; and will remain there until either the TCEQ acts on the application, or the application is referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for hearing.

#### V. The Evaluation Process for Hearing Requests

House Bill 801 established statutory procedures for public participation in certain environmental permitting proceedings. For those applications declared administratively complete on or after September 1, 1999, it established new procedures for providing public notice and public comment, and for the Commission's consideration of hearing requests. The applications were declared administratively complete on September 18, 2007; therefore, they are subject to House Bill 801 requirements. The Commission implemented House Bill 801 by adopting procedural rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Chapters 39, 50, and 55.

## A. Response to Request

The Executive Director, the Public Interest Counsel, and the Applicant may each submit written responses to a hearing request. 30 TAC § 55.209(d).

Responses to hearing requests must specifically address:

- 1) whether the requestor is an affected person;
- 2) whether issues raised in the hearing request are disputed;
- 3) whether the dispute involves questions of fact or of law;
- 4) whether the issues were raised during the public comment period;
- 5) whether the hearing request is based on issues raised solely in a public comment withdrawn by the commenter in writing by filing a withdrawal letter with the chief clerk prior to the filing of the Executive Director's Response to Comment;
- 6) whether the issues are relevant and material to the decision on the application; and
- 7) a maximum expected duration for the contested case hearing.

30 TAC § 55.209(e).

## B. Hearing Request Requirements

In order for the Commission to consider a hearing request, the Commission must first determine whether the request meets certain requirements.

"A request for a contested case hearing by an affected person must be in writing, must be filed with the chief clerk within the time provided...and may not be based on an issue that was raised solely in a public comment withdrawn by the commenter in writing by filing a withdrawal letter with the chief clerk prior to the filing of the Executive Director's Response to Comment."

30 TAC § 55.201(c).

A hearing request must substantially comply with the following:

- 1) give the name, address, daytime telephone number, and, where possible, fax number of the person who files the request. If the request is made by a group or association, the request must identify one person by name, address, daytime telephone number, and, where possible fax number, who shall be responsible for receiving all official communications and documents for the group;
- 2) identify the person's personal justiciable interest affected by the application, including a brief, but specific, written statement explaining in plain language the requestor's location and distance relative to the proposed facility or activity that is the subject of the application and how and why the requestor believes he or she will be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a matter not common to members of the general public;
- 3) request a contested case hearing;
- 4) list all relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the public comment period and that are the basis of the hearing request. To facilitate the commission's determination of the number and scope of issues to be referred to hearing, the requestor should, to the extent possible, specify any of the executive director's response to comments that the requestor disputes and the factual basis of the dispute and list any disputed issues of law or policy; and
- 5) provide any other information specified in the public notice of application.

30 TAC § 55.201(d).

#### C. "Affected Person" Status

In order to grant a contested case hearing, the Commission must determine that a requestor is an "affected person." Section 55.203 sets out who may be considered an affected person.

a) For any application, an affected person is one who has a personal justiciable interest related to a legal right, duty, privilege, power, or economic interest affected by the application. An interest common to members of the general public does not qualify as a personal justiciable interest.

- b) Governmental entities, including local governments and public agencies, with authority under state law over issues raised by the application may be considered affected persons.
- c) In determining whether a person is an affected person, all factors shall be considered, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - 1) whether the interest claimed is one protected by the law under which the application will be considered;
  - 2) distance restrictions or other limitations imposed by law on the affected interest;
  - 3) whether a reasonable relationship exists between the interest claimed and the activity regulated;
  - 4) likely impact of the regulated activity on the health and safety of the person, and on the use of property of the person;
  - 5) likely impact of the regulated activity on the use of the impacted natural resource by the person; and
  - 6) for governmental entities, their statutory authority over or interest in the issues relevant to the application.

30 TAC § 55.203.

## D. Additional Requirements if Requestor is a Group or Association

A group or association may request a contested case hearing only if the group or association meets all of the following requirements:

- 1) one or more members of the group or association would otherwise have standing to request a hearing in their own right;
- 2) the interests the group or association seeks to protect are germane to the organization's purpose; and
- 3) neither the claim asserted nor the relief requested requires the participation of the individual members in the case.

30 TAC § 55.205.

## E. Referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH)

When the Commission grants a request for a contested case hearing, they are required to issue an order specifying the number and scope of the issues to be referred to SOAH for a hearing. 30 TAC § 50.115(b). Subsection 50.115(c) of 30 TAC sets out the test for determining whether an issue may be referred to SOAH. "The commission may not refer an issue to SOAH for a contested case hearing unless the commission determines that the issue: 1) involves a disputed question of fact; 2) was raised during the public comment period; and 3) is relevant and material to the decision on the application." 30 TAC § 50.115(c).

## VI. Analysis of the Requests

#### A. Analysis of the Hearing Requests

The Executive Director has analyzed the hearing requests to determine whether they comply with Commission rules, who qualifies as an affected person, what issues may be referred for a contested case hearing, and what is the appropriate length of the hearing.

#### 1. Whether the Requestors Complied with 30 TAC § 55.201

#### a) Group 1

The deadline for filing a Contested Case Hearing Request regarding this application was March 30, 2009. With the exception of the hearing request filed by Mr. Frank Fanning, all of Group 1's written hearing requests were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline, and were not based on issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. Mr. Fanning's hearing request was filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk on April 2, 2009 at 2:45 p.m. As such, his request is untimely and does not substantially comply with the requirements set forth in 30 TAC § 55.201(c). With the exception of the hearing request filed by Concerned Citizen #1, each of Group 1's hearing requests provided the requestor's name and address, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of the requestor's location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period. The hearing request filed by Concerned Citizen #1 failed to provide the requestor's name, and therefore does not substantially comply with 50.201(d)(1).

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Frank Fanning's hearing request does not comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(c). The Executive Director also recommends that the Commission find that Concerned Citizen #1's hearing request does not substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(1). Finally, the Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Group 1's remaining hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### b.) Group 2

All of Group 2's written hearing requests were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline to request a Contested Case Hearing, and were not based an issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. Each of Group 2's hearing requests provided the requestors' names and addresses, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of the requestors' location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Group 2's hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## c.) <u>Group 3</u>

All of Group 3's written hearing requests were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline to request a Contested Case Hearing, and were not based on issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. With the exception of the hearing requests filed by Helen Barge, William Cockerham and Everette Lawson, all of Group 3's hearing requests provided the requestors' names and addresses, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period. Ms. Barge, Mr. Cockerham and Mr. Lawson provided P.O. Box numbers in lieu of their physical address or any description of their location and distance relative to the proposed facility.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Helen Barge, William Cockerham, and Everette Lawson's hearing requests do not substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(2). The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Group 3's remaining hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## d.) Group 4

All of Group 4's written hearing requests were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline to request a Contested Case Hearing, and were not based on issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. All of Group 4's hearing requests provided the requestors' names and addresses, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Group 4's hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## e.) <u>Group 5</u>

All of Group 5's written hearing requests were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline to request a Contested Case Hearing, and were not based on issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. All of Group 5's hearing requests provided the requestors' names and addresses, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Group 5's hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## f.) Group 6

Both of Group 6's written hearing requests were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline to request a Contested Case Hearing, and were not based an issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. Both of Group 6's hearing requests provided the requestors' names and addresses, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of the requestors' location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Group 6's hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## g.) Petitions 1, 2, and 3

Petition's 1, 2, and 3 were filed with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk before the March 30, 2009 deadline to request a Contested Case Hearing, and were not based an issues raised during the public comment period that had been withdrawn prior to the filing of the Executive Director's RTC. However, Petitions 1, 2, and 3 failed to identify individual requestors' personal justiciable interest affected by the application or why each requestor believes he or she will be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a manner not common to members of the general public.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Petitions 1, 2, and 3 failed to substantially comply with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(2).

## h.) Citizens Against Montgomery Landfill (CAML)

Mary Carter, of Blackburn & Carter, P.C., filed four separate timely hearing requests with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk; one on behalf of CAML, Inc. and three on behalf of CAML (the same group or association which continued to operate after the dissolution of the corporation). David Tate, President of CAML, Inc., also filed two timely hearing requests with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk; one on behalf of CAML, Inc and one on behalf of CAML. CAML's hearing requests provided the requestors' names and addresses, identified one person responsible for receiving all official communications and documents for the group, contained an explanation of certain members' location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that CAML's hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## i.) Montgomery County, Texas

The Hon. Ed Rinehart, Montgomery County Commissioner Pct. No. 4, filed two timely hearing requests on behalf of Montgomery County. The Hon. Alan B. Sadler, Montgomery County Judge, filed three timely hearing requests on behalf of Montgomery County. The hearing requests filed provided the requestors' names and addresses, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Montgomery County, Texas substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### i.) Individual Requestors

#### 1. Willie Mae Atkinson

Ms. Atkinson's timely filed written hearing request raised general concerns regarding traffic, water quality, and road conditions. Ms. Atkinson failed to identify her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, or how she would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a manner not common to the general public.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Willie Mae Atkinson's individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(2). If additional information demonstrating that Ms. Atkinson has a personal justiciable interest affected by the application is timely furnished, the Executive Director may reconsider his recommendation.

#### 2. Denise Bell

Ms. Bell's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of air quality, traffic, flooding, groundwater protection, and potential future expansions of the proposed facility. The issue of future expansions was raised and addressed in Response Number 10 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. TCEQ rules allow a permittee to expand a landfill through the permit amendment process. See 30 TAC § 305.62. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Bell's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Denise Bell's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 3. Karen Bradberry

Ms. Bradberry's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of groundwater quality and traffic. Ms. Bradberry's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Ken Bradberry's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## 4. Lennice Cargill, on behalf of Keystone Natural Resources

Ms. Cargill's timely filed written hearing request deals solely with the mineral rights at the four corners of the property where the facility is to be located. The issue of mineral rights was raised and addressed in Response Number 38 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The TCEQ does not have jurisdiction from the legislature to regulate mineral rights. As such, the issue of mineral rights is not relevant and material to the TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Lennice Cargill's individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(4).

#### 5. Doug Crofton

Mr. Crofton's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of potential adverse impacts on property values and the monitoring of incoming waste. The issue of adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. However, with respect to the issue of the monitoring of incoming waste, Mr. Crofton's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed a relevant and material disputed issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Doug Crofton's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 6. Leon Cubillas

Mr. Cubillas' timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of traffic and land use compatibility. Based on the content of his request, it does not appear that Mr. Cubillas is requesting a hearing on behalf of either Splendora Independent School District or East Montgomery County Improvement District. Mr. Cubillas failed to identify his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, or how he would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a manner not common to the general public.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Leon Cubillas' individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(2). If additional information demonstrating that Mr. Cubillas has a personal justiciable interest affected by the application is timely furnished, the Executive Director may reconsider his recommendation.

#### 7. Jim Dawson

Mr. Dawson's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of traffic, opposition from state and local government officials, and wetlands protection. Mr. Dawson's request also asks that "the TCEQ Executive Director request a direct referral for a contested case hearing." The Executive Director has declined to direct refer this matter. The issue of opposition from state and local government officials was raised and addressed in Response Number 4 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Mr. Dawson's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Jim Dawson's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 8. Rev. Duane Hamilton

Rev. Hamilton's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of groundwater protection, traffic, flooding, and land use compatibility. Rev. Hamilton's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Rev. Duane Hamilton's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 9. Sandy Hamilton

Ms. Hamilton's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of air quality, water quality, adverse impacts on property values, and traffic. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Hamilton's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Sandy Hamilton's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 10. Hon. Ruben Hope, Jr., State Representative District 16

Representative Hope's timely filed written hearing request raised concerns about drainage, flooding, groundwater quality, and traffic. The Executive Director assumes that Representative Hope has requested a contested case hearing on behalf of his constituents. The Executive Director recommends that the Commissioners refer this matter to SOAH for a Contested Case Hearing. However, if Representative Hope seeks to participate in this matter individually, his hearing request was on fails to identify his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, or how he would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a manner not common to the general public.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Representative Hope's individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(2). If additional information demonstrating that Representative Hope has a personal justiciable interest affected by the application is timely furnished, the Executive Director may reconsider his recommendation.

#### 11: Judith Horne

Ms. Home's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of water quality, adverse impact on property values, and the adequacy of the August 9, 2004 public meeting. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Home's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Judith Horne's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 12. Thornton Ireland

Mr. Ireland's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of dust control, groundwater protection, and traffic. Mr. Ireland's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of his location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Thornton Ireland's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 13. Devin Kaatz

Mr. Kaatz's timely filed written hearing request deals solely with landfill clustering. This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This concern is more appropriately addressed to the local council of governments during the development or revision of a regional solid waste management plan. As such, the issue of landfill clustering is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Devin Kaatz's individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(4).

#### 14. Normane Kaatz

Ms. Kaatz's timely filed written hearing request raised general concerns regarding the location of the landfill. Ms. Kaatz failed to identify her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, or how she would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity in a manner not common to the general public.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Normane Kaatz's individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(2). If additional information demonstrating that Ms. Kaatz has a personal justiciable interest affected by the application is timely furnished, the Executive Director may reconsider his recommendation.

#### 15. Ernest Kannak, Jr.

Mr. Kannak's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of whether the application accurately depicts the floodplain, odor, and financial assurance. Mr. Kannak's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Ernest Kannak, Jr.'s individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 16. Mary Lou Kirves

Ms. Kirves' timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of potential adverse impacts on property values, groundwater quality, and traffic. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Kirves' hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of her property's location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Mary Lou Kirves' individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 17. Wayne Kocurer

Mr. Kocurer's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of groundwater protection, odor, flooding, traffic, and future amendments to the permit. The issue of future amendments to the permit was raised and addressed in Response Number 10 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Mr. Kocurer's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Wayne Kocurer's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 18. Christine Ludwig

Ms. Ludwig's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of flooding, groundwater protection, and traffic. Ms. Ludwig's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Christine Ludwig's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 19. Susana Magaña

Ms. Magaña's hearing request expressed her general opposition to the proposed facility, and did not list any relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Susana Magaña's hearing request failed to substantially comply with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(4).

#### 20. Nonnie Maffet

Ms. Maffet's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of air quality, water quality, potential adverse impacts to property values, traffic, and an alternative site location for the proposed facility. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. The issue of an alternative location for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Maffet's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of her location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Nonnie Maffet's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 21. Ronald Maffet

Mr. Maffet's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of air quality, water quality, potential adverse impacts to property values, traffic, and an alternative site location for the proposed facility. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's

First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. The issue of an alternative location for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Mr. Maffet's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of his location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Ronald Maffet's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 22. Steven Matthews

Mr. Matthews' timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of traffic and an alternative site location for the proposed facility. The issue of an alternative location for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Mr. Matthews' hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Steven Matthews' individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 23. Barbara Mayeux

Ms. Mayeux's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of an alternative site location for the proposed facility, groundwater protection, and traffic. The issue of an alternative location for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Mayeux's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of her location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Barbara Mayeux's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 24. Travis Mayeux

Mr. Mayeux's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of groundwater protection, traffic, and flooding. Mr. Mayeux's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of his location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Travis Mayeux's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 25. Barbara McLeane

Ms. McLeane's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of groundwater protection and traffic. Ms. McLeane's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Barbara McCleane's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 26. Carol Parten

Ms. Parten's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of air quality and groundwater protection. Ms. Parten's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Carol Parten's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## 27. R. M. Palmer, on behalf of International Paper, Realty Division (International Paper)

Mr. Palmer's timely filed written hearing requests raised the issues of financial assurance, potential adverse impacts on property values, traffic, future permit amendments, and water quality. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this

permit application. The issue of future amendments to the permit was raised and addressed in Response Number 10 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to traffic, Mr. Palmer's hearing requests included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of his location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed a relevant and material disputed issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that International Paper's individual hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 28. Greg Poole

Mr. Poole's timely filed written hearing requests raised the issue of the adequacy of the August 9, 2004 public meeting. Mr. Poole's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Greg Poole's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 29. Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains

Mr. and Mrs. Rains timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of flooding and traffic. Mr. and Mrs. Rains' hearing request included their names and address, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains' individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 30. Louis Reiszner

Mr. Reiszner's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of the adequacy of the August 9, 2004 public meeting. Mr. Reiszner's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Louis Reiszner's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 31. Carla Robles

Ms. Robles' timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of flooding, air quality, fire protection, and wildlife and migratory bird protection. Ms. Robles' hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Carla Robles' individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 32. Pedro Rosales, Jr.

Mr. Rosales' timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of water quality, air quality, the maintenance of site access roads, and traffic. Mr. Rosales' hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Pedro Rosales, Jr.'s individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 33. Lynda and Bob Sasser

Mr. and Mrs. Sasser's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of traffic, air quality, and water quality. Mr. and Mrs. Sasser's hearing request included their names and address, identified their personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Lynda and Bob Sasser's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 34. Anita Severa

Mr. Severa's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of the monitoring of incoming waste, traffic, water quality, illegal dumping, and flooding. Ms. Severa's hearing request included her name and address, her personal justiciable interest

affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Anita Severa's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## 35. Melvin Sharpe

Mr. Sharpe's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of flooding. Mr. Sharpe's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Melvin Sharpe's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 36. Cassie Smith

Ms. Smith's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of flooding, water quality, traffic, and potential adverse impacts on property values. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Smith's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Cassie Smith's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## 37. John Smith

John Smith's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of traffic. Mr. Smith's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed a relevant and material issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that John Smith's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 38. Leah Smith

Leah Smith's timely filed written hearing requests raised the issues of groundwater protection, control of contaminated water, flooding, mineral rights, and traffic. The issue of mineral rights was raised and addressed in Response Number 38 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The TCEQ does not have jurisdiction from the legislature to regulate mineral rights. As such, the issue of mineral rights is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Smith's hearing request included here name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed a relevant and material issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Leah Smith's individual hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 39. Robert Smith

Mr. Smith's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of traffic. Mr. Smith's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, requested a contested case hearing, and listed a relevant and material issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Robert Smith's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 40. Linda Standley

Ms. Standley's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of future amendments to the permit, traffic, flooding, groundwater protection, odor, air quality, maintenance of site access roads, vector control, and whether the Application properly identifies the 100-year floodplain. The issue of future amendments to the permit was raised and addressed in Response Number 10 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Standley's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of her location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Linda Standley's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 41. David Stegenga

Mr. Stegenga's timely filed written hearing requests raised the issues of air quality, groundwater protection, the adequacy of the proposed groundwater monitoring system, flooding, wetlands, control of contaminated water, adequacy of the August 9, 2004 public meeting, water quality, whether the Application properly identifies the 100-year floodplain, whether the Applicant provided the information regarding property ownership and its legal status, the competency of the Applicant to own and operate the proposed facility, and financial assurance. Mr. Stegenga's hearing requests included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of his location and distance relative to the proposed facility, requested a contested case hearing, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that David Stegenga's individual hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 42. Linda Stegenga

Ms. Stegenga's timely filed written hearing requests raised the issues of opposition from state government officials, whether the Applicant properly coordinated with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), the monitoring of incoming waste, groundwater quality, air quality, traffic, flooding, control of contaminated water, land use compatibility, potential adverse impacts to wildlife including migratory birds and their habitat, whether the proposed facility is necessary to satisfy a need for waste disposal, soil contamination, potential adverse impacts on property values, and the adequacy of two of the public meetings held. The issue of opposition from state government officials was raised and addressed in Response Number 4 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. The issue of need for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This concern is more appropriately addressed to the local council of governments during the development or revision of a regional solid waste management plan. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEO's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Stegenga's hearing requests included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of her location and distance relative to the proposed facility, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Linda Stegenga's individual hearing requests substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 43. Nancy Steward

Ms. Steward's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of groundwater protection, traffic, potential adverse impacts on property values, and flooding. The issue of potential adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Steward's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of her location and distance from the proposed facility, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Nancy Steward's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 44. Thomas Steward

Mr. Steward's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of flooding, control of contaminated water, wildlife protection, water quality, traffic, and the monitoring of incoming waste. Mr. Steward's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Thomas Steward's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 45. John Tate

Mr. Tate's timely filed written hearing request raised this issue of traffic. Mr. Tate's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed a relevant and material disputed issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that John Tate's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 46. Rhonda Tate

Ms. Tate's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of the adequacy of the August 9, 2004 public meeting. Ms. Tate's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed a relevant and material disputed issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Rhonda Tate's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

## 47. Debra Teekamp

Ms. Teekamp's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of the adequacy of the August 9, 2004 public meeting. Ms. Teekamp's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed a relevant and material disputed issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Debra Teekamp's individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 48. Daniel Vargas

Mr. Vargas' timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of traffic, groundwater protection, and the maintenance of site access roads. Mr. Vargas' hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Daniel Vargas' individual hearing request substantially complied with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 49. Dino Villareal

Mr. Villareal's timely filed written hearing request raised the issue of whether the proposed facility is necessary to satisfy Montgomery County's waste disposal needs. The issue of need for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This concern is more appropriately addressed to the local council of governments during the development or revision of a regional solid waste management plan. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Dino Villareal's individual hearing request fails to substantially comply with 30 TAC § 55.201(d)(4).

#### 50. James Walkinshaw

Mr. Walkinshaw's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of whether the proposed facility is necessary to satisfy Montgomery County's waste disposal needs, traffic, air quality, and water quality. The issue of need for the proposed facility was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This concern is more appropriately addressed to the local council of governments during the development or revision of a regional solid waste management plan. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Mr. Walkinshaw's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, contained an explanation of his location and distance from the proposed facility, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that James Walkinshaw's individual hearing request substantially complies with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 51. Karen Welch

Ms. Welch's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of traffic, water quality, flooding, and future amendments to the permit. The issue of future amendments to the permit was raised and addressed in Response Number 10 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Welch's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Karen Welch's individual hearing request substantially complies with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 52. Sabrina Westerfeld

Ms. Westerfeld's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of wetlands protection, flooding, traffic, and potential adverse impacts on property values. The issue of adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Ms. Westerfeld's hearing request included her name and address, identified her personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Sabrina Westerfeld's individual hearing request substantially complies with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 53. Charlotte Williams

Ms. Williams' timely filed hearing request raised the issue of traffic. Ms. Williams' hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed a relevant and material disputed issue of fact that was raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Charlotte Williams' individual hearing request substantially complies with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 54. Paul Zylman

Mr. Zylman's timely filed written hearing request raised the issues of potential adverse impacts on property values, noise, groundwater quality, air quality, traffic, and land use compatibility. The issue of adverse impacts on property values was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. The issue of noise was raised and address in Response Number 21. The TCEQ does not have specific rules addressing noise at MSW facilities. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application. With respect to the remaining issues, Mr. Zylman's hearing request included his name and address, identified his personal justiciable interest affected by the application, and listed relevant and material disputed issues of fact that were raised during the comment period.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that the Paul Zylman's individual hearing request substantially complies with the requirements of 30 TAC § 55.201(c) and (d).

#### 2. Whether the Requestors are Affected Persons

Neither the applicable statutes nor the MSW rules impose a distance restriction or limitation on a hearing requestor's affected interest. However, the Executive Director has determined that it is unlikely that the operation of the proposed Type IV MSW facility will adversely impact the health, safety, or property use of those requestor's whose property is located more than one mile from the proposed facility. This determination is consistent with the MSW rules, which require an applicant to provide maps, aerial photography, land use compatibility information, and traffic information within one mile of the proposed facility. See 30 TAC § 330.61.

#### a.) Group 1:

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Heather Adams, Lori Adams, Rodney Adkinson, Lewis Akin, Emileen Atkinson, Richard Atkinson, Willie Mae Atkinson, Martha Barr, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Betty Blackman, Terry Blackman, Violet Blackman, W. L. Blackman, Ann Blackmer, Robert Blackmer, Barry Brannon, Sherry Brannon, Courtney Brennan, Charles Buzbee, Marie Buzbee, James Crandle, David Deschner, Skipper Fountain, Steven Geisman, Melinda Hall, Sandy Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Laurie Headings, Sonja Henry, Bobbie Irwin, Laura Jones, Ross Jones, Lorena Jungst, John Kenny, Charles Wade Lyle, Don McCaslin, Maggie McCaslin, Meaghan McCaslin, Tricia McCaslin, Barbara McLeane, Esmeralda McLeane, Matt McLeane, Ned McLeane, Tommy Miller, Jr., Rhonda Nash, David Neal, Debbie Neal, Casey Neely, Judith O'Toole, John Overall, Kelly Radmanovich, Milorad Radmanovich, Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains, Patricia Ream, Robert Ream, Maria Ronberg, R. Allen Selph, R. T. Selph, Frances Sheppard, Sfc. James Singleton, Richard Smith, Herbert Somplasky, Nikki Somplasky, Kathryn Spore, Linda Standley, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, Bennett Stone, Gordon Trott, Kimberly Trott, Jason Turner, Sandra Turner, Margaret Wagner, James Walkinshaw, Jr., James Watkins, Jr., Cliff Welch, Jim Welch, John Welch, Dale and Karen Welch, Charlotte Williams, James L. Williams, James S. Williams, Lacy Williams, Herschel Wilson, Jacqueline Woychesin, and Paul Zylman, all of whom live or own property within one mile of the proposed facility, are affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

The following requestors live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility based upon information provided in their hearing request:

Requestor <u>Distance from the Proposed Facility</u>

Amy Ashby 1 and 1/4 miles
Kevin Ashby 1 and 1/4 miles

Ebbie Bailey 2 miles
Deborah Bell 4 miles

Rosalie Biano 1 and 1/2 mile
Kenneth Bishoff Less than 2 miles
Less than 2 miles

Karen and Tim Bradberry

Tila Brooks

Tila Brooks

Tila Brooks

Tila Brooks

Within 9 miles

Laura Champagne Within 1 and 1/2 miles

Gary Chunn Within 7,000 feet (5,280 feet in 1 mile)
Penny Chunn Within 7,000 feet (5,280 feet in 1 mile)

Larry Wayne Collins Within 3 miles

Concerned Citizen # 1 Approximately 3 miles William Winwright Cribbs Within 1 and 1/2 miles

Troy Deaton 11 miles
Frank Fanning Within 2 miles

Stephanie Ford 2 miles Vanda Ford 2 miles

1 and 1/2 miles Judith Gray 1 and 3/4 miles Beverly Hammett 1 and 3/4 miles Jerry Hammett 1 and 1/2 miles Linda Hampton Kathleen Harrison 4 miles 2 and 1/2 miles Dallas Hiett Barbara Huddleston 2 miles 1 and 1/2 miles Timothy Huston 1 and 1/2 miles Stanley Johnson 2 and 1/2 miles Marylin Kinney Within 2 miles Henry Knight Within 2 miles Sharon Labian Francine Lafield 6 miles Brice Leverett 10 miles Within 2 miles Edward Lichnerowicz 6 miles David Louder Christine Ludwig 1.7 miles 1.7 miles David Ludwig 1 and 1/2 miles Jose Marquez Robert Martin 1 and 1/4 miles 1 and 1/2 miles James and Lori Mattox Jeffery McCaffrey 1 and 1/2 miles 1 and 1/2 miles Melissa McCaffrey 1 and 1/2 miles Ronald McCaffrey Within 10 miles Michelle Miller Robert Miller Within 1 and 1/2 miles 1.3 miles Lorie Minix Christopher Morrill

6 miles 6 miles

1 and 1/2 miles 1 and 1/2 miles

1 and 1/2 miles

Approximately 10 miles

2 miles

1 and 1/2 miles 1 and 1/2 miles 1.3 miles 2 miles

2 miles 3 miles 5 miles

Within 9 miles

12 miles 1.3 miles 1.3 miles 1.3 miles

Glenda O'Farrell Jesse Prewitt Fransisco Ramirez Charles Reed Kelly Reed David Rendon Terry Rollins Alexandra Ronngren David and Mary Rosales Russell Schnoonover Vera Schafer **Bob Singleton** Charley Smith Jaren Smith

Crystal Morrill

Milton Mueller

John Smith

Leah Smith

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David Tate 2 and 1/2 miles Rhonda Tate 2 and 1/2 miles

Joyce Taylor 3 miles

Adriadna Teapila 1 and 1/2 miles

Billy Thompson 5 miles Kenneth Thompson 1 and 1/4 miles

Todd Thompson 1 and 1/2 miles
John Vickery Within 7 miles
Maria Vickery Within 7 miles
L. R. Walker Within 6 miles

R. W. Walker Within 1 and 1/2 miles

Fahad Waqas Within 12 miles

Deborah Welch 3 miles

Janet Westbrook Within 10 miles

The Executive Director also recommends that the Commission find that Amy Ashby, Kevin Ashby, Ebbie Bailey, Deborah Bell, Rosalie Biano, Kenneth Bishoff, Lea Ann Bishoff, Karen and Tim Bradberry, Tila Brooks, Laura Champagne, Gary Chunn, Penny Chunn, Larry Wayne Collins, Concerned Citizen # 1, William Winwright Cribbs, Troy Deaton, Frank Fanning, Stephanie Ford, Vanda Ford, Judith Gray, Beverly Hammett, Jerry Hammett, Linda Hampton, Kathleen Harrison, Dallas Hiett, Barbara Huddleston, Timothy Huston, Stanley Johnson, Marylin Kinney, Henry Knight, Sharon Labian, Francine Lafield, Brice Leverett, Edward Lichnerowicz, David Louder, Christine Ludwig, David Ludwig, Jose Marquez, Robert Martin, James and Lori Mattox, Jeffery McCaffrey, Melissa McCaffrey, Ronald McCaffrey, Michelle Miller, Robert Miller, Lorie Minix, Christopher Morrill, Crystal Morrill, Milton Mueller, Glenda O'Farrell, Jesse Prewitt, Fransisco Ramirez, Charles Reed, Kelly Reed, David Rendon, Terry Rollins, Alexandra Ronngren, David and Mary Rosales, Russell Schnoonover, Vera Schafer, Bob Singleton, Charley Smith, Jaren Smith, John Smith, Leah Smith, David Tate, Rhonda Tate, Joyce Taylor, Adriadna Teapila, Billy Thompson, Kenneth Thompson, Todd Thompson, John Vickery, Maria Vickery, L. R. Walker, R. W. Walker, Fahad Wagas, Deborah Welch, and Janet Westbrook, all of whom live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility, are not affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

#### b.) <u>Group 2</u>:

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Stephen Barfield, Johnny Beall, Karen Beall, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Charles Buzbee, Marie Buzbee, Floyd Collins, Tina Collins, Joshua Davis, Alberto Enriquez, Anneliese Enriquiez, Steven Gothard, Mark Grimes, Kenny Hamby, Seth Jones, Mark Matheny, Albert Nelson, Shelia Nelson, David Sargent, Jr., Stephanie Simmons, James Singleton, Ciara Smalling, Sherry Smalling, George Standley, Linda Standley, Ricky Standley, James Watkins, Dale Welch, Karen Welch, and Julianne Young, all of whom live or own property within one mile from the proposed facility, are affected persons under 30 T.A.C. § 55.203.

The following requestors live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility based upon information provided in their hearing request:

Requestor <u>Distance from Proposed Facility</u>

Justin Abbott 2 miles
Roger Adams 2 miles

Ruth Allen Approximately 2 miles

Dorthy Bell 3 and 1/2 miles

Mrs. R. A. Benedict 10 miles
Ralph Benedict II 10 miles

Bonnie Braswell
Dennis R. Cartwright

1 and 1/4 miles
Unknown

Rosemary Cartwright

James Clanton

Belinda Faulkner

Lica Ford

Unknown

2 and 1/2 miles

5 to 8 miles

Unknown

Lisa Ford
Terri Gandy
Unknown
Sherry Glaze
Matt Glazewski
Glenela Godejohn
Maurice Godejohn
Unknown
Martha Guilbeaux
2 miles

Martha Guilbeaux 2 miles
Ronnie Guilbeaux 2 miles
Sheila Hardwick 20 miles
Unknown

Prescilla Harris Unknown
Deborah Heuermann 1 and 1/2 miles

Amber Hunt 5 miles
Jimmy Hunt 5 miles
Crystal Kelsoe 3 miles
Eric Kelsoe 3 miles
Ed Kirkland 4 miles
Floralee Lovell 11 miles
James Lovell 7 miles

David Ludwig 2 miles
Charles Lyle 1 and 1/2 miles
Bob McDaniel Unknown

Terri McDonald Unknown
Carl and Linda McLeod Unknown
Unknown
Unknown

Linda Middleton Unknow
Luis Nava 5 miles
Tara Olephant 2 miles

Weda O'Neil 1 and 1/2 miles

Linda Ott 3 miles
Sylvia Padilla 2 miles
Jack Potter Unknown

Lisa Reasor 8 to 9 miles
Terry Rollins Unknown

Delores Roost Approximately 1 and 1/2 miles

J. Sandles Unknown
John and Leah Smith 1.2 miles

Nikki Somplasky Approximately 2 miles

Joseph Tanseu 1 and 1/2 miles

David Tate 4 miles

Rhonda Tate 2 miles or 4 miles

2 miles Jason Turner Ken Vandine Unknown Shawn Wallace 3 miles Dan Wallaer 5 miles Cynthia Watford 8 to 10 miles Shawn Watford 8 miles Angela Welch 2 miles. Michael Wilkinson Unknown Esther Williams Unknown

The Executive Director also recommends that the Commission find that Justin Abbott, Roger Adams, Ruth Allen, Dorthy Bell, Mrs. R. A. Benedict, Ralph Benedict II, Bonnie Braswell, Dennis R. Cartwright, Rosemary Cartwright, James Clanton, Belinda Faulkner, Lisa Ford, Terri Gandy, Sherry Glaze, Matt Glazewski, Glenela Godejohn, Maurice Godejohn, Martha Guilbeaux, Ronnie Guilbeaux, Sheila Hardwick, Prescilla Harris, Deborah Heuermann, Amber Hunt, Jimmy Hunt, Crystal Kelsoe, Eric Kelsoe, Ed Kirkland, Floralee Lovell, James Lovell, David Ludwig, Charles Lyle, Bob McDaniel, Terri McDonald, Carl and Linda McLeod, Linda Middleton, Luis Nava, Tara Olephant, Weda O'Neil, Linda Ott, Sylvia Padilla, Jack Potter, Lisa Reasor, Terry Rollins, Delores Roost, J. Sandles, John and Leah Smith, Nikki Somplasky, Joseph Tanseu, David Tate, Rhonda Tate, Jason Turner, Ken Vandine, Shawn Wallace, Dan Wallaer, Cynthia Watford, Shawn Watford, Angela Welch, Michael Wilkinson, and Esther Williams, all of whom live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility, are not affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

#### c.) <u>Group 3</u>:

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Douglas Cockerham, Barbara Mayeux, Barbara McLeane, Paul Simmons, Jr., and Charlotte Williams, all of whom live or own property within one mile from the proposed facility, are affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

The following requestors live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility based upon the mailing address provided in their hearing request:

Requestor

Rachel Amachole

Distance from Proposed Facility
Unknown

Unknown Helen Barge Unknown William Boles Stephanie Brennan Unknown Tom Brennan Unknown Ernest and Marie Brown Unknown William Cockerham Unknown Amy Colvin Unknown Peggy Davis Unknown Norma Gibson Unknown Unknown Vernie Gibson Unknown James Harden Tommy Jensen Unknown Dalva Keener Unknown Stanley Lambery Unknown Howard Launius Unknown Everette Lawson Unknown Donald Myers Unknown Mrs. Don Myers Unknown Brandi Thoede Unknown Jesse Van Liew Unknown Jim Vaught Unknown Elanor von Tungeln Unknown Jim von Tungeln Unknown Craig Welch Unknown Sandy Welch Unknown

The Executive Director also recommends that the Commission find that Rachel Amachole, Helen Barge, William Boles, Stephanie Brennan, Tom Brennan, Ernest and Marie Brown, William Cockerham, Amy Colvin, Peggy Davis, Norma Gibson, Venie Gibson, James Harden, Tommy Jensen, Dalva Keener, Stanley Lambery, Howard Launius, Everette Lawson, Donald Myers, Mrs. Don Myers, Brandi Thoede, Jesse Van Liew, Jim Vaught, Elanor von Tungeln, Jim von Tungeln, Craig Welch, and Sandy Welch, all of whom live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility, are not affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

#### d.) Group 4:

The following requestor's live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility based upon the mailing address provided in their hearing request:

Requestor	Distance from Proposed Facility
Richard Arnold	Unknown
Eric Bettis	Unknown
Kayla Finley	Unknown
James Frank	Unknown
Vivian Hickman	Unknown

Tanya Hill	Unknown
Chrispen Johnson	Unknown
Norma Kay Lord	Unknown
Donald Myers	Unknown
Clara Riggins	Unknown
Larry Riggins	Unknown
Carol Saxon	Unknown
Marla Todd	Unknown
Elanor von Tungeln	Unknown
James von Tungeln	Unknown
Mark Wiggins	Unknown

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Richard Arnold, Eric Bettis, Kayla Finley, James Frank, Vivian Hickman, Tanya Hill, Chirspen Johnson, Norma Kay Lord, Donald Myers, Clara Riggins, Larry Riggins, Carol Saxon, Marla Todd, Elanor von Tunglen, James von Tungeln, and Mark Wiggins, all of whom live or own property located farther than one mile from the proposed facility, are not affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

#### e.) <u>Group 5:</u>

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Albert and Shelia Nelson, and Karen Welch, all of whom live or own property within one mile of the proposed facility, are affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

The following requestor's live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility based upon the mailing address provided in their hearing request:

Requestor	Distance from Proposed Facility
Norma Gibson	Unknown
Billy Wagnon	Unknown

The Executive Director also recommends that the Commission find that Norma Gibson and Billy Wagnon, both of whom live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility, are not affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

#### f.) Group 6:

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Daniel Heil and Jerri Heil, both of whom live or own property within one mile of the proposed facility, are affected persons under 30 TAC §. 55.203.

#### g.) Montgomery County, Texas

Montgomery County, Texas is a local governmental entity with statutory authority over issues relevant to the application; namely, its role in local or regional solid waste management planning pursuant to Chapter 363 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Montgomery County, Texas is an affected person under 30 TAC § 55.203.

#### h.) Individual Requestors

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that Doug Crofton, Rev. Duane Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Wayne Kocurer, Nonnie Maffet, Ronald Maffet, Barbara Mayeux, Travis Mayeux, Barbara McLeane, R. M. Palmer, on behalf of International Paper, Realty Division (International Paper), Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains, Melvin Shape, Cassie Smith, Linda Standley, David Stegenga, Linda Stegenga, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, James Walkinshaw, Jr., Karen Welch, and Paul Zylman, all of whom live or own property within one mile of the proposed facility, are affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

The following requestor's live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility based upon their mailing address or other information provided in their hearing request:

<u>Requestor</u>	Distance from Proposed Facility
Denise Bell	Unknown
Karen Bradberry	1.3 miles
Jim Dawson	Unknown
Judith Horne	Unknown
Thornton Ireland	Unknown
Earnest Kannak, Jr.	Unknown
Mary Lou Kirves	Unknown
Christine Ludwig	1.7 miles
Steven Matthews	Unknown
Carol Parten	Unknown
Greg Poole	Unknown
Louis Reiszner	Unknown
Carla Robles	Unknown
Pedro Rosales, Jr.	Unknown
Lynda and Bob Sasser	Unknown
Anita Severa	Unknown
John Smith	1.3 miles
Leah Smith	1.3 miles
Robert Smith	1.3 miles
David Tate	2 and 1/2 miles
Rhonda Tate	2 and 1/2 miles
Debra Teekamp	Unknown
Daniel Vargas	Unknown

Sabrina Westerfeld Charlotte Williams Unknown Less than 1 mile

The Executive Director also recommends that the Commission find that Denise Bell, Karen Bradberry, Jim Dawson, Judith Horne, Thornton Ireland, Earnest Kannak, Jr., Mary Lou Kirves, Christine Ludwig, Steven Matthews, Carol Parten, Greg Poole, Louis Reiszner, Carla Robles, Pedro Rosales, Jr., Lynda and Bob Sasser, Anita Severa, John Smith, Leah Smith, Robert Smith, David Tate, Rhonda Tate, Debra Teekamp, Daniel Vargas, Sabrina Westerfeld, and Charlotte Williams, all of whom live or own property that is located farther than one mile from the proposed facility, are not affected persons under 30 TAC § 55.203.

### 3. Whether Citizens Against Montgomery Landfill (CAML) complied with 30 TAC § 55.205

Each of the hearing requests filed by Mary Carter, of Blackburn & Carter, P.C., lists Paul Zylman as a member of CAML. As stated above, the Executive Director believes that Mr. Zylman is an affected person who would otherwise have standing to request a hearing in his own right. The interests that CAML seeks to protect are germane to their purpose, and neither the claims asserted nor the relief requested requires the participation of individual members in the case.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission find that CAML complied with 30 TAC § 55.205.

#### B. Whether the Issues Are Referable to SOAH

In addition to recommending to the Commission those persons who qualify as affected persons, the Executive Director analyzes issues raised in accordance with the regulatory criteria. Unless otherwise noted, the issues discussed below were all raised during the public comment period. None of the issues were raised solely in a comment which has been withdrawn. All the identified issues in the response are considered disputed, unless otherwise noted.

## 1. Whether the Applicant complied with the alternative language newspaper notice requirement at 30 TAC § 39.405(h).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 2 of the Executive Director's First Amended Response to Public Comment (First Amended RTC). This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the public comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

2. Whether the Application should be allowed to proceed in light of opposition from state and local government officials.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 4 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. TCEQ rules do not require an applicant for a new MSW facility to obtain the support of state or local governmental officials. Statements made by state or local governmental officials in support or opposition to an application are given the same weight as any public comment.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

3. Whether the processing of the Application was competently managed by the TCEQ.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 6 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. Review times for the TCEQ permitting process are defined in TCEQ rules in accordance with state law. This application review has gone well beyond the typical time frame allotted due to the extension of the comment period to allow for additional public meetings, the submission and subsequent technical review of the amended permit application, and responding to extensive public comment.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

4. Whether the State of Texas should provide the Requestors with an attorney.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 7 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. An attorney is not necessary to participate in the public participation process. Neither federal nor state law requires the state to provide counsel in administrative law matters. This issue is not relevant and material to the TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

5. Whether the proposed MSW facility is necessary to satisfy Montgomery County's waste disposal needs.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This concern is more appropriately addressed to the local council of governments during the development or revision of a regional solid waste management plan. The regional solid waste management plan for Montgomery County, developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC), calls for a Type IV landfill in Montgomery County to serve the region's waste disposal needs. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

6. Whether the Application should be allowed to proceed in light of the fact that the Applicant could sell their interest after the permit is issued.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 42 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The Executive Director has no information that indicates that, should the permit be issued, the Applicant intends to sell the permit. However, TCEQ rules do not prohibit such a transaction provided that it is properly documented and accepted through a permit modification, requiring public notice, pursuant to 30 TAC § 305.70(k)(13). This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

7. Whether the Application adequately addresses land use compatibility pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.53(b)(8).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Numbers 15 and 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

8. Whether the Application adequately addresses traffic concerns pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.51(b)(6)(C) and 330.53(b)(9).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 16 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

9. Whether the Application properly identifies the 100-year floodplain pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.53(b)(12), 330.56(f)(3), and 330.56(f)(4)(B)(i).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 24 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

10. Whether the Application adequately addresses flooding concerns pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.56(f).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 24 and 25 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

11. Whether the proposed liner design will adequately protect groundwater resources pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.200(e).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Numbers 26 and 27 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

12. Whether the proposed groundwater monitoring system design will adequately protect groundwater and soils from contamination pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.239.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Numbers 26, 27, and 29 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

13. Whether the Application should be denied based on potential adverse impacts to property values in the surrounding communities.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 39 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The Texas Legislature has tasked the TCEQ with regulating the management of municipal solid waste in the state. TCEQ rules were promulgated to protect human health and safety, and the environment. Potential impacts on property values are outside the scope of the normal evaluation of a municipal solid waste application. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

14. Whether the Application satisfies 30 TAC §§ 330.56(o) and 330.139 regarding the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of contaminated water.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Numbers 27 and 28 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 15. Whether the Application satisfies 30 TAC § 330.56(f) regarding surface water drainage control.

This issue was raised and addressed by Response Numbers 27 and 28 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

# 16. Whether the Application contains the information about groundwater and aquifer conditions at the site required by 30 TAC §§ 330.53(b)(11)(A) and 330.56(d)(4).

This issue was raised and addressed by Response Numbers 27 and 29 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 17. Whether the maps contained in the Application comply with 30 TAC § 330.52(b)(4).

This issue was raised and addressed by Response Number 15 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 18. Whether the Application contains adequate provisions for the visual screening of the proposed facility.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 22 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. 30 TAC § 330.138 provides that visual screening of deposited waste at an MSW facility must be provided by the owner or operator for the facility where the Executive Director determines that such screening is necessary. The Executive Director has determined that visual screening is not necessary for the proposed facility. This issue

is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

19. Whether the Applicant has adequately demonstrated that the proposed facility will not adversely impact wetlands and associated wildlife, including migratory birds pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.302.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 31 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

20. Whether the Applicant has adequately demonstrated that the proposed facility will not adversely impact endangered or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.129.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 31 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

21. Whether the Applicant has demonstrated compliance with the regional solid waste management plan, as required by 30 TAC § 330.51(b)(10).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 4 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

22. Whether the Application contains appropriate cost estimates for the closure and post-closure care of the proposed facility pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.281(a) and 330.283(a).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 40 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

23. Whether nearby residents would be notified of contamination occurring at the proposed facility in a prompt manner pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.56(n)(3)(A) for landfill gas and 330.235(g)(1)(C) and 330.236(d).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Numbers 29 and 33 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. After a determination that the facility has a contaminated shallow water-bearing zone, the Executive Director may order corrective action pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.239(b)(7). Public notice regarding corrective action measures is governed by 30 TAC § 330.236(d). This issue raises a disputed issue of law rather than fact, and is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

24. Whether the addition of the proposed MSW facility constitutes landfill clustering in the area.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This concern is more appropriately addressed to the local council of governments during the development or revision of a regional solid waste management plan. The regional solid waste management plan for Montgomery County, developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC), calls for a Type IV landfill in Montgomery County to serve the region's waste disposal needs. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

25. Whether the Application adequately provides for dust control pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.127(b).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 32 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

26. Whether the Application adequately provides for the maintenance of site access roads in a clean and safe condition pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.127(c).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 20 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and

material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

## 27. Whether a contested case hearing on the Application should be held in Montgomery County.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 3 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The SOAH Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will determine the appropriate venue for the hearing. Pursuant to 1 TAC § 155.403, the SOAH ALJ will designate a neutral hearing site in accordance with applicable law. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

### 28. Whether the Application adequately provides for the control of windblown waste and litter pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.120.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 20 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 29. Whether the Application adequately provides for odor control pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.125(b).

This issue was raised and address in Response Numbers 21 and 32 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

## 30. Whether the Application adequately provides for disease vector control pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.126.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Numbers 21 and 23 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

31. Whether the proposed facility will adversely impact individual mineral rights at the landfill site that are not under the control of the Applicant.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 38 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The TCEQ does not have jurisdiction from the legislature to regulate mineral rights. Waste disposal authorizations from the TCEQ do not grant any property rights or special privileges to the holder of those authorizations. The issue of mineral rights is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

32. Whether the Applicant provided the information required by 30 TAC §§ 330.52(b)(7) and (b)(8) regarding property ownership and its legal status.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 13 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

33. Whether the public meeting requirements of 30 TAC § 39.501(e) were met.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 3 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. Due to the dissatisfaction expressed at the August 9, 2004 public meeting, where the size of the facility made it unable to accommodate all those who wished to participate, the TCEQ conducted a second public meeting on March 10, 2005 in order to accommodate all interested parties. A third public meeting was also held on April 10, 2008 to allow interested parties to comment on the amended application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

34. Whether the Application contains adequate operating procedures to prevent the disposal of prohibited waste pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.114(5).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 19 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

35. Whether the Application contains the financial assurance information required by 30 TAC §§ 330.281(b) and 330.283(b).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 40 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 36. Whether the Applicant should be required to seek an alternative location for the proposed facility.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response 11 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. TCEQ rules were promulgated to ensure that an MSW facility does not pose a health risk to the surrounding community. The Executive Director does not have the authority to consider alternative locations for proposed facilities. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

### 37. Whether the operating procedures in the Application adequately addresses fire protection pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.115.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 14 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. The issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 38. Whether the Application adequately protects against illegal dumping in the area surrounding the proposed facility.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 19 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. Illegal dumping in Montgomery County should be reported to the TCEQ by calling toll-free, 1-888-777-3186 or by calling the TCEQ Region 12 Office in Houston at (713) 767-3500. The MSW rules do not require applicants for a new MSW facility to take protective measures against illegal dumping in the area surrounding the proposed facility. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

## 39. Whether the Applicant submitted the information required by 30 TAC § 330.52(b)(9), evidencing competency to operate the proposed site.

This issue was raised and addressed by Response Number 41 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and

material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. This issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

### 40. Whether the Applicant properly coordinated with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.51(b)(6)(C).

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 16 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. This issue is within TCEQ's jurisdiction and is relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on the permit application. This issue involves a question of fact, is disputed, was raised during the comment period, and was not withdrawn.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission refer this issue to SOAH.

#### 41. Whether the Application adequately addresses noise from the proposed facility.

This issue was raised and addressed in Response Number 21 of the Executive Director's First Amended RTC. The TCEQ does not have specific rules addressing noise at MSW facilities. This issue is not relevant and material to TCEQ's decision on this permit application.

The Executive Director recommends that the Commission not refer this issue to SOAH.

#### VI. Response to Requests for Reconsideration

The TCEQ's Office of Chief Clerk received requests for reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision on this application from Deborah Doran, Thornton Ireland, Barbara Mayeux, and Linda Standley. Deborah Doran's request for reconsideration raised the issues of traffic, flooding, groundwater contamination, wetlands protection, potential adverse effects on wildlife including migratory birds and their habitat, landfill clustering, protection of endangered or threatened species, potential adverse impact on property values, and an alternative site location for the proposed facility. Thornton Ireland's request for reconsideration raised the issues of dust control, groundwater protection, and Barbara Mayeux's request for reconsideration raised the issues of landfill clustering, traffic, maintenance of site access roads, flooding, monitoring of incoming waste, and water quality. Linda Standley's request for reconsideration raised the issues of alternative language notice requirements, and landfill clustering. These requests did not raise any issues not already addressed by the Executive Director during his review of this application and preparation of the First Amended RTC, nor did they present any new information that would cause the Executive Director to alter his decision. Accordingly, the Executive Director recommends that the Commission deny the requests for reconsideration.

#### VII. Duration of the Contested Case Hearing

Should the Commission decide to refer the case, the Executive Director recommends that the duration for a contested case hearing on this matter between the preliminary hearing and the presentation of a proposal for decision before the Commission be nine months.

#### VIII. Executive Director's Recommendations

The Executive Director recommends the following actions by the Commission:

a) Find that the following requestors are affected persons:

Citizens Against Montgomery Landfill (CAML)

Montgomery County, Texas

Group 1

Heather Adams, Lori Adams, Rodney Adkinson, Lewis Akin, Emileen Atkinson, Richard Atkinson, Willie Mae Atkinson, Martha Barr, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Betty Blackman, Terry Blackman, Violet Blackman, W. L. Blackman, Ann Blackmer, Robert Blackmer, Barry Brannon, Sherry Brannon, Courtney Brennan, Charles Buzbee, Marie Buzbee, James Crandle, David Deschner, Skipper Fountain, Steven Geisman, Melinda Hall, Sandy Hamilton, Steve Hamilton, Laurie Headings, Sonja Henry, Bobbie Irwin, Laura Jones, Ross Jones, Lorena Jungst, John Kenny, Charles Wade Lyle, Don McCaslin, Maggie McCaslin, Meaghan McCaslin, Tricia McCaslin, Barbara McLeane, Esmeralda McLeane, Matt McLeane, Ned McLeane, Tommy Miller, Jr., Rhonda Nash, David Neal, Debbie Neal, Casey Neely, Judith O'Toole, John Overall, Kelly Radmanovich, Milorad Radmanovich, Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains, Patricia Ream, Robert Ream, Maria Ronberg, R. Allen Selph, R. T. Selph, Frances Sheppard, Sfc. James Singleton, Richard Smith, Herbert Somplasky, Nikki Somplasky, Kathryn Spore, Linda Standley, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, Bennett Stone, Gordon Trott, Kimberly Trott, Jason Turner, Sandra Turner, Margaret Wagner, James Walkinshaw, Jr., James Watkins, Jr., Cliff Welch, Jim Welch, John Welch, Dale and Karen Welch, Charlotte Williams, James L. Williams, James S. Williams, Lacy Williams, Herschel Wilson, Jacqueline Wovchesin, and Paul Zylman

Group 2

Stephen Barfield, Johnny Beall, Karen Beall, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Charles Buzbee, Marie Buzbee, Floyd Collins, Tina Collins, Joshua Davis, Alberto Enriquez, Anneliese Enriquiez, Steven Gothard, Mark Grimes, Kenny Hamby, Seth Jones, Mark Matheny, Albert Nelson, Shelia Nelson, David Sargent, Jr., Stephanie Simmons, James Singleton, Ciara Smalling, Sherry Smalling, George Standley, Linda Standley, Ricky Standley, James Watkins, Dale Welch, Karen Welch, and Julianne Young

Group 3

Douglas Cockerham, Barbara Mayeux, Barbara McLeane, Paul Simmons, Jr., and Charlotte Williams

#### Group 5

Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Albert and Shelia Nelson, and Karen Welch

#### Group 6

Daniel Heil and Jerri Heil

#### Individual Requestors

Doug Crofton, Rev. Duane Hamilton, Sandy Hamilton, Wayne Kocurer, Nonnie Maffet, Ronald Maffet, Barbara Mayeux, Travis Mayeux, Barbara McLeane, R. M. Palmer, on behalf of International Paper, Realty Division (International Paper), Lawrence and Carolyn Sue Rains, Melvin Shape, Cassie Smith, Linda Standley, David Stegenga, Linda Stegenga, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, James Walkinshaw, Jr., Karen Welch, and Paul Zylman

#### b) Find that the following requestors are not affected persons:

#### Group 1

Amy Ashby, Kevin Ashby, Ebbie Bailey, Deborah Bell, Rosalie Biano, Kenneth Bishoff, Lea Ann Bishoff, Karen and Tim Bradberry, Tila Brooks, Laura Champagne, Gary Chunn, Penny Chunn, Larry Wayne Collins, Concerned Citizen # 1, William Winwright Cribbs, Troy Deaton, Frank Fanning, Stephanie Ford, Vanda Ford, Judith Gray, Beverly Hammett, Jerry Hammett, Linda Hampton, Kathleen Harrison, Dallas Hiett, Barbara Huddleston, Timothy Huston, Stanley Johnson, Marylin Kinney, Henry Knight, Sharon Labian, Francine Lafield, Brice Leverett, Edward Lichnerowicz, David Louder, Christine Ludwig, David Ludwig, Jose Marquez, Robert Martin, James and Lori Mattox, Jeffery McCaffrey, Melissa McCaffrey, Ronald McCaffrey, Michelle Miller, Robert Miller, Lorie Minix, Christopher Morrill, Crystal Morrill, Milton Mueller, Glenda O'Farrell, Jesse Prewitt, Fransisco Ramirez, Charles Reed, Kelly Reed, David Rendon, Terry Rollins, Alexandra Ronngren, David and Mary Rosales, Russell Schnoonover, Vera Schafer, Bob Singleton, Charley Smith, Jaren Smith, John Smith, Leah Smith, David Tate, Rhonda Tate, Joyce Taylor, Adriadna Teapila, Billy Thompson, Kenneth Thompson, Todd Thompson, John Vickery, Maria Vickery, L. R. Walker, R. W. Walker, Fahad Waqas, Deborah Welch, and Janet Westbrook

#### Group 2

Justin Abbott, Roger Adams, Ruth Allen, Dorthy Bell, Mrs. R. A. Benedict, Ralph Benedict II, Bonnie Braswell, Dennis R. Cartwright, Rosemary Cartwright, James Clanton, Belinda Faulkner, Lisa Ford, Terri Gandy, Sherry Glaze, Matt Glazewski, Glenela Godejohn, Maurice Godejohn, Martha Guilbeaux, Ronnie Guilbeaux, Sheila Hardwick, Prescilla Harris, Deborah Heuermann, Amber Hunt, Jimmy Hunt, Crystal Kelsoe, Eric Kelsoe, Ed Kirkland, Floralee Lovell, James

Lovell, David Ludwig, Charles Lyle, Bob McDaniel, Terri McDonald, Carl and Linda McLeod, Linda Middleton, Luis Nava, Tara Olephant, Weda O'Neil, Linda Ott, Sylvia Padilla, Jack Potter, Lisa Reasor, Terry Rollins, Delores Roost, J. Sandles, John and Leah Smith, Nikki Somplasky, Joseph Tanseu, David Tate, Rhonda Tate, Jason Turner, Ken Vandine, Shawn Wallace, Dan Wallaer, Cynthia Watford, Shawn Watford, Angela Welch, Michael Wilkinson, and Esther Williams

#### Group 3

Rachel Amachole, Helen Barge, William Boles, Stephanie Brennan, Tom Brennan, Ernest and Marie Brown, William Cockerham, Amy Colvin, Peggy Davis, Norma Gibson, Venie Gibson, James Harden, Tommy Jensen, Dalva Keener, Stanley Lambery, Howard Launius, Everette Lawson, Donald Myers, Mrs. Don Myers, Brandi Thoede, Jesse Van Liew, Jim Vaught, Elanor von Tungeln, Jim von Tungeln, Craig Welch, and Sandy Welch

#### Group 4

Richard Arnold, Eric Bettis, Kayla Finley, James Frank, Vivian Hickman, Tanya Hill, Chirspen Johnson, Norma Kay Lord, Donald Myers, Clara Riggins, Larry Riggins, Carol Saxon, Marla Todd, Elanor von Tunglen, James von Tungeln, and Mark Wiggins

#### Group 5

Norma Gibson and Billy Wagnon

#### Individual Requestors

Denise Bell, Karen Bradberry, Jim Dawson, Judith Horne, Thornton Ireland, Earnest Kannak, Jr., Mary Lou Kirves, Christine Ludwig, Steven Matthews, Carol Parten, Greg Poole, Louis Reiszner, Carla Robles, Pedro Rosales, Jr., Lynda and Bob Sasser, Anita Severa, John Smith, Leah Smith, Robert Smith, David Tate, Rhonda Tate, Debra Teekamp, Daniel Vargas, Sabrina Westerfeld, and Charlotte Williams

- c) Should the Commission find that any of the requestors are affected persons, the following issues should be referred to SOAH for a Contested Case Hearing for a duration of nine months:
  - 1. Whether the Applicant complied with the alternative language newspaper notice requirement at 30 TAC § 39.405(h).
  - 2. Whether the Application adequately addresses land use compatibility pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.53(b)(8).
  - 3. Whether the Application adequately addresses traffic concerns pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.51(b)(6)(C) and 330.53(b)(9).

- 4. Whether the Application properly identifies the 100-year floodplain pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.53(b)(12), 330.56(f)(3), and 330.56(f)(4)(B)(i).
- 5. Whether the Application adequately addresses flooding concerns pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.56(f).
- 6. Whether the proposed liner design will adequately protect groundwater resources pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.200(e).
- 7. Whether the proposed groundwater monitoring system design will adequately protect groundwater and soils from contamination pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.239.
- 8. Whether the Application satisfies 30 TAC §§ 330.56(o) and 330.139 regarding the handling, storage, treatment, and disposal of contaminated water.
- 9. Whether the Application satisfies 30 TAC § 330.56(f) regarding surface water drainage control.
- 10. Whether the Application contains the information about groundwater and aquifer conditions at the site required by 30 TAC §§ 330.53(b)(11)(A) and 330.56(d)(4).
- 11. Whether the maps contained in the Application comply with 30 TAC § 330.52.(b)(4).
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- 13. Whether the Applicant has adequately demonstrated that the proposed facility will not adversely impact wetlands and associated wildlife, including migratory birds pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.302.
- 14. Whether the Applicant has adequately demonstrated that the proposed facility will not adversely impact endangered or threatened species or their habitat pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.129.
- 15. Whether the Applicant has demonstrated compliance with the regional solid waste management plan, as required by 30 TAC § 330.51(b)(10).
- 16. Whether the Application contains appropriate cost estimates fro the closure and post-closure care of the proposed facility pursuant to 30 TAC §§ 330.281(a) and 330.283(a).
- 17. Whether the application adequately provides for dust control pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.127(b).

- 18. Whether the Application adequately provides for the maintenance of site access roads in a clean and safe condition pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.127(c).
- 19. Whether the Application adequately provides for the control of windblown waste and litter pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.120.
- 20. Whether the Application adequately provides for odor control pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.125(b).
- 21. Whether the Application adequately provides for disease vector control pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.126.
- 22. Whether the Applicant provided the information required by 30 TAC §§ 330.52(b)(7) and (b)(8) regarding property ownership and its legal status
- 23. Whether the Application contains adequate operating procedures to prevent the disposal of prohibited waste pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.114(5).
- 24. Whether the Application contains the financial assurance information required by 30 TAC §§ 330.281(b) and 330.283(b).
- 25. Whether the operating procedures in the Application adequately addresses fire protection pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.115.
- 26. Whether the Applicant submitted the information required by 30 TAC § 330.52(b)(9), evidencing competency to operate the proposed site.
- 27. Whether the Applicant properly coordinated with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.51(b)(6)(C).
- d) Deny the Requests for Reconsideration filed by Deborah Doran, Thornton Ireland, Barbara Mayeux, and Linda Standley.

Respectfully submitted, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on June 15, 2009, an original and seven copies of the "Executive Director's Response to Hearing Requests and Requests for Reconsideration" relating to the application of Montgomery Landfill Solutions, L.P. for Permit No. 2324 was filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of the Chief Clerk, and a complete copy was transmitted by mail, facsimile, or hand-delivery to all persons on the attached mailing list.

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Attachment A – Technical Summary

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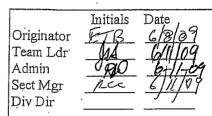
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# TECHNICAL SUMMARY of the

MLS TYPE IV LANDFILL
MSW PERMIT APPLICATION
No. 2324

Type IV Municipal Solid Waste Facility Montgomery County, Texas

Applicant:
Montgomery Landfill Solutions, L.P.

Date Prepared: September 13, 2007

Prepared and Issued by the
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration
Waste Permits Division
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permits Section

This summary was prepared in accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 281.21(c). The information contained in this summary is based upon the permit application. Not all of the information contained in this summary has been independently verified.

Name of Applicant:

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Name of Facility:

MLS Type IV Landfill

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Type of Facility:

207.1-acre Type IV waste unit on a 473.0-acre facility

#### 1. <u>General</u>

#### 1.1 Purpose:

This permit application, submitted by Montgomery Landfill Solutions, Inc., is to construct and operate a new Type IV Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfill in Montgomery County, Texas. The total permitted facility will include 473.0 acres of land of which approximately 207.1 acres will be used for waste disposal. The final elevation of the waste fill and final cover material will be 408.29 feet above mean sea level (msl). The site will be authorized to accept the waste streams as listed below.

#### 1.2 Wastes to be Accepted:

Solid waste to be disposed of will primarily consist of municipal solid waste resulting from, or incidental to, construction, demolition and groundskeeping activities, including brush, construction/demolition waste, rubbish, inert material, man-made inert material, trash, yard waste that is free of putrescible and household waste, scrap tires that have been slit and quartered or shredded, but not from a tire disposer/recycler that is reimbursed from the State Waste Tire Recycling Fund, and other waste as approved on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director. The proposed landfill is prohibited to accept waste materials other than those mentioned above, and those waste streams that are expressly prohibited by 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 330, including but not limited to hazardous waste, Class 1 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 2 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 3 non-hazardous industrial waste, regulated radioactive waste, waste containing regulated polychlorinated biphenyls, putrescible waste, household waste, liquid waste, water and wastewater treatment sludge, grease/grit trap wastes, special wastes, and waste materials that may cause an odor or nuisance or that may require excessive or special onsite procedures and handling requirements.

#### 1.3 Waste Acceptance Rate:

Authorized wastes will be accepted at an anticipated initial average rate of approximately 858,000 tons per year (3,000 tons per day, 6 days per week) to a final average rate of approximately 1,145,000 tons per year (4,000 tons per day, 6 days per week) which results in an estimated life of approximately 30 years.

#### 2. LOCATION AND SIZE

#### 2.1 Location:

The MLS Type IV Landfill is located in Montgomery County, Texas. The facility abuts the west side of North Walker Road about 1.4 miles north of the intersection of North Walker Road and State Highway (SH) 105 and has a physical address of 3761 North Walker Road. Refer to the General Location Map, Attachment 1 to this Application Summary.

#### 2.2 Elevation and Coordinates of Permanent Benchmark:

Latitude:

N 30° 21' 03"

Longitude:

· W 95° 17' 10"

Elevation:

204.18 msl

#### 2.3 Size:

The total area within the permit boundary under the proposed permit is approximately 473.0 acres.

#### 3. FACILITY DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATIONS

#### 3.1 Facilities Authorized:

The permittee will be authorized to operate the facility subject to the limitations contained in the permit. All waste disposal operations will be limited to the units and other features identified in the Site Development Plan and the Site Operating Plan as follows.

3.1.1 A Type IV municipal solid waste landfill facility with a single waste disposal cell footprint of approximately 207.1 acres. The landfill will have a below grade excavation of approximately 47 feet to an elevation of 167.4 feet above msl with continuous area filling with waste, and above grade aerial fill of approximately 188 feet to a top of final cover elevation of 408.3 feet above msl. The proposed facility will contain a gatehouse, perimeter drainage ditches and dikes, four sedimentation/detention basins, segments of Lawrence Creek, West Fork of Spring Branch and a tributary of Lawrence Creek, 29 shallow groundwater monitoring wells and 18 deep groundwater monitoring wells, 17 gas monitoring probes, sidewall clay plug, clay liner system and final cover system.

3.1.2 Access roads, temporary and permanent drainage features, disposal trenches, all appurtenances, and other improvements shall be built, operated, and/or maintained in accordance with the conditions of the permit, Part I - IV of the permit application, and commission regulations. The facility shall be managed in a manner to protect human health and the environment.

#### 4. LAND USE

- 4.1 The site is located in Montgomery County near the City of Cut and Shoot, Texas and adjacent to the unincorporated community of Midway. Midway is a growing community of varying lot sizes mixed with some agricultural and timberland tracts and commercial properties primarily located along SH 105. The landfill site is about 1.4 miles north of the intersection of North Walker Road and SH 105, northeast of Cut and Shoot.
- 4.2 The proposed facility will be located in Montgomery County outside of the incorporated limits of any city and is therefore not subject to any known city zoning ordinances.
- 4.3 The surrounding land is 60% undeveloped or agricultural, 39% residential with agricultural and 1% industrial. There are an estimated 780 people residing within 1 mile of the site (based on 2000 census data, which indicates that there are 2.92 people per residence and an estimated 267 residences within one mile of the permit boundary). These people are primarily located on the east side of North Walker Road.
- Structures located within the 1 mile boundary of the site consist of homes along roads and agricultural use structures. There are nine structures and habitable buildings within 500 feet of the permit boundary. The nearest is approximately 75 feet east of the permit boundary and about 1,150 feet east of the waste cell.

#### 5. TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

5.1 The site is reached from an access road on property south of the proposed permit boundary. This property is owned by the permittee but is not within the permit boundary. The access road is entered from SH 105, west of North Walker Road. SH 105 is a two-lane asphalt-surfaced roadway with a 44-foot cross-section, including 12-foot travel lanes with a 10-foot shoulder in each direction. Traffic volumes were acquired by the applicant from automatic tube counters, peak-hour turning movement counts and vehicle classification counts. Based on this information, the average daily traffic volume for SH 105 in the vicinity of North Walker Road is 12,408 vehicles per day traveling in both directions. The peak flow rate for SH 105 is 1,104 vehicles per hour, based on year 2006 traffic, traveling in both directions. The landfill facility is expected to contribute approximately 454 vehicles per day in the first year of operation and increase to 608 vehicles per day in the 30<sup>th</sup> year of operation.

SH 105 will be improved in the vicinity of North Walker Road. The improvements will meet Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requirements. A diagram illustrating the TxDOT-approved design is provided in Part II of the application. As noted in the Special Provisions, this road must be improved before the facility may receive waste.

5.2 There are no public use airports located within five miles of the site. The nearest public use airport is the Montgomery County Airport, which is located about 6.7 miles west of the site. The FAA was contacted and did not object to the location of the landfill site.

#### 6. SURFACE WATER PROTECTION

#### 6.1 Floodplain:

There are two areas where designated 100-year floodplain areas appear to lie within the permit boundary of the facility. These are along Lawrence Creek on the west side of the property and the West Fork of Spring Branch across the southwest corner of the property. Another area within the property boundary subject to flooding from a 100-year storm event exists along a tributary to Lawrence Creek across the northeast corner of the property. The waste cell, perimeter roads, sedimentation/detention basins and site monitoring systems are not within these areas.

#### 6.2 Storm Water:

Unaffected storm water from within the footprint of the waste unit is channeled to four sedimentation/detention basins. Two of these (Basin Nos. 2 and 3) discharge to the West Fork of Spring Branch and then to the south. Basin No. 1 discharges to Lawrence Creek and then to the southeast. Basin No. 4 discharges to the tributary to Lawrence Creek, leaving the property near its northeast corner to join Lawrence Creek. This storm water re-enters the property near the northern end of its easternmost perimeter and discharges to the southeast. The entire permitted boundary discharges through six outfalls. In addition to the four described above are an outfall to the north on the northernmost perimeter and an outfall to the south near the center of the southern perimeter.

#### 6.3 Contaminated Water:

Storm water that comes in contact with solid waste will be considered contaminated water. Contaminated storm water at the working face will be properly contained and managed. No contaminated water will be discharged from the site.

#### 7. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

#### 7.1 Groundwater Protection:

To reduce the potential to affect groundwater at the site resulting from waste disposal operations, fill areas will be underlain by, from the subsurface up, a three-foot compacted clay layer with a hydraulic conductivity of  $1\times10^{-7}$  centimeters per second (cm/sec) or less and a 12-inch-thick protective cover of soil. An additional compacted clay plug will be installed on all sidewalls to protect Stratum II (the shallow water-bearing zone). This plug will be from 32.5 to 36 feet thick with a minimum hydraulic conductivity of  $5\times10^{-8}$  cm/sec and will be placed behind the compacted clay liner sidewall. The waste cell will have a final cover of, from the top down, a 12-inch-thick grassed erosion layer and an 18-inch thick clay infiltration barrier with a maximum hydraulic conductivity of  $1\times10^{-7}$  cm/sec.

#### 7.2 Monitoring Wells:

A groundwater monitoring system will provide for early detection of potential releases from the facility in two strata, the more shallow Strata II and the deeper Strata IV. The system will consist of 29 shallow groundwater monitoring wells (in Strata II) and 18 deep groundwater monitoring wells (in Strata IV). The groundwater monitoring network will be sampled, analyzed, and monitored in accordance with the procedures in the Groundwater Sampling and Analysis Plan (Part III, Attachment 11 of the Permit Application), which is part of the facility permit.

#### 8. CONTROL OF METHANE

#### 8.1 Clay Liners:

The design and construction of the below grade liners, described in Section 7.1 of this Technical Summary, inhibit migration of methane gas.

#### 8.2 Monitoring:

Landfill gas migration will be monitored around the perimeter of the facility utilizing 17 permanent landfill gas monitoring probes (LGMP). LGMPs will be installed throughout the sequence of operations at the facility whenever waste is placed within 1,000 feet of a proposed probe location. Gas monitoring will be conducted quarterly to ensure that the concentration of methane gas generated by the facility does not exceed the lower explosive limit (LEL) at the facility property boundary or 25% of the LEL in enclosed structures within the facility property boundary.

#### 9. SITE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION

The Site Development Plan (SDP), Part III of the application, and Site Operating Plan (SOP), Part IV of the application, are intended to provide guidelines for facility management and operating personnel to implement, develop, and operate the solid waste management facility. The SOP is to provide an operating guide for site management to maintain the facility in compliance with the engineering design and applicable TCEQ regulations. The SDP and SOP were prepared using 30 TAC Chapter 330 regulations and will become part of the facility permit if the proposed landfill application is approved by the TCEQ.

#### 10. PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

The applicant contacted both the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to inquire about the possibility of threatened and endangered (T&E) species within the permit boundary. These agencies had no specific information for the proposed site, but offered T&E species found in the county or nearby the proposed site. In response, the applicant contracted for a protected species site investigation. The report prepared for this investigation is provided in the application as Exhibit 3 to Appendix H in Part II. The conclusion of the report is that there are no threatened or endangered plants or animals that are likely to be affected by the proposed construction and that the property contains no critical habitat to support any endangered

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plant or animal species. Procedures for protection of T&E species and migratory birds are included in the Site Operating Plan, Part IV of the application.

#### 11. PROTECTION OF WETLANDS

Jurisdictional wetlands have been identified near Lawrence Creek, a tributary to Lawrence Creek and the West Fork of Spring Branch. The landfill cell was designed to avoid these jurisdictional wetlands. Over 20 acres of non-jurisdictional wetlands will be removed by this facility. A wetlands delineation report is provided with the application as Exhibit 1 to Appendix F in Part II.

#### 12. FINANCIAL ASSURANCE

Authorization to operate this facility is contingent on the maintenance of financial assurance in accordance with 30 TAC Chapters 330 and 37, Financial Assurance, and the provisions contained in the permit application.

#### 13. ATTACHMENTS

Figures from the permit application that provide illustrations of the site location, nearby land use, and site development include the following:

Figure Number	Description	Location in Permit Application	
1-1	General Location Map	Part I, page I-2	
1-2	Site Vicinity Map	Part I, page I-3	
1-3	Site Location Map	Part I, page I-5	
1-5	Land Use Map	Part I, page I-12	
1-6	Adjacent Landowners Map	Part I, page I-15	
2-4	General Topographic Map	Part I, page I-28	
	Various Site Layout Plans	Part III, Attachments 1, 2 and 3	

#### 14. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For information concerning the regulations covering this application, contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:

Mr. Eric Beller
MSW Permits Section, MC 124
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711
(512) 239-1177

For more specific detailed technical information concerning any aspect of this application or to request a copy of the Site Development Plan, please contact the Applicant's Agent or the Applicant at the address provided at the beginning of this summary.

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#### 15. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

The process through which the public is allowed to participate in the final decision on the issuance of a permit is outlined as follows.

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- 15.2 Technical review of the application is completed, a final draft permit is prepared, and the application is declared technically complete. Information for the application, the draft permit, the notice, and summaries are sent to the Chief Clerk's office for processing.
- 15.3 The "Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision" is sent to the applicant and published in the newspaper. This notice provides a 30-day period, from the date of publication, for the public to make comment(s) about the application or draft permit. A public meeting will be held if one is requested by a member of the legislature or if there is substantial public interest in the proposed landfill.
- After the 30-day comment period has ended, a "Response to Comments" (RTC) is prepared for all comments received through the mail and at a public meeting. The RTC is then sent to all persons who commented on the application. Persons who receive the comments have a 30-day period after the RTC is mailed in which to request a contested case hearing.
- After the 30-day period to request a contested case hearing is complete, the matter is placed on an agenda meeting for the TCEQ Commissioners to make a determination to grant any of the hearing requests and refer the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings for a contested case hearing.
- A contested case hearing is a formal process in front of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who conducts the hearing. The applicant and protestant party(ies) present witnesses and testimony to support or dispute information contained in the application. When all of this is complete, the ALJ will issue a Proposal for Decision (PFD). This PFD is placed on an agenda meeting of the TCEQ Commissioners for consideration of issuance or denial of a permit.
- 15.7 After the commission has approved or denied an application, a motion for rehearing may be made by a party that does not agree with the decision. Any motion for rehearing must be filed no later than 20 days after the party or the party's attorney of record is notified of the decision. The matter could be set on another agenda for consideration by the Commission, or allowed to expire by operation of law.

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Applications for which no one requests a contested case hearing are considered uncontested matters after the 30-day comment period. The application is placed on the Executive Director's signature docket and a permit is issued. Any motion to overturn the Executive Director's decision must be filed no later than 23 days after the agency mails notice of the signed permit.

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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SITE
issued under provisions of Texas
Health & Safety Code Ann.
Chapter 361 (Vernon)

MSW Permit No. 2324

Name of Permittee

Montgomery Landfill Solutions, L.P. 13921 Hwy 105 West, Suite 137

and
Site Owner:

Conroe, TX 77304

Facility Name:

MLS Type IV Landfill

Classification of Site:

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Type IV Municipal Solid Waste Management Facility

The permittee is authorized to store, process, and dispose of wastes in accordance with the limitations, requirements, and other conditions set forth herein. This amended permit is granted subject to the rules and orders of the Commission and laws of the state of Texas and it replaces any previously issued permit. Nothing in this permit exempts the permittee from compliance with other applicable rules and regulations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This permit will be valid until canceled, amended, or revoked by the Commission.

APPROVED, ISSUED AND EFFECTIVE in accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 330.

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#### PART NO. 1

### I. Size and Location of Facility

- A. The MLS Type IV Landfill is located in Montgomery County, Texas about 1.4 miles north of the intersection of North Walker Road and State Highway (SH) 105 with a physical address of 3761 North Walker Road.
- B. The legal description is contained in Part I of the application found in Attachment A of this permit.
- C. Coordinates and Elevation of Site Permanent Benchmark:

Latitude:

N 30° 21' 03"

Longitude:

W 95° 17' 10"

Elevation:

204.18 feet above mean sea level (msl)

# II. Facilities and Operations Authorized

#### A. Days and Hours of Operation

The operating hours at this municipal solid waste facility shall be from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. Waste acceptance hours for this facility shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. Heavy equipment shall not operate outside of the facility operating hours.

# B. Wastes Authorized at This Facility

Solid waste to be disposed of will primarily consist of municipal solid waste resulting from, or incidental to, construction, demolition and groundskeeping activities, including brush, construction/demolition waste, rubbish, inert material, man-made inert material, trash, yard waste that is free of putrescible and free of household waste, scrap tires that have been slit and quartered or shredded, but not from a tire disposer/recycler that is reimbursed from the State Waste Tire Recycling Fund, and other waste as approved on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director.

# C. Wastes Prohibited at This Facility

The permittee shall comply with the waste disposal restrictions set forth in 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section (§) 330.5(e). The landfill is prohibited to accept waste materials other than those mentioned above, and those waste streams that are expressly prohibited by 30 TAC Chapter 330, including but not limited to hazardous waste, Class 1 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 2 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 3 non-hazardous industrial waste, regulated radioactive waste, waste affected by regulated polychlorinated biphenyls, putrescible waste, household waste, liquid waste, water and wastewater treatment sludge, grease/grit trap wastes, special wastes, and waste materials that may cause an odor or nuisance or that may require excessive or special onsite procedures and handling requirements.

#### D. Waste Acceptance Rate

Authorized solid wastes will be accepted at an anticipated initial average rate of approximately 858,000 tons-per-year (approximately 3,000 tons-per-day based on 312 days-per-year of operation) to a final average rate of approximately 1,145,000 tons-per-year (approximately 4,000 tons-per-day 312 days-per-year of operation) which results in an estimated life of approximately 30 years. The actual yearly waste acceptance rate is a rolling quantity based on the sum of the previous four quarters of waste acceptance.

# E. Waste Volume Available for Disposal

The total gross in-place (waste and cover) capacity is approximately 43,995,000 cubic yards, as provided in Part III, Section 5.0, page III-8 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit.

#### F. Facilities Authorized

The permittee is authorized to operate a Type IV municipal solid waste landfill that utilizes area fill with above and below grade filling subject to the limitations contained herein. All waste disposal activities subject to permitting are to be confined to the following facilities, which shall include disposal units, structures, appurtenances, or improvements: access roads, dikes, berms and temporary drainage channels, permanent drainage structures, detention ponds, landfill gas management system, contaminated water management system, final cover, groundwater monitoring system, landfill liner system, and other improvements.

# G. Changes, Additions, or Expansions

Any proposed facility changes must be authorized in accordance with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permit amendment or modification rules, 30 TAC Chapter 305 and 30 TAC Chapter 330.

# III. Facility Design, Construction, and Operation

A. Facility design, construction, and operation and/or maintenance must comply with the provisions of this permit; Commission Rules, including 30 TAC §§330.50 through 330.65 (relating to Permit Procedures), §§330.111 through 330.135 (relating to Operational Standards for Solid Waste Land Disposal Sites), §§330.138 through 330.139 (relating to Operational Standards for Solid Waste Land Disposal Sites), §330.200(e) (relating to Groundwater Protection Design and Operation Design Criteria for Type IV landfills), §330.203(h) (relating to additional provisions, at the discretion of the executive director for Type IV landfill excavations that extend below the seasonal high water table), §§330.204 through 330.206 (relating to Groundwater Protection Design and Operation), §330.239 (relating to Groundwater Monitoring at Type IV Landfills), §330.251 (relating to Closure Requirements for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Units That Stop Receiving Waste Prior to October 9, 1991 and Municipal Solid Waste Sites [including Type IV facilities]), special provisions contained in this permit; and Parts I-IV of the application found in Attachment A of this permit, and shall be managed in a manner to protect human health and the environment.

- B. The entire waste management facility shall be designed, constructed, operated, and maintained to prevent the release and migration of any waste, contaminant, or pollutant beyond the point of compliance as defined in 30 TAC §330.2 and to prevent inundation or discharge from the areas surrounding the facility components. Each receiving, storage, processing, and disposal area shall have a containment system that will collect spills and incidental precipitation in such a manner as to:
  - 1. preclude the release of any contaminated runoff and spills;
  - 2. prevent washout of any waste by a 100-year storm; and
  - 3. prevent run-on into the disposal areas from off-site areas.
- C. The site shall be designed and operated so as not to cause a violation of:
  - 1. the requirements of the Texas Water Code §26.121;
  - 2. any requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act, including, but not limited to, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements §402, as amended, and/or the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES), as amended;
  - 3. the requirements under the Federal Clean Water Act §404, as amended; and
  - 4. any requirement of an area wide or statewide water quality management plan that has been approved under the Federal Clean Water Act §208 or §319, as amended.
- D. Contaminated water shall be handled, stored, treated, disposed of, and managed in accordance with 30 TAC §330.55(b)(6), 30 TAC §§330.56(o)(1) through (4), 30 TAC §330.139, and in accordance with Part III, Attachment 15 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit. Other methods may be considered for approval as a modification to this permit.
- E. Best management practices for temporary erosion and sedimentation control shall remain in place until sufficient vegetative cover has been established to control and mitigate erosion on areas having final cover. Vegetative cover will be monitored and maintained throughout the post-closure care period in accordance with Part III Attachment 13 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit.
- F. Storm water runoff from the active portion of the landfill shall be managed in accordance with 30 TAC §§330.55(b)(3) and 330.133(b), and as described in Part III of the application found in Attachment A of this permit.
- G. All facility employees and other persons involved in facility operations shall be qualified, trained, educated, and experienced to perform their duties so as to achieve compliance with this permit. The permittee shall comply with 30 TAC §330.52(b)(9) and with descriptions provided in Part 1 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit. The permittee shall further ensure that personnel are familiar with safety procedures, contingency plans, the requirements of Commission rules and this permit, commensurate with their levels and positions of responsibility, in accordance with Part III and Part IV of the application found

in Attachment A of this permit. All facility employees and other persons involved in facility operations shall be appropriately trained.

H. The facility shall be properly supervised to assure that bird populations will not increase and that appropriate control procedures will be followed. Any increase in bird activity that might be hazardous to aircraft operations will require prompt mitigation actions.

#### IV. Financial Assurance

- A. General. Authorization to operate the facility is contingent upon compliance with provisions contained within the permit and maintenance of financial assurance in accordance with Subchapter K of 30 TAC Chapter 330 and 30 TAC Chapter 37.
- B. Closure Care Cost Estimates. Within 60 days after the date of issuance of this permit, the permittee shall provide financial assurance instrument(s) for demonstration of closure of the landfill in accordance with 30 TAC §§330.253(d)(6) and 330.281 for the initial year closure cost estimate and within 12 months after the date of the pre-opening inspection, the permittee shall provide financial assurance instrument(s) for the largest area closure cost estimate. The initial year closure cost estimate of \$1,543,042 and the largest area closure cost estimate of \$5,848,534, both in 2004 dollars, are based on estimates as described in Part III Attachment 8 and Attachment 12 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit. The financial assurance instrument shall be in an amount that includes the inflation factors for each calendar year following 2004 until the year the permit is issued.
- C. Post-Closure Care Cost Estimates. Within 60 days after the date of issuance of this permit, the permittee shall provide financial assurance instrument(s) for demonstration of post-closure care of the landfill in an amount for the entire landfill facility. The post-closure care cost estimate of \$583,879 in 2004 dollars is based on estimates as described in Part III Attachment 8 and Attachment 13 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit. The financial assurance instrument shall be in an amount that includes the inflation factors for each calendar year following 2004 until the year the permit is issued.
- D. The owner and/or operator shall annually adjust closure and/or post-closure care cost estimates for inflation within 60 days prior to the anniversary date of the establishment of the financial assurance instrument pursuant to 30 TAC §§330.281 and 330.283, as applicable.
- E. Modifications. If the facility closure and/or post-closure care plan is modified in accordance with 30 TAC §305.70, the permittee shall provide new cost estimates in current dollars in accordance with 30 TAC §§330.253(d)(6), 330.254(b)(3)(D), 330.281, and 330.283, as applicable. The amount of the financial assurance mechanism shall be adjusted within 45 days after the modification is approved. Adjustments to the cost estimates and/or the financial assurance instrument to comply with any financial assurance regulation that is adopted by the TCEQ subsequent to the issuance of this permit shall be initiated as a modification within 30 days after the effective date of the new regulation.

#### V. Facility Closure

Closure of the facility shall commence:

- A. upon completion of the disposal operations where the site is completely filled in accordance with Part III Attachment 7 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit;
- B. for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit or violation of state or federal regulation upon direction by the Executive Director of the TCEQ, who is authorized to issue emergency orders to the permittee in accordance with §\$5.501 and 5.512 of the Water Code regarding this matter after considering whether an emergency requiring immediate action to protect the public health and safety exists;
- C. upon abandonment of the site or rendering the site unusable;
- D. for failure to secure and maintain an adequate bond or other financial assurance as required;
- E. upon notification to the TCEQ by the permittee that the landfill will cease to accept waste and no longer operate at any time before the site is filled to capacity.

# VI. Site Completion and Closure

The landfill shall be completed and closed in accordance with 30 TAC §330.250 and the applicable portions of 30 TAC §§330.251 through 330.256. Upon closure, the permittee shall submit to the Executive Director documentation of closure as set out in 30 TAC §330.253. Post-closure care and maintenance shall be conducted in accordance with Part III Attachment 13 of the application found in Attachment A of this permit, for a period of 5 years or as otherwise determined by the Executive Director pursuant to 30 TAC §330.254(a).

#### VII. Standard Permit Conditions

- A. Parts I through IV, as described in 30 TAC §330.51(a), which comprise the Permit Application for MSW Permit No. 2324 are hereby made a part of this permit as Part No. 2: Attachment A. The permittee shall maintain Parts I through IV and Part V, as described in 30 TAC §330.51(a), at the facility and make them available for inspection by TCEQ personnel. The contents of Part III of Attachment A of this permit shall be known as the "Approved Site Development Plan" in accordance with 30 TAC §§330.54 and 330.55. The contents of Part IV of Attachment A of this permit shall be known as the "Approved Site Operating Plan" in accordance with 30 TAC §§330.57 and 330.114.
- B. Part No. 3: Attachment B, consisting of minor amendments, modifications, and corrections to this permit, is hereby made a part of this permit.
- C. The permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit. Failure to comply with any permit condition may constitute a violation of the permit, the rules of the Commission, and the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act and is grounds for an enforcement action, revocation, or suspension.

- D. A preconstruction conference shall be held pursuant to 30 TAC §330.64(c) within 90 days after issuance of the permit. After initial construction of the landfill a pre-opening inspection will be held in accordance with 30 TAC §330.64(d) before acceptance of waste. Additional preconstruction conferences may be held prior to the opening of the facility.
- E. A pre-opening inspection shall be held pursuant to 30 TAC §330.64(d).
- F. The permittee shall monitor sediment accumulations in ditches and culverts on a quarterly basis, and remove sedimentation to re-establish the design flow grades on an annual basis or more frequently if necessary to maintain the design flow.
- G. The tracking of mud off-site onto any public right-of-way shall be minimized.
- H. In accordance with 30 TAC §330.7(a), the permittee shall record in the Deed Records of Montgomery County, a metes and bounds description of all portions within the permit boundary on which disposal of solid waste has and/or will take place. A certified copy of the recorded document(s) shall be provided to the Executive Director in accordance with 30 TAC §330.7(b).
- I. Weekly cover of the waste fill areas shall be performed with clean soil that has not been in contact with waste or with an alternate daily cover which has been approved in accordance with 30 TAC §§330.133(c) and 305.70. Intermediate cover, run-on, and run-off controls shall not be constructed from soil that has been scraped from material that has been used as weekly cover or that contains waste.
- J. During construction and operation of the facility, measures shall be taken to control runoff, erosion, and sedimentation from disturbed areas. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be inspected and maintained at least monthly and after each storm event that meets or exceeds the design storm event. The permittee shall maintain erosion and sedimentation controls in a functional condition until disturbed areas are stabilized with established permanent revegetation. The permittee shall maintain the on-site access road and mud control devices in such a manner as to minimize the buildup of mud on the access road and to maintain a safe road surface.
- K. In complying with the requirements of 30 TAC §330.123, the permittee shall consult with the local District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation or other authority responsible for road maintenance, as applicable, to determine standards and frequencies for litter and mud cleanup on state, county, or city maintained roads serving the site. Documentation of this consultation shall be submitted within 30 days after the permit has been issued.
- L. The permittee shall retain the right of entry onto the site until the end of the Post-Closure Care Period as required by 30 TAC §330.62(b).
- M. Inspection and entry onto the site by authorized personnel shall be allowed during the site operating life and until the end of the Post-Closure Care Period as required by §361.032 of the Health and Safety Code.

- N. The provisions of this permit are severable. If any permit provision or the application of any permit provision to any circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this permit shall not be affected.
- O. Regardless of the specific design contained in Attachments A and B of this permit, the permittee shall be required to meet all performance standards required by the permit, the regulations, and as required by local, state, and federal laws or ordinances.
- P. If differences arise between these permit provisions and incorporated Parts I-IV of Attachment A of this permit, these Permit Provisions shall prevail.
- Q. The permittee shall comply with the requirements of the air permit exemption in 30 TAC §106.534, if applicable, and the applicable requirements of 30 TAC Chapters 106 and 116.
- R. All discharge of storm water will be in accordance with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency NPDES requirements and/or the state of Texas TPDES requirements as applicable.

# VIII. Incorporated Regulatory Requirements

- A. To the extent applicable, the requirements of 30 TAC Chapters 37, 281, 305, and 330 are adopted by reference and are hereby made provisions and conditions of this permit.
- B. The permittee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local regulations and shall obtain any and all other required permits before beginning any on-site improvements or construction approved by this permit.

#### IX. Special Provisions

The applicant shall not accept waste at the facility until all improvements to North Walker Road and State Highway 105, as described in the application, are complete.

#### PART NO. 2

#### Attachment A

Parts I through IV of the permit application effective with the date on the permit.

#### PART NO. 3

#### Attachment B

Minor Amendments, Modifications, and Corrections may be issued for MSW Permit No. 2324.

The minor amendment, modification, or correction document prepared and executed with an approval date shall be attached to this attachment. There is no limitation on the number of these documents that may be included in Attachment B of this permit.

# Attachment B – Executive Director's First Amended Response to Public Comment



#### TCEQ PROPOSED PERMIT NO. 2324

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MONTGOMERY LANDFILL

\$ TEXAS COMMISSION ON

\$ SOLUTIONS, L.P.

\$ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S FIRST AMENDED RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

The Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (the Commission or TCEQ) files this First Amended Response to Public Comment (Response) on the application by Montgomery Landfill Solutions, L.P. (Applicant) for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Permit Number 2324 and on the Executive Director's preliminary decision on the application. As required by Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Section (§) 55.156, before a permit is issued, the Executive Director prepares a response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant comments. The Office of the Chief Clerk timely received comment letters and comments at the public meetings.

The following people provided written or oral comments at the public meeting held on April 10, 2008:

Dana Abernathy
Corallyn Berger
Keith Berger
Gary Biddle
Cheryl Burks
Ken Burling
Vallye W. Chandler
Sherman J. Chemier-Cleveland
James Clark
Byard Crandall

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Brandon Creighton, State
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Louis Aaron Dotson Ralph Drinkwater Floyd

Sheila Freeman

Luine Hancock, on behalf of State Senator Robert Nickols

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Paul Bacque

Johnny and Karen Beal

Phillip Branch Ken Burling Charles Buzbee Mary Carter

Elvira and Yolanda Cervantz

Linda Collins
Tina Collins
Penny Cooper
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Jim Dawson
Deborah K. Do

Deborah K. Doran Joe Esposito

Shelia Freeman
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Robert Smith

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The following people provided written or oral comments at the public meeting held on August 9, 2004:

Jeff Allman

Enedina Alvarez

Willie Mae Atkinson

Paul Bacque

Darryl Barnhill

Martha Barr

Thomas J. Beers

Denise Bell

Charles Brewer

Ken Burling

Lennice Cargill

Diannia Carter

William Carter

Amarian Castillo

Jenise Cemino

Phillip Cemino

Vallye W. Chandler

Ann Cheatham

Patricia Clark

Evelyn A. Collins

Doug Crofton

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Janice Ferrer

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Maria Figueroa

Charles Fitzgerald

Aaron Flores

Claudia Flores

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Joseph Kocurek

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Mary W. Carter, on behalf of Citizens Against Montgomery Landfill (CAML)

Daniel Heil Jerri Heil

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Terri Gandy Sherry Glaze Glenela Godejohn Maurice Godejohn Steven Gothard Mark Grimes Martha Guibeaux Kenny Hamby Sheila Hardrick Prescila Harris Thomas Harrison Deborah Heuermann

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Scott Sain

Luke Saldana

Diana Salinas

Kerri Sample

Michael E. Sample

Maria Santoyo

Rito Santoyo

Carol Saxon

·Loran Schmidt

Robert K. Schrupp

Cassandra Smith

John B. Smith

Leah D. Smith

Novel Snider

Virginia Snider

Kevin Soeder

Maria Gracielo Solis

Vivian Somers

H. R. Somplasky

Nikki Somplasky

Jack Spera

Mike Sproba

Anita Stalcup

Linda Standley

Ricky Standley

Marla Todd

Elanor P. von Tungeln

James E. von Tungelen

Mark Wiggins

The following people submitted identical comment letters and will be known as Group 4:

Rachel Amacloe

Helen Barge

William E. Boles

Bonita L. Booth

Stephanie A. Brennan

Tom Brennan

Douglas Cockerham

William Cockerham

Amy C. Colvin

Peggy Sue Davis

Norma J. Gibson

Vernie J. Gibson

James Harper

Tommy Jensen

Dalva Keener

Stanley Lambery

Howard Launius

Everette Lawson

Barbara Mayeux

Barbara McCleane

Donald G. Myers

Mrs. Don Myers

Paul R. Simmons, Jr.

Brandi Theode

Jessie Van Liew

Jim Vaught

Elanor von Tungeln

Jim von Tungeln

Craig Welch

Sandy Welch

Charlotte Williams

The following people submitted identical comment letters and will be known as Group 5:

Sandy Kelldorf

Shirley & Sigmond Pzyliorslie

David R. Rolle

#### Rebecca Rolle

The following people submitted identical comment letters and will be known as Group 6:

Mary Lou Kirves

Jack Spera

Pete Stone

The following people submitted identical comment letters and will be known as Group 7:

Candie Faubion

Thomas Faubion

Alan Fortenberry

Dan Mize Stephen Norris

Robert L. Stevenson

The following people signed a petition and will be known as Group 8:

Juan & Leticia Aguilar

Daniel Barnett

Sharon Barnett Rogelio Baroenus

Samantha Baumgarten

Lety & Mike Bieniek

C. B. Boudreaux

Rachel Bratcher

Janine Bryant

Jon Buckholtz

Tracy Cadengo

Billy Collier

Jason Cowart

Pat Crowley

Mary Ann Daniels

Judy C. Dehart

J. R. De Leon

Marde De Leon

Sunnie De Leon

Janice & Pat Ferrer

Rick Finery

Homer Galicia

Rachel Giblin

Leah Gonzales

Jack Grant

Frank Harris, Jr.

Maggie Harris

J. O. Hudson

Roxanna Hudson

Lee and Tina Leal

William Maddox

Amanda McShan

Kenneth R. Meuth

Kimberly Oneal

Marvin Orsack

Brian Peterman

Lance Pigott, Jr.

Lupita Miles Pigott

Fay Pilkington

Gregoria Ramirez

Raquel Ramirez

Tomas Ramirez

Charles E. Richmond

Diana Richmond

Earlene Santo

John & Leah Smith

Justin A. Theriot

Keith A. Theriot

Paul Vyoral

Johnny Walker

Shannon Winton

Michael Wolf

Dalton Woolery

Patty Zarate

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# The following people signed a petition and will be known as Group 9:

Heather Adams Bruce Bishop

Beth & Ricky Brecheen

James P. Byrd Shelly Cartwright Chris & Dana Chaffee

Chris Chambers

Paul Clark

Ronald Converse
Claudean Cook
Carolyn Cotton
Trayton Davis
Chevis Dodd
Renee Donald

Barbra Dowden Paul Dowden Elisha Elliff Linda Evans

Frank Fanning Cyndi Foreman Gregg Grinage Rachael Grinage Joan Hammock

Tommy Hardcastle Linda Hawthorne

Tony Herrin & Pattie McGee

Jesus Jacobo Nancy Jenkins Thomas Jenkins Louise Jessip Rachel Jimenez

Martin Kennedy Robert Kuyon

Sharon Labian Penny T. Lohr

Donald Mapston

Doug Mapston
Wndy Martin
Mike McClintock

Andres Mendiola

Andy Mendiola Brenda Mendiola Grace Mendiola

Jennifer Mendiola
Morris Miller

Celeste Nance Julia & Max Neely Marigrace O'Neil

Mary Page

Roxanne Pickering Charles R. Powell Kristy Powell Susan Powell Nora Renteria Gina Rose

Jerri Rose Eric Salus

Harlan Schuettpelz

Eileen Sowell
Hank Sowell
Sibyl Spence
Donnye Spradley
Kenneth Stalling
Thomas Stevens

Barbra Storrs
Janith Stowers
Carey Thomas
Eleanor Tupa

Manuel Vazquez Mary Vazquez Lenurma Verm

Connie Vick Robert Vineyard Frances Ward Zulema Wells

Kimberly & Randy Wilkinson

Steve O. Wilkinson Destiny Winn Carla Woodward

The following people signed a petition and will be known as Group 10:

Kathleen M. Adams

Richard J. Adams, Jr.

Wesley T. Adkins Kathy Armstrong Raymond Atkinson Richard Atkinson Rodney Atkinson Luis Azuara

Judy Banks Elizabeth Barbosa Melissa & Rick Barton

Corallyn Berger

Magnolia & Wayne Boehm Ernest & Marie Brown

Jenise & Phillip Cemino

Paul Clark Floyd Collins Linda Collins Lee Compton

Doug & Tami Couey

Sam Croce Diana Crowson William Crowson

David & Karen Deschmer Mark & Monica Direnna

Sonny Donaldson Deborah K. Doran Leroy Dudley Jerry Evans

Richard W. Fendley Barbara Gandy

Robert Gandy Sidney Gaylord Betty Gregg Fred Gregg

Suzanne Hansen

Dewana & Jamie Higgins

Rusty Ireland

Eugene & Tina Jackson

George Johnson
Dorene Jones
Randy Kitchen
Librado Leal
Joe Leggett
Patti Little

Susie & Thomas Machen

Terry Mann

Bobby L., Jr., & Patsy Matthews

Betty & Louis McGuire

Jeff L. McKinney
Dennis McNabb
David C. McQueen
Destiny & Tom Miller
Arguimiro Molina
Bryan & Lisa Neal
Glyn O'Briant

Monica Ogilvie Marigrace O'Neal Trudilee O'Neal Gladys Perez

Linda & Robert Phillips Billy & Deborrah Pickering Jessica & Larry Rancher Danielle & Paul Reich

David Rendon

Agnes & Eddie Rogers

Alan Schuler

Gordon & Jerri Sealy

Melvin Sharpe

Brad & Michele Shrieve Arlinda & Billy Smith Cassie & James Smith

Leah Smith Linda Smith

Donnie & Rebecca Sutton

Maxey Tharp Barb Van Liew Daniel Vargas Candice Villarreal Chris Walker

John & Vicki Warner

G. W. Wayman
Jimmy Weeks
Dale Welch
John Welch
Karen Welch
Clifford D. Welsh
Joe K. Williams
James Woodall

The following people signed a petition and will be known as Group 11:

Roy W. Abramson Misty Adams

Richard J. Adams, Jr.

Lewis Akin April Allen Jeff Allman Melanie Antiller

Carlos Arreola

Raymond Atkinson Richard Atkinson

Luis F. Azuara

Melinda Bacon

Jimmy Bagley Clayton Bagwell

Avery Ballard

Cindy Jenkins Bayer

Dustin Beckham

Glenn Bell

Alicia Bentley Corallyn Berger

Stephanie Bigs

James R. Bingham

Betty Blackman

Nicole Blake

Amy Blanton
Carrie Blanton

Taina Blanton

Magnolia C. Boehm

Wayne Boehm

Fran Bogert

Al Bolt

Kathie Boswell

Virginia Boswell

Joe Bowman Stephen Boyles

David & Shari Bracewell

Deborah Briggs Pat Brookshire

Dennis Brown

Dorothy M. Brown

Frieda Brown

Jack Brown

Lee Brown Ken Burling

Mark Cadwallader

Robert E. Caldwell

David Campbell

Stephen Carle

David Carr

Tera Carrasco

Hayle Casey

R. Cash

Carol Castanon

Louis Castanon

Jenise & Phil Cemino

Brian Chaloupka

Darrell Chaloupka

Vallye W. Chandler

Jo Chapman

Ann Cheatham

Rickie Childers

Barbra Christiansen

Jason Christiansen

John Cisneros

Pat & Paul Clark

Billy & Myla Cobler

Charles & Doris Coburn

Christy Coburn

William Cobum

Becky Colebank

Carl Comstock

Connie Contreras

Thomas L. Cook

Scott Coshrey

Teresa Coshrey

James Couch

Doug & Tamara Couey

Bill Cruz

Jesus Cruz

Julie Culver

Elvis & Pat d'Agrella

Bruce Dailey

Karla Darden

Robert Darden

Ayha Darvey

David Lynn Dauzart

Terry Dauzart

Argelio De Leon

Esmeralda De Leon

Mabry Dellyer

David Dempsy Gail & R. Dewey

Matt Dodd

Deborah K. Doran Durwood Doss

Durwood Doss, II

L. V. Dowden

Amy Downs

James Doyal

Leroy Dudley

Tami Dudley

Gregg Dunn

L. E. Dunn, III

Mary Edwards

Wendy Ellis

Kenneth Essman

Karen Eudy

Phil Eudy

Shawna Everett

Barry Fantes

Tara Fay

Kenita Fendley

Cheryl Fincher

Bobby Finley

Brandon Ford

Matthew & Tanci Foster

Julia & Scott Frankenfield

Rex Fry

Jo Anne Galulman

Esteban Garcia

Juan Garcia

Stacey Garee

Gary & Jess Garner

F. P. George

Maureen M. Golden

Cara Jo Gonzalez

Kelly Gorrell

Betty Grantham

Randy Gross

Brittany Gullette

Ken Hacker

Denise Hall

Justin Hambrick

Debbie Hancock

Bruce Hansen

Mark Harrell

Harry Harris

Wynne Harris

Tracey Marie Harrison

Mary Hartt

Rhonda Harvey

Bryan Hayes

Tammy Haywood

Laurie & Ron Headings

Brenda & Trey Hearn

Joseph Hemby

Carol Hennessy

Kathy Hernandez

Tony Herrin

Lisa Hessler

Jamie Higgins

David Hinder

Beverly Hinds

J. L. Hodges

Clorinda Hogan

Dwayne & Pam Hood

Chanhe Horton

Claudia Hubbard

Jeff Hunter

Stacie Hunter

Theresa Hymil

Toni Inglet

Rusty Ireland

Don Johnson

Jolene Johnson

Marty & Rene Kay

Mart Keltch

Patty Keltch

Bryan Kelley

Morgan Kelley

Devan Kendrick

Sharon Kendrick

Vincent Scott Kendrick

Larry Kennedy

Kara Kern

Jennifer Kirk

Zachary C. Kirk

Jennifer Knight

Susan Koskoc

Ruby Krautkremer

John Kuke

Tracey Kurtz

Angela Kyle
Tamara Lambdin
Jim Lamendola
D. LaRouche

Kevin & Melanie Lawson

Librado Leal Sherry LeBlanc Anita Lee Sandy Lehman

Bright & Michael LeMaster

Raymond Lewis
Mark Lichman
Charles Lightfoot
Jill Limbaugh
Phillip Lindsey
Patricia Little
John Long

George R. Longmore

Donald Loosier

Jim Luton Stella Luton Brandi Lyons

Susie & Thomas Machen

Susie Machen
Tommy Machen
Brenda Mackey
Mark Maddox
Sharon Maddox
Raileen Mangurn
Kenneth Manzella
Jennifer Martinez
Mark Matheny

Bobby & Patsy Matthews

Susan Matthews Travis Mayeux Matt McCleane

Wanda Laynette McCray

Pattie McGee April McHenry Michael McKay

Cindy & Phillip McKenzie

Ronny McKinnie Stephane McMillan Amy McMullen Trey Meador Matt Medford Aida Medinilla Albert Menard Linda Menard Josh Merimon Diana Merrell

J. Miles S. Miller

Kellie Montgomery Cindy & Terry Moon

Tammy Moore
Robert Morgan
Bobby Morris
Ella May Morris
Michael Moris
Vickie Morse
William Mozingo
Alisa Murphy
Susan Murrell
Kevin Myers
Mark Nalty
Tiffany Neal
Albert Nelson

Shelia Nelson
Deborah Noble
George D. Noble
Paula Noble
Ranee Nolern
Dianne Nuget
Doris O'Dell
Dennis O'Malley

Dennis O'Malley Mary O'Malley Matt O'Malley Marigrace O'Neil Debbie Orsack John & Pattie Ortega

Judith O'Toole
Melinda Parker

Michael W. Parker Betty Parmer

George Parmer Avery Patterson Mariann Patterson Melanie Perdue William Petty, Jr. Linda Phillips Janie Piecis

Darrel Pinksion Eric Powell Michelle Pule William C. Quimm Geraldo Ramirez Diana Real Robby Real David Rendon Link Reneau Mary Rich Ermajean Ritter Judy Robertson Scotty Robinson Jim Rogganbock Johnny Rothe S. W. Rutherford Cynthia Sam Lamont Sam David Sams Brandon Sanders Maruea Sangstear Sparky A. Santana Brenda Schank Robert Scharee Kenneth Schelsteder Mr. & Mrs. Schulmire Gordon Sealy Jerri Sealy Vinson Sealy Judi Self R. F. Shannon Cyndi Simmons Lee Simmons Tracy Simonsen John Small Cassie Smith Jerrie Smith John & Leah Smith Nikki Somplasky Jan & Ron Stallworth Linda Standley Nick Steele Bart Steen Linda Stegenga

Analeisa Stern

Susan Pine

Jeff Stern Connie Stipanic Bryan Stuart Colette Talbert George Tambourides David Tate Rhonda Tate H. W. Taylor Joyce Taylor Claude A. Teal Debra Teekamp Floyd Temple Debbie Thiel Amy Thomas Hailey Thomas Michael Thomas Pat Thomas Tracie Thomas Janice Thomason Scott Thompson Sheri Thompson Jack S. Torrence Marcia Townsend Debra Trammel H. Eugene Trammel Josh Travesse Ross Travesse Ross Tuff Stan Tully Amanda Middel-Urby Cabrilla Valdes Dee Van Barb & Dick Van Liew Max Vickers P. H. Bickey Faustino D. Villarreal Yvonne P. Villarreal Jim von Tungeln Ashlea Vyoral Doug Vyoral Rachel Walker Tammy Walker Bobby L. Walters Debra Walters Loni Walton Danny & Donna Warner . Beckie Warren
Paula Warren
Shannon Warren
Sue Wayford
Donna Weaver
Randall Weaver
Jordan Wedgewood
Dale Welch
Karen Welch
Heath Wells
Jody Westra
Marie Whiddon
Judy Whitten
Joe K. Williams
David E. Wilson

Diane A. Wilson
Jacqueline Woychesin
Ricky Woychesin
Kristin Wright
Charles W. Yawn
Sercy Yawn
Banica Young
Bubba Young
Lila Young
Racheal Young
Ray Young
Richard Young
Karen Zeller
Paul Zylman
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This Response addresses all such timely comments received, whether or not withdrawn. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

#### BACKGROUND

#### Description of Facility

The Applicant has applied to the TCEQ for a new permit that would authorize the construction and operation of a new Type IV municipal solid waste landfill in Montgomery County, Texas. The proposed landfill would primarily serve the construction and demolition needs of Montgomery County, but may also serve the surrounding counties. The total permitted facility will include 473.0 acres of land of which approximately 207.1 acres will be used for waste disposal. The final elevation of the waste fill and soil cover material will be 408.29 feet above mean sea level. Waste acceptance rate is expected to average approximately 3,000 tons per day.

If the Commission issues the draft permit, the site will be authorized to accept municipal solid waste resulting from, or incidental to, construction, demolition and grounds keeping activities, including brush, construction and demolition waste, rubbish, inert material, man-made inert material, trash, yard waste that is free from putrescible and household waste, scrap tires that have been slit and quartered or shredded, but not from a tire disposer or recycler that is reimbursed from the State Waste Tire Recycling Fund, and other waste as approved on a case-by-case basis by the Executive Director. The site is not able to accept those waste streams that are expressly prohibited by 30 TAC Chapter 330, including but not limited to hazardous waste, Class 1 non-hazardous industrial waste, Class 2 non-hazardous industrial waste, regulated radioactive waste, waste containing regulated polychlorinated biphenyls, putrescible waste, household waste, liquid waste, water and wastewater treatment sludge, grease or

grit trap wastes, special wastes, and waste material that may cause odor or nuisance or that may require excessive or special on-site procedures and handling requirements.

If the Commission issues the draft permit, the facility will be located at 3761 North Walker Road, approximately 1.4 miles north of the intersection of North Walker Road and SH 105, abutting the west side of North Walker Road. The location is outside any city limits. The land within one mile of the proposed facility is 60% undeveloped or agricultural, 39% residential with some agricultural use, and 1% industrial. The structures that are within one mile of the facility are primarily homes and some structures incidental to agricultural uses. There are approximately 780 people that reside within one mile of the proposed facility, with nine structures and habitable buildings within 500 feet of the permit boundary. The nearest structure is approximately 75 feet east of the permit boundary and about 1,150 feet east of the waste cell.

### Procedural Background

The application was received on March 17, 2004, and declared administratively complete on April 4, 2004. Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain a Municipal Solid Waste Permit (NORI) was published on April 21, 2004 in the Conroe Courier. Notice of Public Meeting was published on July 19, 26, and August 2, 2004 in the Conroe Courier, and a public meeting was held in Conroe, Texas on August 9, 2004. The Executive Director completed the technical review of the application on October 21, 2004, and prepared a draft permit. Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for a Municipal Solid Waste Permit (NAPD) was published on November 25, 2004. Notice of Public Meeting was published on February 17, 24, and March 3, 2005 in the Conroe Courier and the Houston Chronicle, and a public meeting was held in Conroe, Texas on March 10, 2005. The Executive Director prepared his original Response to Public Comment, and filed it with the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk on July 6, 2006.

On November 10, 2006, the Executive Director received an amended application for review. The Executive Director completed the technical review of the amended application on September 7, 2007, and a second NAPD was published on December 21, 2007 in English in the Conroe Courier and Houston Chronicle, and in the Spanish language newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, El Sol. Notice of Public Meeting was published on March 20, 27, and April 3, 2008 in the Conroe Courier and the Houston Chronicle, and a public meeting was held on April 10, 2008 in Conroe, Texas. The comment period ended the day after the conclusion of the April 10, 2008 public meeting. There are no gaps in the comment period for this application. The comment period for this application opened March 17, 2004, and closed April 11, 2008. This application was administratively complete on or after September 1, 1999; therefore, this application is subject to the procedural requirements adopted pursuant to House Bill 801 (76th Legislature, 1999).

## Access to Rules, Laws, and Records

The Commission's current rules may be accessed online by using the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) viewer feature on the Texas Secretary of State website at: <a href="https://www.sos.state.tx.us">www.sos.state.tx.us</a> (Select "State Rules & Open Meetings," then "Texas Administrative Code," and then "TAC Viewer").

30 TAC Chapter 330, Municipal Solid Waste, was amended by the TCEQ, effective March 27, 2006. Since the application was declared administratively complete on April 4, 2004, it was reviewed in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 330 prior to the 2006 amendments. The archived rules are available through the TCEQ's website at <a href="https://www.tceq.state.tx.us">www.tceq.state.tx.us</a> (Select "Rules," then "Municipal Solid Waste Chapter 330 Rules prior to March 27, 2006")

Texas statutes may be accessed through the Texas Legislative Council's website at: <a href="http://www.tlc.state.tx.us">http://www.tlc.state.tx.us</a> (Select "Internet Resources," then "Texas Statutes").

General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at: <a href="www.tceq.state.tx.us">www.tceq.state.tx.us</a> (For downloadable rules in Adobe PDF format, select "Rules," then "Current TCEQ Rules," then "Download TCEQ Rules")

Federal statutes and regulations may be accessed through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) website at: <a href="www.epa.gov">www.epa.gov</a> (Select "Laws & Regulations").

Commission records for this facility are available for review and copying during regular business hours at the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk, Building F, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX. 78753. A copy of the amended application and draft permit are currently available for review and copying at the Montgomery County Library in Conroe, Texas; and will remain there until either the TCEQ acts on the application, or the application is referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for hearing.

#### COMMENTS AND RESPONSES

### COMMENT 1: (Notice)

Those people identified in Group 11 commented that the public notice did not provide enough time for citizens to take action. Mary Jennings Hartt agreed and considered the timing of notice issue to be a violation of the due process clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

#### RESPONSE 1:

The TCEQ's notice requirements at 30 TAC §§ 39.405, 39.413 and 39.501 require that notice be published in the paper of largest general circulation in the county where the new MSW facility is proposed to be located and mailed to adjacent property owners, persons who have requested to be on the mailing list, and designated public officials and agencies. An applicant is required to publish a NORI within 30 days of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See 31 Tex. Reg. 2502 (March 24, 2006).

Executive Director declaring its application administratively complete.<sup>2</sup> An applicant must publish a NAPD within 45 days of the NAPD being mailed by the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk.<sup>3</sup> TCEQ rules require that a public meeting be held on all applications for new MSW facilities received before September 1, 2005.<sup>4</sup> The decision to hold a public meeting on applications for new MSW facilities received after September 1, 2005 is determined by the factors set forth in 30 TAC §§ 39.418(e) and 55.154. The applicant for a new MSW facility is required to publish notice of a public meeting once a week during the three weeks preceding the public meeting in the paper of largest general circulation in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located.<sup>5</sup> These requirements were designed to ensure meaningful public participation in the permitting process.

In this case, the original application was filed on March 17, 2004, and declared administratively complete on April 4, 2004. The NORI was published on April 21, 2004 in the Conroe Courier. Notice of Public Meeting was published on July 19, 26, and August 2, 2004 in the Conroe Courier, and the public meeting was held in Conroe, Texas on August 9, 2004. The NAPD was published on November 25, 2004. Notice of Public Meeting was published on February 17, 24, and March 3, 2005 in the Conroe Courier and the Houston Chronicle, and a public meeting was held in Conroe, Texas on March 10, 2005. On November 10, 2006, the Executive Director received an amended application for review. The Executive Director completed the technical review of the amended application on September 7, 2007, and a second NAPD was published on December 21, 2007 in English in the Conroe Courier and Houston Chronicle, and in the Spanish language newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, El Sol. Notice of Public Meeting was published on March 20, 27, and April 3, 2008 in the Conroe Courier and the Houston Chronicle. A public meeting was held on April 10, 2008 in Conroe, Texas. The Executive Director has determined that the Applicant has timely complied with all applicable notice requirements.

# **COMMENT 2:** (Alternative Language Notice)

Gabriela Gonzalez, Francisco Moctezuma, Nora Renteria, David Tate (CAML), Rhonda Tate, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the TCEQ did not provide public notice in Spanish. Francisco Moctezuma would have liked the opportunity to speak and give his opinion in Spanish.

### RESPONSE 2:

At the time the original application was declared administratively complete, alternative language notice newspaper publication requirements were only applicable to air permits. However, in November of 2005 the TCEQ amended its rules, subjecting waste and water quality permits to alternative language notice newspaper publication

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 39.405(a) & 39.418(b) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 39.405(a) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 39.501(e) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 39.405(f)(2) & 39.501(e)(5) (West 2008).

requirements as well. After filing its amended application on September 7, 2007, the Applicant was required by 30 TAC § 39.405(h) to publish its second NAPD in both English and Spanish. The second NAPD was published on December 21, 2007 in English in the Conroe Courier and Houston Chronicle, and in the Spanish language newspaper of general circulation in Montgomery County, El Sol. For this application, eighteen people gave written or formal comments in Spanish. All comments received by the TCEQ on this application, whether they were made in English or in Spanish, are addressed in this Response.

## **COMMENT 3:** (Public Meetings and Contested Case Hearings)

Jeff Allman, Raymond Atkinson, Darryl and Linda Barnhill, Martha Barr, Thomas Beers, Ken Burling, Diannia Carter, Jenise Cemino, Phillip Cemino, Ann Cheatham, Evelyne Collins, David Lynn Dauzart, Terry Dauzart, Dean Duskin, Janice Ferrer, Pat Ferrer, Charles Fitzgerald, Tanci Foster, Bill Franks, Susan Franks, Jessica Gonzalez, Judith Horne, Claudia Hubbard, Mary and Robert Hutseal, Gloria Jensen, Minnie and Normane Kaatz, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Shelagh Kasinger, Mary Lou Kirves (Texas Real Estate Group), Joseph Kocurek, Alexandria, Antonia, and Tasha Lacina, Frank Lee, Leona Lee, Reverend Jim Luton, Stella Luton, Susana Magana, Esmeralda McCleane, Jose Mejia, Alisa Murphy, Ellen Nelson, Marigrace O'Neil, Edward Parten, Billy Pickering, Deborrah Pickering, Greg Poole, Oscar Ramirez, Lois Reiszner, Sandy Relander, Link Reneau, Nora Renteria, Normo Reyes, Jack Safford, Gary and Sandra Sullivan, Rhonda Tate, Debra Teekamp, Vicki Thompson, James and Kathy Trevathan, Frances Underwood, Michael Walton, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the public meeting facilities were inadequate for the number of people.

Martha Barr, Gabriela Gonzalez, and Rhonda Tate commented that cancellation of the informal part of the public meeting denied some people a chance to ask questions. Those people identified in Group 4, Group 8, Group 10, Group 11, and Charles Buzbee, Mary Carter (CAML), Mel Fife, Maria Figueroa, Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, David Tate (CAML), David and Rhonda Tate, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the public meeting was unsatisfactory because the Applicant's representative could not answer basic questions and concerns. Mary Carter (CAML) requested that the Applicant hold another public meeting rather than replying by email to written questions. Linda Standley was concerned that the Applicant refused to answer general questions. Mary Jennings Hartt asked the TCEQ to take into account the Applicant's refusal to answer questions at the public meeting, and commented that the Applicant's lack of responsibility to the community might bear upon the facility's environmental compliance once it was built. William Carter commented that the protesters at the public meeting were being treated like mushrooms.

Those people identified in Group 4, Group 8, Group 11, and Mel Fife, Judith Horne, Melody Logan, and Carol Parten commented that the public meeting should be in Montgomery County. Denise Bell, Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Norma Gibson, Duane and Tracy Hamilton, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Billy Wagnon, and Karen Welch

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See 30 Tex. Reg. 7878 (November 25, 2005).

commented that the contested case hearing should be in Montgomery County. Rhonda Tate commented that the Applicant was allowed to control the public participation process from the beginning and that the TCEQ ignored requests for a different venue.

#### **RESPONSE 3:**

Four public meetings have been held in Montgomery County regarding this permit application. The first meeting was held by the Applicant on April 22, 2004, pursuant to 30 TAC § 39.501(e)(1)(B). This first public meeting is intended to be strictly between an applicant and concerned members of the public; no one from the TCEQ attends this first public meeting. The Executive Director received several comments from people who attended the first public meeting indicating that the Applicant's representative was unable to answer all of the questions posed during the meeting.

The second public meeting was conducted by the TCEQ at Conroe Tower in Conroe, Texas on August 9, 2004. The Applicant and TCEQ staff were led to believe that Conroe Tower was an appropriate location to hold the public meeting based upon the amount of interest shown in the permit, accessibility of the location, and proximity to the proposed facility. Unfortunately, Conroe Tower was unable to accommodate the number of people who wished to attend the second public meeting. The format of the second meeting was altered on the spot by eliminating the informal question and answer period in order to allow more time for interested persons to rotate into and out of the meeting room to make formal comments. The informal question and answer period is not required by rule, and the second public meeting conformed to all applicable TCEQ requirements. However, due to the dissatisfaction expressed during the second public meeting and immediately thereafter, the TCEQ conducted a third public meeting in order to accommodate all interested parties.

The third public meeting was conducted by the TCEQ on March 10, 2005 at Caney Creek High School in Conroe, Texas. The Applicant attended this meeting, but did not answer questions during the informal question and answer session. TCEQ rules require an applicant to attend a public meeting, but do not require an applicant to respond to questions during the informal question and answer session. TCEQ staff answered questions from concerned citizens. The third public meeting conformed to all applicable TCEQ rules.

The fourth and final public meeting was conducted by the TCEQ on April 10, 2008 at Caney Creek High School in Conroe, Texas. This public meeting was held at the request of State Senator Robert L. Nichols. The Applicant attended this meeting, and answered questions during the informal question and answer period regarding the amended application submitted to the Executive Director on November 10, 2006.

The TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk has received a number of contested case hearing requests on this application. The Commission will consider these requests at a Commissioners' agenda meeting, and refer all relevant and material issues to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). The SOAH Administrative Law Judge

(ALJ) will determine the appropriate venue for the hearing. Pursuant to 1 TAC § 155.403, the SOAH ALJ will designate a neutral hearing site in accordance with applicable law. When considering a hearing site not in Austin, the ALJ may consider: 1.) the amount in controversy, 2.) the number of persons in the geographical region affected by the outcome of the hearing, 3.) the estimated length of the hearing, 4.) the availability of hearing facilities, 5.) the costs to and preferences of the parties, 6.) the location of witnesses, 7.) the availability and feasibility of videoconference technology as a means to reduce costs to SOAH and the parties, 8.) legislative restrictions on travel, and 9.) any applicable law or other factor relevant to the fair and expeditious resolution of the case.

## COMMENT 4: (State and Local Government Involvement)

David Henderson, Linda Standley, and Michael Walton commented that the citizens unanimously disapproved of the landfill. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart said that the landfill was being forced on a community that did not want it. Judge Alan Sadler commented that the Montgomery County Court was not aware of certain issues when it supported the site. Jim Dawson and Linda Standley commented that state and local officials had spoken out against the site, and that there was no resolution supporting the site by a local governing body. Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the community and governmental entities were not involved in the siting process. Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, David Tate (CAML), and David and Rhonda Tate commented that the City of Conroe resolution in favor of the landfill was meaningless because Conroe was not a relevant area. CAML commented that the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments made specific substantive comments regarding the application. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Esposito commented that they were tired of being dumped on by the public servants of Monte Lane commented that he believed the Applicant contributed to Linda Standley commented that the Commissioner Rinehart's campaign fund. application seemed inconsistent with regional planning goals. Those people identified in Group 1, Mary Carter (CAML), and David Tate (CAML) commented that the Applicant had failed to demonstrate that its facility would comply with the regional solid waste management plan developed by the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments.

State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr. commented that he would be working with the County Attorney to revise Texas Health and Safety Code Sections 361.122 and 361.123. Linda Standley commented that the application seemed to be prohibited by the Texas Health and Safety Code. Angus Lupton commented that Senator Staples would be looking into whether this area needed another landfill.

#### RESPONSE 4:

TCEQ rules do not require an applicant to obtain a resolution by a local governmental entity in support of its application for a new MSW facility. Resolutions passed by local governments in support or opposition to an application are given the same weight as any public comment. Pursuant to 30 TAC § 330.53(c)(10), an applicant is required to submit a demonstration of compliance with the regional solid waste

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.403(b) (West 2008).

management plan. The regional solid waste management plan for Montgomery County was developed by the Houston-Galveston Council of Governments (H-GAC). Pursuant to TCEQ rules, H-GAC was provided with a copy of the application summary. While H-GAC issued a statement that the proposed facility is "neither consistent nor inconsistent with the Solid Waste Regional Plan," the regional solid waste management plan indicates that a Type IV landfill is needed in Montgomery County. The Applicant provided information demonstrating the proposed facility conforms with the regional solid waste management plan for Montgomery County.

During the regular session of the 79th Texas Legislature, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr. introduced House Bill (HB) 1053. HB 1053 was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Todd Staples. HB 1053 amended the Texas Health and Safety Code by adding Section 361.123, which prohibits the TCEQ from issuing a permit for a Type I or a Type IV MSW landfill in counties that are adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million and inside the boundaries of a national forest on public or private land. HB 1053 only applies to applications received by the TCEQ on or after the effective date of the bill. HB 1053 was passed by a two-thirds vote in both houses, signed by the Governor on June 18, 2005, and was effective upon his signature. The original application was received by the TCEQ on March 17, 2004, predating the effective date of Section 361.123; therefore, Section 361.123 does not affect this application.

# **COMMENT 5:** (National Forest Land)

Melba York commented that the proposed location of the landfill was in a National Forest, where the clearing of large acres of trees is prohibited. Ms. York also asked how Sam Houston National Forest would be affected by the landfill.

## RESPONSE 5:

According the application, the proposed facility will be located on private property owned by the Applicant. The Executive Director does not anticipate that the proposed landfill will adversely affect the Sam Houston National Forest.

# <u>COMMENT 6:</u> (General Comments About Process)

Samantha Baumgarten and County Commissioner Ed Rinehart commented that the permitting process took too long, and that the TCEQ was not acting wisely or efficiently. Linda Standley commented that the application should be carefully scrutinized for mistakes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> 28 Tex. Reg. 6900 (August 22, 2003), repealed by 31 Tex. Reg. 2502 (March 24, 2006).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Texas Health & Safety Code § 361.123(b) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Texas Health & Safety Code § 361.123 historical note (West 2008) [Act of May 26, 2005, 79th Leg., R.S., ch. 1027, § 2, 2005 Tex. Gen. Laws 3485].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Texas Health & Safety Code § 361.123 historical note (West 2008) [Act of May 26, 2005, 79th Leg., R.S., ch. 1027, § 3, 2005 Tex. Gen. Laws 3485].

#### **RESPONSE 6:**

Review times for the TCEQ permitting process are defined in TCEQ rules in accordance with state law. This application review has gone well beyond the typical time frame due to the extension of the comment period to allow for the third and fourth public meetings, the submission and subsequent technical review of the amended permit application, and responding to extensive public comment. Every application received by the TCEQ is reviewed to ensure compliance with all applicable rules.

## COMMENT 7 (Environmental Public Defender)

Frinkie Milley asked why the community had to raise \$250,000 to fight a landfill, and commented that the state should provide an attorney.

## RESPONSE 7:

An attorney is not necessary to participate in the public participation process. However, a citizen may employ legal counsel if he or she wishes. Neither federal nor state law requires the state to provide counsel in administrative law matters.

## **COMMENT 8:** (Previous Application)

Dino Villarreal commented that there were inconsistencies between the application for MSW Permit No. 2324 and MSW Permit No. 2312.

#### **RESPONSE 8:**

The Applicant initially filed an application for MSW No. 2312, but withdrew that application on January 30, 2004, after failing to hold the mandatory applicant-led public meeting within 45 days of filing the application. Every application received by the TCEQ is evaluated as a stand-alone document. Once an application is withdrawn it is no longer considered in any capacity. TCEQ rules do not require consistency between current applications and prior applications that have been withdrawn.

# COMMENT 9: (Major Amendment)

Cheryl Burks asked how the application could move forward after the Applicant made a major change to the application information.

#### RESPONSE 9:

An amendment to an application that would constitute a major amendment under 30 TAC § 305.62 can be made by an applicant after the chief clerk has issued notice of the application and draft permit, if new notice is issued which includes a description of

<sup>12 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 39.501(e)(1)(B) (West 2008).

the proposed amendments to the application.<sup>13</sup> On November 10, 2006, the Applicant submitted an amended application for review. The amended application was declared technically complete on September 7, 2007, and a second NAPD was published on December 21, 2007. Another public meeting was also held on April 10, 2008, allowing the public to comment on the amended application.

# COMMENT 10: (Landfill Expansion)

Vallye W. Chandler expressed her concern that the landfill could be expanded at a later date.

### **RESPONSE 10:**

TCEQ rules allow a permittee to expand a landfill both horizontally and vertically by submitting a permit amendment. <sup>14</sup> Increases in the maximum elevation, volumetric waste capacity, or the lateral expansion of a landfill, other than changes to expand the buffer zone, require applicants to submit a new permit application. <sup>15</sup> Major amendments to MSW permits are subjected to the same review and public participation processes as new permit applications. <sup>16</sup>

# COMMENT 11: (Location & Community Need)

Luine Hancock (State Senator Robert Nickols) commented that the location for the proposed site was prime for residential development and commercial construction, and disagreed with the Applicant's site selection. Garry Biddle suggested that the site be dug out for a new fresh water reservoir or lake, with the waste transported by train to a deserted area. Dr. Dellanira Rangel also suggested that the landfill be located in a deserted area. Jim Dawson commented that the Applicant violated his responsibility to select a landfill site that was isolated, and a sufficient distance from present or future populated areas. Erin Dotson commented that the landfill should be located in a place where few people live. Ken Burling commented that there were other places for the landfill. Barbara Mayeux asked that if the landfill was truly not a danger to mankind, then why couldn't the landfill be located in the Montgomery or Woodland area. Lisa Reasnor opposed the landfill location. Thornton Ireland commented that there were other counties to the west that would welcome a landfill, and had offered to share the cost. Ronald Maffett commented that the Applicant had enough money to purchase land in an unpopulated area. Mikel and Lorraine Morris commented that the Applicant should move the landfill north, away from any community development.

Barbara Mayeux, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, and Donna Vandermoleni commented that they were concerned about the number of solid waste facilities in the area. Luine Hancock (State Senator Robert Nickols) commented that the proposed

<sup>13 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 281.23(a) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.62 (West 2008).

<sup>15 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 305.62(i)(1) (West 2008).

<sup>16 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 281.2(9) (West 2008).

landfill was located less than two miles from Waste Management's Type I Security Landfill, and that the H-GAC waste management plan and House Bill 1053 discouraged Linda Crandall and Rhonda Tate commented that they were landfill clustering. concerned about having three landfills in the area. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML), Dan and Jerri Heil, R. M. Palmer, and James Walkinshaw commented that the Security landfill, located approximately 1.6 miles from the proposed site, was recently expanded to accept Montgomery County waste for an additional 25-30 years; and that this area had been singled out for landfill clustering. Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the expanded Security landfill was able to accommodate the Type IV waste disposal needs of Montgomery County. Mike Walton questioned how the TCEQ could mandate the clustering of landfills in any area. Thornton Ireland commented that this area already had an existing 800 acre landfill approximately one mile east of the proposed facility on Highway 105. State Senator Robert Nickols commented that he was concerned about the proximity of the proposed landfill to the Security landfill.

Those people identified in Group 1, Group 2, Group 6, Group 9, and Phillip Branch, Mary Carter (CAML), Elvira and Yolanda Cervantez, Vallye Chandler, Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Erin Dotson, Louis Aaron Dotson, Jim Dawson, Deborah Doran, Barbara, Leamon, and David Dowden, Mel Fife, Shelia Freeman, Norma Gibson, Mary Jennings Hartt, Laurie Headings, David Henderson, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Devin Kaatz, Minnie Kaatz, Normane Kaatz, Shelah Kasinger, Monte Lane, Phillip Lindsey, Revernd Jim Luton, Ronald Maffett, Patsy Matthews, Barbara Mayeux, Albert and Shelia Nelson, R. M. Palmer(International Paper, Realty Division), Greg Poole, Jennifer Real, Danielle Reich, Lois Reiszner, James Reneau, Leona Reneau, Nora Renteria, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Pedro Rosales, Jr., Judge Alan Sadler, Bob and Lynda Sasser, Travis Selph, James Shropshire, John and Leah Smith, Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, Donald Stockton (Conroe I.S.D), David Tate (CAML), David and Rhonda Tate, Faustin Villarreal, Billy Wagnon, Michael Walton, Janice Watkins, Joann and Thomas Welch, Karen Welch, Jacqueline Woychesin, Ladgie Zotyka, Jr., and Paul Zylman commented that East Montgomery County did not need an additional landfill. Also, concern was expressed that landfills and other waste facilities were being targeted and clustered in East Montgomery County. Jennifer Real asked whether there was a real economic need for the landfill. Mary Carter (CAML) and CAML commented that the Applicant had not been able to identify any clear benefit this proposed landfill would provide to the community, and that the impact to low income and minority communities was disproportionate to the population in Montgomery County and the four surrounding communities. Vallye W. Chandler, Jimmy Hunt, Jason Turner, and James Walkinshaw asked why there was a need for another landfill when there was already a landfill in the area. Luine Hancock (State Senator Robert Nickols) commented that there is no justifiable need for an additional landfill when the Security Landfill could accept construction and demolition debris waste. Nora Renteria and Rhonda Tate asked if the county had any recourse to limit the number of landfills that locate in an area. David Tate commented that the additional disposal capacity that this landfill would provide would not be needed for at least 30 years. Amarian Castillo, Aaron Flores, Claudia Flores, and Judith Gonzalez commented that they didn't want a landfill nearby.

Superintendent Leon Cubillas (Splendora I.S.D.), Mel Fife, Mary Jennings Hartt, Nora Renteria, John and Leah Smith, Linda Stegenga, David Tate (CAML), David and Rhonda Tate, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the landfill was environmental racism, classism, and unjust.

#### RESPONSE 11:

The regional solid waste management plan for Montgomery County, developed by the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments (H-GAC), calls for a Type IV landfill in Montgomery County to serve the region's waste disposal needs. TCEQ rules were promulgated to ensure that an MSW facility does not pose a health risk to the surrounding community. The Executive Director does not have the authority to consider alternative locations, benefits to the community, or disproportionate impact within a region. These issues, along with concerns regarding the clustering of MSW facilities, are more appropriately addressed to planning authorities such as the county, city, and H-GAC.

A county may prohibit by ordinance the processing or disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in certain areas of the county. However, the county may not prohibit the disposal of municipal or industrial solid waste in an area for which the TCEQ has already issued a solid waste permit, or in an area for which an application for a solid waste permit has been submitted and is pending before the Commission. 18

# **COMMENT 12:** (Old Landfills)

Frankie Milley thought that old landfills should be cleaned up before permitting a new landfill.

### RESPONSE 12:

Effective in 1993, Subtitle D of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) caused landfills receiving municipal solid waste throughout the nation to upgrade or close. All facilities permitted in Texas since Subtitle D was enacted must have, as appropriate for the types of waste received, a liner system, leachate collection, landfill gas management, storm water run-on and runoff control, a final cover system, and financial assurance to close and monitor the facility. MSW rules require final cover installation for pre-Subtitle D facilities if they stopped receiving waste before Subtitle D was promulgated. Pre-Subtitle D facilities that continued to receive waste after promulgation of Subtitle D must meet the more stringent final cover requirements. The

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Texas Health & Safety Code §§ 363.112 and 364.012 (West 2008).

<sup>18</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.251(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.453 (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.253 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.457 (West 2008)).

commenter did not reference any specific landfills, or indicate how their closure may be deficient under the rules.

## COMMENT 13: (Ownership)

Linda Standley commented that the Applicant did not have a sufficient ownership interest required by TCEQ rules, and the Applicant should reveal all of its owners. David Tate (CAML), and David and Rhonda Tate considered it wrong to allow a corporate veil to hide the names of the true owners of the Applicant.

## **RESPONSE 13:**

TCEQ rules require the property owner of record to submit an affidavit acknowledging the possibility of being held jointly or severally responsible for the operation, maintenance, closure, and post-closure care of the site. <sup>21</sup> TCEQ rules also require the disclosure of all persons having more than 20% ownership in a proposed facility. <sup>22</sup> The Applicant revised its application in response to the Executive Director's second Notice of Deficiency by listing two persons with more than a 20% interest in the facility. The application is a public document that may be viewed at the TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk or the Montgomery County Library in Conroe, Texas.

# **COMMENT 14:** (Pre-application Review)

Jennifer Real commented that certain information regarding land use, community need for a facility, and proximity to residential areas should be reviewed and considered prior to the submission of an application.

### RESPONSE 14:

TCEQ rules allow for, but do not mandate, a pre-application review for MSW permit applications.<sup>23</sup> The purpose of a pre-application review is to identify issues of concern, facilitate communication between a potential applicant and persons who would be affected by an application, and resolve as many points of conflict as possible prior to the submission of an application.<sup>24</sup> A pre-application review was not conducted for this application.

# **COMMENT 15:** (Land Use Compatibility)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.52(b)(7)(B)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.59(d)(2)(A)(West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.52(b)(8)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.59(e)(West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.50 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53 (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.50(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53(b). (West 2008)).

Samantha Baumgarten, Denise Bell, Mary Carter (CAML), Jim Dawson, Kenneth and Mary Everitt, Mary Jennings Hartt, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Barbara Meche, Frankie Milley, Dennis O'Neil, Kanielle Reich, David Rendon, Beth Reneau, James Reneau, Leona Reneau, James Shropshire, John and Leah Smith, David and Rhonda Tate, Vicki Thompson, Karen Welch, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the character of the surrounding area was residential with little industry, and stated that there were other locations better suited for a landfill. Those people identified in Group 2, Group 3, Group 6, Group 7, and Paul Bacque, Vallye Chandler, Patricia and Paul Clark, Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Superintendent Leon Cubillas (Splendora I.S.D.), Deborah Doran, Barbara, Leamon, and David Dowden, Mel Fife, Norma Gibson, Dan Glassel (Blessing Residential, Inc.), Sandy and Steve Hamilton, David Henderson, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee. State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Judith Horne, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Mary Lou Kirves (Texas Real Estate Group), Monte Lane, Melody Logan, Stella Luton, Ronald Maffett, Frankie Milley, Albert and Shelia Nelson, R. M. Palmer(International Paper, Realty Division), Billy Pickering, Deborrah Pickering, Nora Renteria, Judge Alan Sadler, Cassandra Smith, John and Leah Smith, Jan Stallworth, Linda Stegenga, Nancy Steward, David Tate (CAML), David and Rhonda Tate, Vicki Thompson, Billy Wagnon, Michael Walton, Marcia Warner, Karen Welch, Sabrina Westerfeld, Margie Wood, and Paul Zylman commented that residential and economic development had been and would continue to be negatively affected if the permit was granted. State Senator Robert Nichols, Vallye W. Chandler, Jim Dawson, Jennifer Real, Allen and Joyce Selph, and James Walkinshaw expressed their concern about the proximity of the landfill to residential areas. R. M. Palmer(International Paper, Realty Division), David Tate (CAML), and Michael Walton were concerned that a landfill would restrict future land use and development. David Rendon and Nora Renteria were concerned that the landfill would attract other industrial activity, low-quality development, and more landfills. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart said that the area was rapidly growing, and commented that the application should have looked farther than a one-mile radius. Judge Alan Sadler commented that additional development in the area was being planned.

Mary Carter (CAML), Deborah Doran, Duane and Tracy Hamilton, Reverend Jim Luton, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Linda Standley, Rhonda Tate, Michael Walton, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that they were concerned about where the site was located and its compatibility with surrounding land use. Specifically, concern was expressed about the site's proximity to residences, daycare facilities, churches, and community centers; if the location complied with TCEQ rules; and if the Applicant could demonstrate compatibility with existing land uses and development patterns. Additionally, there were concerns that the TCEQ based its approval on site engineering and not on land use compatibility, and that the application was inconsistent with regional planning goals. Those people identified in Group 1 and Donna Vandermoleni commented that they were concerned about the landfill being located in a rapidly growing community. David Tate (CAML) was concerned that the Applicant had not shown that the landfill would be compatible with existing land use or community growth patterns.

Those people identified in Group 11 and CAML, Deborah Doran, Mary Jennings Hartt, Wayne Kocurek, Judge Alan Sadler, Linda Standley, and Linda Stegengea commented that the area had experienced recent growth, the application misrepresented the actual population because the Applicant used an outdated land use development study. and the aerial count of houses was inaccurate due to the dense tree cover. Ken Burling commented that the Applicant had presented demographic information on maps from the 1960s and 1970s at a public meeting, and that this information should be updated. Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant had failed to demonstrate that the landfill would be compatible with existing land use, community growth patterns, and with growth trends of the nearest community. Ms. Carter also commented that the landfill was bound on the west by the town of Cut and Shoot, which had grown dramatically since the 2000 census; adding over 600 home sites, with a projected additional 450 homes within the next two years. Those people identified in Group 1 and County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Mary Carter (CAML), John and Leah Smith, and Michael Walton commented that the application did not reflect the rapid residential growth of the communities of Security and Midway. Linda Stegenga commented that the Applicant had not updated their application with regards to growth patterns since its original submittal. CAML commented that the facility failed to conform with the regional solid waste management plan developed by H-GAC.

Those people identified in Group 11 and Minnie and Normane Kaatz, Wayne Kocurek, Steven Matthews, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Nora Renteria, Judge Alan Sadler, Anita Severa, John Smith, Rhonda Tate, Billy Wagnon, Karen Welch and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that Montgomery County should not be the dumping ground for Houston. Linda Standley commented that the landfill's service area should only encompass Montgomery County.

#### RESPONSE 15:

State law and TCEQ rules do not provide any authority to evaluate alternative locations as part of an MSW landfill permit application review. The rules state that "a primary concern is that the use of any land for an MSW site not adversely impact human health or the environment. The impact of the site upon a city, community, group of property owners, or individuals must be considered in terms of land use, zoning in the vicinity, community growth patterns, and other factors associated with the public interest." The Applicant is required to submit information regarding: zoning at the site and in the vicinity of the site; the character of the surrounding land uses within one mile of the proposed facility; growth trends of the nearest community with directions of major development; the proximity to residences and other uses, such as schools, churches, cemeteries, historic structures and sites, archeologically significant sites, sites that have exceptional aesthetic quality; the approximate number of residences and business establishments within one mile of the proposed facility, including the distances and directions to the nearest residences and businesses; and a description and discussion of all

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53(b)(8)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.61(h)(West 2008)).

known wells within 500 feet of the proposed facility to assist the Executive Director in determining potential adverse impact.<sup>26</sup>

The initial application indicated that there were "an estimated 410 residences or other habitable structures" within one mile of the proposed facility. This number was based primarily on aerial photographs. The initial application also indicated that of those approximately 410 structures, there were 256 residences. The application was then amended in November of 2006, and based on new land use information the application was revised to indicate that approximately 421 structures were located within one mile of the proposed facility, 267 of which were residences.

Part II of the application includes information from the two most recent censuses, occurring in 1990 and 2000, as well as population information from the nearest incorporated community, Cut and Shoot, gathered in 2003 and 2005. The application also discusses the challenge of assessing growth trends for the nearest unincorporated community, Midway. The Applicant has provided the required information and, based on that information, the Executive Director has determined that the draft permit is protective of human health and safety, and the environment, in the surrounding community. Issues of community morale and environmental justice are not addressed by TCEO rules.

The Executive Director is unaware of an existing day care or church within one mile of the proposed facility. A comment provided at the second public meeting indicated that there were plans to construct a church on SH 105, within one mile of the proposed facility. TCEQ rules do not authorize the Executive Director to consider proposed or planned construction when evaluating potential adverse impacts resulting from the site. 27 The H-GAC did not provide any information that would lead the Executive Director to conclude that the facility would not comply with the regional solid waste management plan.

# COMMENT 16: (Access and Community Safety)

State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, and Luine Hancock (State Senator Robert Nickols) commented that SH 105 was currently congested, needed to be widened, and that additional truck traffic would only exacerbate the problem. Roger Adams, Ruth Allen Stephen Barfield, Johnny Beall, Karen Beall, Floyd C. Collins, Anneliese Enriquez, Steven Gothard, Mark Grimes, Martha Guilbeaux, Kenny Hamby, Deborah Heuermann, Amber Hunt, Crystal Kelsoe, Floralee Lovell, Ronald Maffett, Albert A. Nelson, Shelia Nelson, Leda O'Neil, Sylvia Padilla, the Honorable Alan B. Sadler, James Singleton, Ciara Smalling, Sherry Smalling, Nikki Somplasky, George Standley, Ricky Standley, Joseph Tanseu, Dan Wallace, Shaun Wallace, Mike Walton, William Waters, Cynthia Watford, Shawn Watford, James Watkins, Angela Welch, Dale Welch, commented that they were concerned about traffic around the proposed facility. Ralph E. Benedict II, Bonnie Braswell, Ken Burling,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> <u>ld</u>. <sup>27</sup> <u>ld</u>.

Vallye W. Chandler, Sherman J. Chenier-Cleveland, Ken Van Dine, Elizabeth Dotson, Belinda Faulkner, Thomas Harrison, David H. Ludwig, Jr., Mark Matheny, Barbara Mayeux, Lisa Reasor, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, David Rondon, David W. Sargent, Jr., Alan P. Schuler, Anita Severa, Melvin Sharpe, Lorraine and Mikel Morris, R. M. Palmer, Janice Walkens, Karen Welch, and Charlotte and James Williams commented that they were concerned about traffic on SH 105. Christine Ludwig, Janice Walkens, and James E. Walkinshaw commented that it was difficult to pull onto or cross SH 105 due the amount of traffic.

Ken Burling, Erin Dotson, Ralph Drinkwater Floyd, and Linda Standley commented that they were concerned about adding the estimated 600 trucks to the current traffic volumes. Mrs. R. A. Benedict, Erin Dotson, Alberto Enriquez, Thornton Ireland, Patsy Matthews, Lisa Reasor, Lorraine Romero, Linda Standley, Rhonda S. Tate, and Karen J. Welch commented that they were concerned that the increase in traffic would result in additional traffic accidents and injuries. Rhonda Tate commented that the estimated additional 600 trucks was effectively an additional 1,200 trucks on SH 105, because each truck would arrive and then leave the facility via SH 105.

Shelia Freeman commented that the traffic study, consisting of a three-hour traffic count between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., was inadequate; and should have been conducted on a 24-hour basis. James M. Lamendolis commented that the traffic study for SH 105 was inadequate. Lorraine Romero asked whether the new traffic study would consider the growth of the planned 5,600-acre Peachcreek Plantation community. David Rondon commented that he was concerned about the additional time that would be required to drive to work as a result of additional traffic. Daniel Heil, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Thornton Ireland, Mary Lou Kirves, David H. Ludwig, Jr., Patsy Matthews, R. M. Palmer, Carolyn Sue and Lawrence Rains, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, John Romero, Jr., Lorraine Romero, Alan P. Schuler, James E. Walkinshaw, Karen Welch, and Charlotte and James Williams commented that they were concerned about traffic on North Walker Road. Anita Severa asked who would pay for road repairs caused by truck traffic, and commented that SH 105 should be widened before the facility was opened. Mary Carter (CAML) commented that local residents recommended that traffic studies be conducted while school was in session to accurately reflect traffic patterns in the area. Ms. Carter also commented that many schools would be affected by the increase in traffic in the area; specifically, the Caney Creek-Moorehead-Grangerland Regional School Complex, Austin Elementary, and Caney Elementary-Keefer Croosing Middle School Complex. Alan P. Schuler commented that additional traffic risks to the residents should be quantified via statistical analysis, and be made public. Linda Stegenga commented that the Applicant had not provided plans to prevent waste-carrying vehicles from accessing the proposed landfill site from a newly developing subdivision directly north of the landfill, which would result in vehicles traveling south on North Walker Road.

Linda Standley commented that North Duck Creek Road, which had been designated as an alternate route, was windy with dangerous curves and blind spots; and asked if the road conditions on North Duck Creek Road were considered. Thomas Harrison commented that he was concerned about traffic congestion on North Duck

Creek Road. State Representative Brandon Creighton asked whether the TCEQ has jurisdiction over truck traffic associated with the landfill. Those people identified in Group 1 commented that the amended roadway configuration would cause dangerous traffic congestion. Those people identified in Group 1 commented that the Applicant's amendment increased the number of waste vehicles into the proposed site, and failed to adequately quantify the traffic on North Walker Road or the impact of landfill traffic on local traffic patterns. John and Leah Smith commented that the additional traffic would be dangerous to student drivers and school buses on SH 105.

Those people identified in Group 2, Group 3, Group 5, Group 6, Group 7, and Group 10, and Enedina Alvarez, Willie Mae Atkinson, Melissa Barton, Thomas Beers, Denise Bell, Phillip Branch, Mary Carter (CAML), Vallye Chandler, Linda Collins, Tina Collins; Patricia Crofton, Superintendent Leon Cubillas (Splendora I.S.D.), Terry Dauzart, Jim Dawson, Deborah Doran, Mel Fife, Norma Gibson, Duane and Tracy Hamilton, Sandy and Steve Hamilton, Mary Jennings Hartt, Laurie Headings, David Henderson, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Mary Lou Kirves (Texas Real Estate Group), Wayne Kocurek, Monte Lane, Phillip Lindsey, Melody Logan, Christene Ludwig, Ronald Maffett, Patsy Matthews, Steven Matthews, Barbara Mayeux, Travis Mayeux, Barbara McCleane, Barbara Meche, Frankie Milley, Lee Moulder, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Marigrace O'Neil, Trudilee O'Neil, R. M. Palmer(International Paper, Realty Division), Billy Pickering, Deborrah Pickering, Greg Poole, Jason Reaves, Danielle Reich, Beth Reneau, James Reneau, Kyle Reneau, Leona Reneau, Nora Renteria, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Carla Robles, Pedro Rosales. Jr., Judge Alan Sadler, Bob and Lynda Sasser, Anita Severa, James Shropshire, Arlinda and Billy Smith, Cassandra Smith, Jaren and Logann Smith, John and Leah Smith, Robert Smith, Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, Donald Stockton (Conroe I.S.D.), David Tate (CAML), John Tate, Jr., Rhonda Tate, Vicki Thompson, Billy Wagnon, Michael Walton, Janice Watkins, Jacqueline Woychesin, Clifford Welch, Joann and Thomas Welch, Karen Welch, Sabrina Westerfeld, Charlotte Williams, Ladgie Zotyka, Jr., and Paul Zylman commented that the roads that provided access to the landfill and to the community were the same, and the increased use would cause the roads to have safety and structural problems endangering all who used the road. Special concern was expressed regarding children at play and children traveling to and from school. CAML specifically expressed concern about the Caney Creek-Moorehead-Grangerland Regional School Complex, Austin Elementary, and New Caney Elementary-Keefer Crossing Middle School. CAML and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant had failed to provide adequate documentation on the availability and adequacy of roads used to access the site. Ms. Carter commented that CAML was also concerned about the use of North Walker Road to access the landfill. Ms. Carter also commented that a dedicated roadway specific to this landfill would be much safer, and more satisfactory to the community. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart and Judge Alan Sadler commented that, because of the residential character of the neighborhood, reconstruction of the road would not ensure safety.

Kelli and Lee Moulder asked if there would be a way to monitor and maintain the speed limit on the road for the safety of children and pedestrians, and asked if there

would be a four-way stop light at Walker Road and SH 105. Penny Cooper commented that the truckers should be paid hourly instead of per load to decrease their incentive for speeding, traffic should be monitored, and speed bumps should be installed. Patricia Crofton commented that underpaid and overworked truckers posed a threat to the community's safety. CAML, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, John and Leah Smith, Linda Stegenga, and Karen Welch commented that if the permit was granted there should be a dedicated road that provided direct access for landfill traffic to SH 105. John Smith asked if trucks would use SH 105 to access the landfill or if the trucks would take short cuts. CAML and John and Leah Smith commented that any plan to abate traffic should consider the expansion of existing landfills and traffic studies should be performed while school was in session. Ken Burling and Charles Buzbee asked for the number of traffic fatalities on North Walker Road, and if those fatalities would be increased with the addition of landfill traffic. Melvin Sharpe commented that the discussion on widening North Walker Road did not consider the accident rate and other issues. commented that H-GAC stated the permit should be conditioned on North Walker Road being improved to accommodate 80,000-pound weight-loads and increasing the sight distance at the reverse curve. CAML commented that firm plans and agreements addressing this requirement should be incorporated into the permit; and that traffic studies should be completed concerning the need for additional traffic controls and safety David Tate (CAML) and David and Rhonda Tate commented that the application was based on an unrealistic plan for four lanes for Highway 105.

Johnny and Karen Beall, Mary Carter (CAML), Shelia Freeman, and Paul Zylman asked who would provide the funds to widen North Walker Road, and who determined the value of condemned land. Mary Carter (CAML) and Terry Dauzart asked who would bear the cost to repair North Walker Road, and commented that it should not be the taxpayer's burden. Terry Dauzart was concerned that the road bed of North Walker Road was corrupt because of standing water that was present for most of the year. Melvin Sharpe commented that the information from Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) regarding SH 105 was inaccurate, and should not be used. CAML and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that SH 105 had been documented as one of the most dangerous roads in Montgomery County due to the growth of the area. Mary Carter (CAML) commented that Department of Public Safety had been quoted in several Conroe Courier articles stating that SH 105 between Conroe and Cleveland was one of the most dangerous roads in Montgomery County. Karen Welch commented that TxDOT traffic studies did not seem to be accurate. Elizabeth Dotson, Matt McLean, and Trudilee O'Neil asked where the new access road would meet SH 105.

### RESPONSE 16:

TCEQ rules state that "a primary concern is that the use of any land for an MSW site not adversely impact human health or the environment. The impact of the site upon a city, community, group of property owners, or individuals must be considered in terms of compatibility of land use, zoning in the vicinity, community growth patterns, and other

factors associated with the public interest."<sup>28</sup> In accordance with this requirement, an applicant must: provide data on the availability and adequacy of roads that the applicant will use to access the site; provide data on the volume of vehicular traffic on access roads within one mile of the proposed facility, both existing and expected, during the expected life of the proposed facility; and project the volume of traffic expected to be generated by the facility on the access roads within one mile of the proposed facility.<sup>29</sup> An applicant is also required to submit documentation of coordination with TxDOT for traffic and location restrictions.<sup>30</sup> These rules do not require an applicant to provide information about highway fatalities on nearby roads.

On August 21, 2008, the MSW Permits Section received additional changes to the application. These changes revise the entry path to the landfill. The application had shown that entry to the landfill would be from North Walker Road, 1,600 feet north of SH 105, to a private road on property that is owned by the Applicant, but outside the permit boundary, then to the southern edge of the permit boundary. The proposed entry path no longer uses North Walker Road. The application indicates entry through a modified private road, again located on property that is owned by the Applicant outside of the permit boundary, directly from SH 105. The new entrance road will intersect with SH 105 approximately 2,800 feet west of SH 105 and North Walker Road.

The Applicant has provided the required traffic information in its Transportation Study, located in Appendix A of Part II of the application; and the information is discussed and summarized in Section 1.7 of Part II of the application. Page II-16 indicates that as of 2006, SH 105 is a D Level of Service roadway. Table 2 of the Transportation Study shows existing traffic volumes for SH 105. Table 3 of the Transportation Study summarizes a school bus count on SH 105 at North Walker Road. The data was collected between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on October 19, 2006, to account for travel to and from schools in the area. Table 3 indicates that 57 school buses traveled SH 105 at North Walker Road during the data collection period.

The Transportation Study does not address specific area development, such as Peachcreek Plantation, but assumes a 2% annual growth rate based on information provided by TxDOT. TCEQ does not have authority over SH 105, and may not require widening prior to the opening of the facility. Had TxDOT requested that such widening take place during the Applicant's coordination with the agency, TCEQ would have included that requirement in the draft permit. This coordination information is provided in Appendix B of Part II of the application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53(b)(8)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.61(h)(West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53(b)(9)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.61(i)(West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.51(b)(6)(C)(repealed 2006)(current version at Tex. Admin. Code § 330.61(i)(4)(West 2008)).

There is no indication that North Duck Creek Road will be used to access the facility; therefore, the Transportation Study does not reference North Duck Creek Road. Road repairs to state highways are funded through state and federal taxes. The TCEQ has no jurisdiction over highway repairs or their funding. The Texas Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement has jurisdiction over trucks traveling on public roads. While trash trucks may serve areas accessible only by North Walker Road, the current Transportation Study indicates that North Walker Road will not be used to access the facility.

## **COMMENT 17:** (Drivers)

Laurie Headings was concerned that the landfill would bring truck drivers with criminal histories and sexual predators into the community.

### **RESPONSE 17:**

TCEQ rules were promulgated to ensure that an MSW facility does not pose a health risk to the surrounding community. A proposed sites' impact, if any, on crime in the surrounding community is outside the scope of the normal evaluation of an MSW permit application. The issuance of the proposed draft permit does not authorize any sort of criminal activity.

## **COMMENT 18:** (Fire & Other Natural Disasters)

Gary Biddle commented that he was concerned about landfill fires and open burning. Claudia Hubbard, Nora Renteria, Carla Robles, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that they were concerned about a fire at the facility; specifically, how it would affect residents, the evacuation route for North Walker Road, and fire fighters' access to the landfill. Penn Cooper was concerned about the height of the landfill, and how it would withstand a tornado.

#### **RESPONSE 18:**

With limited exceptions, the open burning of solid waste is prohibited at all MSW facilities.<sup>31</sup> As part of its Site Operating Plan (SOP), the Applicant must provide a Fire Protection Plan that identifies the fire protection standards to be used at the facility and how personnel are trained in the control of small fires.<sup>32</sup> TCEQ rules also require that the owner or operator of an MSW facility maintain a source of earthen material in such a manner that it is available at all times to extinguish any fires.<sup>33</sup> The Executive Director has reviewed the Applicant's Fire Protection Plan, and determined that it meets all

<sup>31 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.5(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(d) (West 2008)).

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 330.114(6) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.127 (West 2008)) & 330.115 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.129 (West 2008)).
 <sup>33</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.115 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.129 (West 2008)).

applicable TCEQ rules. TCEQ rules do not have any provisions that require a contingency plan in the event of a tornado.

# COMMENT 19: (Accepted Waste & Illegal Dumping)

Those people identified in Group 11 and Doug Crofton commented that the public should be furnished with a list of what the landfill would accept, because some construction material contained toxic substances. Sheila Freeman, Trudilee O'Neil, and John and Leah Smith, and Linda Stegenga were concerned that construction and demolition waste would contain asbestos, lead based paint, and arsenic. Susan Lane and Jennifer Real commented that gate attendants would not be able to detect which construction and demolition materials contained asbestos, lead based paint, mercury, and other carcinogens. James Clark, Ralph Drinkwater Floyd, Dr. Dellanira Rangel. Anita Severa, Alan Schuler, and Randall Weaver were concerned about the adequacy of waste acceptance inspections to prevent the receipt of prohibited wastes. Jacqueline Woychesin was concerned that the landfill would accept trash. James Watkins was concerned that the landfill would accept toxic waste. Doug Crofton was concerned about who would monitor the waste accepted. Vallye Chandler, Barbara, Leamon, and David Dowden, L.V. Dowden, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Barbara Mayeux, Frankie Milley, Nora Renteria, Anita Severa, Thomas Steward, Michael Walton, and Jacqueline Woychesin were concerned about whether security measures and monitoring would prevent illegal dumping. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart commented that more should be done to stop illegal landfills. Eric Dotson commented that people who do not wish to pay the dumping fee will end up dumping waste on roads near the landfill. Anita Severa commented that the landfill would not stop illegal dumping. State Representative Brandon Creighton asked how the TCEO confirmed that an applicant would only accept approved wastes. Representative Creighton also asked what the TCEQ could do if the Applicant does not comply with TCEO rules, and how strong was the enforcement arm of the TCEQ. John and Leah Smith commented that they were concerned about which counties the accepted waste stream would originate from.

### **RESPONSE 19:**

An applicant for an MSW facility is required to submit a Site Operating Plan (SOP) that sets out how the applicant intends to comply with the basic site operating and management requirements imposed by TCEQ rules.<sup>34</sup> The proposed SOP indicates that the facility will be fenced and access will be controlled at the site entrance by a gate that is locked outside of normal operating hours. During operating hours, a gate attendant will be stationed in the gatehouse adjacent to the landfill access road to screen incoming waste loads to prevent the disposal of prohibited wastes. Facility employees will also receive training on screening incoming waste, and facility personnel will be present at the active disposal area during the unloading of all disposal vehicles. The operation standards and the submitted SOP should ensure that only allowed waste is accepted at the facility.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 330.57 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.65 (West 2008) & 330.114 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.127 (West 2008)).

TCEQ rules impose restrictions on the acceptable waste stream for Type IV landfills. The need for an MSW disposal facility in a particular area is usually addressed by the local council of governments, and the Houston-Galveston Area Council has developed a regional plan that indicates that an additional Type IV MSW landfill is needed in Montgomery County. The application indicates that the service area for the proposed facility is estimated to include Montgomery, Liberty, Harris, Walker, and San Jacinto Counties.

Illegal dumping in Montgomery County should be reported to the TCEO by calling toll-free, 1-888-777-3186 or by calling the TCEQ Region 12 Office in Houston at Citizen complaints also 767-3500. maγ be filed http://www.tceg.state.tx.us/compliance/complaints. The TCEO may conduct a facility inspection based on properly filed citizen complaint. A notice of violation or enforcement may be issued by the appropriate TCEQ Regional Office for noncompliance with TCEO rules or provisions of a facility's permit. Issued notices of violation may result in the issuance of an enforcement order, which can include fines and penalties.

### COMMENT 20: (Debris)

Anneliese Enriquez commented that she was concerned about windblown waste ending up on her property. Johnny and Karen Beall, Norma Gibson, Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Terry Dauzart, Mary Jennings Hartt, Barbara Mayeux, Barbara Meche, Lee Moulder, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Kyle Reneau, Judge Alan Sadler, Daniel Vargas, Billy Wagnon, Michael Walton, Karen Welch, and Ladgie Zotyka, Jr. commented that they were concerned about who would clean up debris from trucks traveling on North Walker Road.

### RESPONSE 20:

TCEQ rules require windblown material and litter to be collected and returned to the active disposal area, or working face, as necessary to control unhealthy, unsafe, or unsightly conditions. This includes windblown materials resulting from unloading, spreading, and compacting operations and litter scattered from vehicles. Facility owners or operators are also required to take steps to ensure that vehicles hauling waste to their facility are enclosed or covered by tarpaulins, nets, or other means to prevent the escape of any part of the load. The SOP submitted with the application indicates that waste transportation vehicles using the facility will be encouraged to have adequate covers or other means of containment for the wastes they transport; repeat offenders will be

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.41(e) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.5(a)(2) (West 2008)).

<sup>36 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.120 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.139

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.123 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.145 (West 2008)).

reported to the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department; and solid waste that has been deposited at the working face will be spread and compacted as rapidly as possible to minimize the amount of time that waste is exposed to wind. Additionally, TCEQ rules require that, on days when the facility is in operation, at least once per day landfill personnel will collect litter or waste materials along the right-of-way of public access roads serving the facility from a distance of two miles in either direction from any entrances used for the delivery of waste to the facility.<sup>38</sup>

# **COMMENT 21:** (Nuisance)

Tina Collins, Erin Dotson, Cody Weaver, Randall Waver, James M. Lamendolis, and Ruben Selph commented that they were concerned about noise from the operation of the landfill. Floyd Collins, Tina Collins, Linda Kay Crandall, Joshua Davis, Erin Dotson, Terri Gandy, Kenny Hamby, Deborah Heuermann, Crystal Kelsoe, Bob McDaniel. Terry Rollins, Linda Stegenga, Dan Wallace, Shaun Wallace, Shawn Watford, and Randall Weaver commented that they were concerned about odors emanating from the landfill. Paul Bacque, Elvira and Yolanda Cervantez, Vallye Chandler, Ernest Kanack, Jr., Deborah Doran, Wayne Kockurek, Phillip Lindsey, Francisco Ramirez, Danielle Reich, Rhonda Tate, and Michael Walton commented that they were concerned that the landfill would emit bad odors and be an eyesore. Michael Walton was concerned that the landfill would attract rodents and vermin that would affect the health and property of nearby residents. Travis Selph was concerned that the retention ponds would contribute to insect-borne disease. Sandy and Steve Hamilton, Phillip Lindsey, Melody Logan, Steven Matthews, Ruben Selph, Rhonda Tate, Michael Walton, and Paul Zylman commented that they were concerned about the increase of noise due to the landfill. CAML, Steven Matthews, Anita Severa, John and Leah Smith were concerned about the size of the landfill being too large. CAML and John and Leah Smith commented that they were concerned that the landfill's aerial build-up would exceed tree cover resulting in the destruction of a natural buffer between the landfill and the community.

### RESPONSE 21:

While the TCEQ does not have specific rules addressing noise at MSW facilities, the required minimum 50-foot buffer zone is expected to reduce the noise level at the facility boundary. The application indicates that the proposed facility meets the buffer zone distance requirements.

Type IV landfills do not typically generate excessive odors, due to the fact that they are not authorized to accept putrescible waste. 40 There are several TCEQ rules

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.120 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.139 (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.121(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 330.543(b) (West 2008)).
<sup>40</sup> "Putrescible waste" is defined as organic wastes, such as garbage, wastewater treatement pland sludge, and grease trap waste, that is capable of being decomposed by microorganisms with sufficient rapidity as to cause odors or gases or is capable of providing food for or attracting birds, animals, and disease vectors. 30

aimed at reducing odors by: controlling windblown waste and litter;41 establishing buffer zones; 42 prohibiting the open burning of solid waste; 43 requiring an odor management plan; 44 preventing ponded water; 45 using all-weather roads; 46 dust suppression; 47 and weekly cover to control disease vectors, fires, odors, windblown litter or waste, and scavenging. 48 The Applicant's SOP describes procedures that should address and reduce possible nuisance conditions.

TCEQ rules do not directly address or limit the size of a landfill. The height of a landfill is limited indirectly by the geometry of the waste footprint and the maximum allowable angle of the side slopes of one vertical foot for every four horizontal feet. Therefore, the shortest dimension of the waste unit limits the height of the landfill.

# COMMENT 22: (Height & Visual Screening)

Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML), Rhonda Tate, and Mike Walton commented that the height of the proposed landfill was excessive in light of the surrounding terrain, despite the existing tree cover. Cody Weaver commented that he would be able to see the 200 foot tall hill from his backyard. Linda Stegenga commented that if the 200 foot landfill was allowed, many residences would be shaded before the sun goes down. State Representative Brandon Creighton asked what the maximum allowable height was under TCEQ regulations. Shawn Watford commented that the landfill would be unsightly. Commissioner Ed Rinehart, and Charlotte and James Williams were concerned about the height of the proposed landfill.

### RESPONSE 22:

The Executive Director has no specific authority under the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act (TSWDA) to limit the height of a landfill or to consider visual impacts. The application indicates that visual screening will be accomplished by maintaining forested areas around the disposal area. This includes approximately 300 feet of forested buffer between the disposal area and North Walker Road. Height is limited indirectly by

Tex. Admin. Code § 330.2(108) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.3(119) (West 2008)).

<sup>30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.120 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.139 (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup>30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.121(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 330.543(b) (West 2008)). 43 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.5(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(d) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.125(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.149

<sup>(</sup>West 2008)).
45 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.134 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.167 (West 2008)).

<sup>46 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.127(a) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.153(a)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup>30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.127(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.153(b) (West 2008)).

<sup>48 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.133(a) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.165(a)&(b) (West 2008)).

the geometry of the waste footprint and the maximum allowable angle of the sideslopes of one vertical foot for every four horizontal feet. If the proposed landfill is constructed and operated as shown in the application and as required by regulation, including providing proper compaction of waste, placement of weekly cover, and construction of final cover meeting allowable sideslope angles, the Executive Director expects current engineering practices to be adequate to operate the facility at the proposed height.

### **COMMENT 23:** (Vectors)

Gary Biddle commented that the landfill would attract wild hogs, coyotes, rats, mice, flies, and mosquitoes. Joshua Davis commented that the landfill would attract rodents. Travis Selph commented that he was concerned with insect borne diseases, specifically, the West Nile virus. Mr. Selph also asked what would be done to combat mosquitoes.

### **RESPONSE 23:**

Type IV landfills do not typically attract vectors or scavengers, due to the fact that they are not authorized to accept putrescible waste. TCEQ rules require MSW facility operators to take the appropriate steps to prevent and control on-site populations of disease vectors and scavengers by using proper compaction and cover procedures. Type IV facility operators are required to apply six inches of well-compacted earthen cover at least once a week to control disease vectors. Facility operators must also prevent ponded water, regardless of its origin, from accumulating over waste at the landfill. The Applicant's SOP states that the facility will perform a weekly inspection for the presence of vectors, and will retain a pest control specialist should vectors be observed.

# COMMENT 24: (Floodplain Maps)

Those people identified in Group 4 and Ken Burling, Mary Carter (CAML), Jim Dawson, Mel Fife, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Wayne Kocurek, Travis Mayeux, Carla Robles, Judge Alan Sadler, John and Leah Smith, Linda Standley, David Stegenga, Linda Stegenga, David Tate (CAML), and Kern Welch commented that the application was reviewed using old floodplain maps. Those people identified in Group 4 commented that the TCEQ should request new floodplain maps from the Federal Emergency Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> "Putrescible waste" is defined as organic wastes, such as garbage, wastewater treatment plant sludge, and grease trap waste, that is capable of being decomposed by microorganisms with sufficient rapidity as to cause odors or gases or is capable of providing food for or attracting birds, animals, and disease vectors. 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.2(108) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.3(119) (West 2008)).

<sup>50 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.126 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.151 (West 2008)).

<sup>31 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.133(a) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.165(a)&(b) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.134 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.167 (West 2008)).

Agency (FEMA). Wayne Kocurek commented that a current survey of flooding in the area needed to be considered. Ernest Kanak, Jr. asked what the consequences would be if the landfill was in an identified floodplain after FEMA revised the floodplain maps.

### RESPONSE 24:

The Applicant provided information, based on FEMA maps, concerning the 100-year floodplain as required by TCEQ rules. <sup>53</sup> However, the FEMA maps were based on 1996 data, and the floodplain in the northern section of the proposed permit boundary was estimated without baseline evaluations. Due to these issues, and pursuant to TCEQ rules, the Executive Director required the Applicant to re-estimate the 100-year floodplain. <sup>54</sup> The floodplain was expanded as a result of this process to include area on the north side of the proposed facility. Therefore, the changes that have occurred in the area since the FEMA maps were updated have been addressed. The landfill footprint will not be within the 100-year floodplain.

Under federal statutes, county governments are authorized to petition FEMA for an update of FEMA's flood hazard maps. The TCEQ does not have the authority to request that FEMA update its flood hazard maps.

## **COMMENT 25:** (Flooding)

Melvin Sharpe commented that culverts in and around Adcock Acres and South Williams Road filled up and flooded the roadways, and that the storm water detention ponds should hold that flood water. Trudilee O'Neil commented that there was no way that the Applicant could stop the flooding that occured in the two creeks that ran through the site property. Ralph Drinkwater Floyd commented that flooding in the area was common, and it was possible that a heavy rain would flood the site and bust the landfill. State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr. commented that rain water would flow off of the landfill, into the creeks, and flood people's property. Rhonda Tate commented that the 200 foot height of the landfill would cause more flooding to occur at nearby residences. Roger Adams, Mrs. R. A. Benedict, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Mary Lou Kirves, Susan Lane, Christine Ludwig, Shelia Nelson, Carolyn Sue and Lawrence Rains, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, John Romero, Jr., Lorraine Romero, David W. Sargent, Jr., Anita Severa, Nikki Somplasky, Linda Standley, Linda K. Stegenga, and Karen J. Welch commented that they were concerned about area flooding. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant failed to provide adequate information demonstrating compliance with TCEQ rules regarding the location and quantities of surface water drainage entering, exiting, or internal to the site and areas subject to a 100-year flood. Ms. Carter also commented that the current landfill design did not adequately address surface water runoff, localized sheet flooding, or frequent flooding from the two creeks that were located along the east and west boundaries of the proposed site. State Representative Brandon Creighton asked what

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.56(f)(4)(B)(i)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.63(c)(2)(B) (West 2008)).
<sup>54</sup> 1d.

TCEQ requirements ensured that the facility did not increase flooding in the area. Carolyn Sue and Lawrence Rains commented that the landfill would destroy their watershed, increase flooding, and destroy natural drainage patterns.

Sheila Freeman, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., David Rendon, Melvin Sharpe, David Tate (CAML), and Karen Welch commented that the site was naturally prone to flooding. Those people identified in Group 4 and Jim Dawson, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Wayne Kocurek, Travis Mayeux, Carla Robles, Judge Alan Sadler, John and Leah Smith. Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, Karen Welch, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the facility was located in a floodplain. Jim Dawson was concerned that the site was in a lowland subject to flooding and uncontrollable runoff. Mary Carter (CAML) commented that H-GAC noted local governmental officials' concerns that the landfill would increase runoff and flood risks, that there were serious drainage problems on and near North Walker Road despite adequate maintenance of drainage ditches, and that the Applicant should demonstrate that the facility would not exacerbate local flooding. Those people identified in Group 2, Group 3, Group 7, and CAML, Phillip Lindsey, and Carla Robles commented that when the timber was removed from the site a natural flood barrier would be lost, and would contribute to additional flooding. Those people identified in Group 3 and CAML commented that the destruction of wetlands would result in more flooding. Those people identified in Group 5, Group 8, Group 10, and Johhny Beall, Patricia Crofton, Deborah Doran, Terry Dauzart, Shelia Freeman, Duane and Tracy Hamilton, Laurie Headings, David Henderson, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, Phillip Lindsey, Barbara Mayeux, Travis Mayeux, County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Anita Severa, Melvin Sharpe, John and Leah Smith, Robert Smith, Linda Standley, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, Michael Walton, and Karen Welch commented that the facility would cause more flooding. CAML commented that Security and Midway may be exposed to contaminated water if flooding was not addressed. Melvin Sharpe commented that the TCEO needed to address the flooding on the northwest side of the site. Karen Welch asked what effect the flooding would have on existing sewer lines. Those people identified in Group 9 were concerned about the possibility of property loss due to increased flooding. Laurie Headings asked what recourse a property owner would have if landfill runoff entered private property. Judge Alan Sadler, Linda Standley, David Stegenga, and David Tate (CAML) commented that the application did not contain adequate flood control, and that the application was contrary to TCEO rules that prohibit a permitted facility from altering natural drainage patterns. Those people identified in Group 11 and Nora Renteria commented that there needed to be more studies of the effect of flooding. Melvin Sharpe commented that the facility would have a negative effect on surface water flow in the area.

Mary Carter (CAML) was concerned that increased impermeable surfaces at the proposed facility would increase runoff. CAML commented that the Applicant had failed to provide adequate information to demonstrate compliance with TCEQ rules regarding flood prevention and control during peak discharge from at least a 25-year storm. CAML commented that the Applicant failed to provide adequate information to demonstrate compliance with TCEQ rules regarding the location and quantities of surface water drainage entering, exiting, or internal to the site and the area subject to flooding by a 100-

year frequency flood, including Lawrence Creek, the tributary to Lawrence Creek, and the West Fork of Spring Branch. CAML commented that the current landfill design did not address surface water runoff, and frequent flooding from two creeks along the east and west boundaries that flowed into Security and Midway. Shelia Freeman was concerned about erosion from flooding. Kelli and Lee Moulder asked how drainage would be handled after the landfill was built, and when North Walker Road was widened.

#### **RESPONSE 25:**

An unregulated landfill may adversely affect flooding in two ways: by reducing flow or storage capacity of the floodplain, or by creating peak runoff in excess of natural (pre-construction) rates. To avoid these events, TCEQ rules require extensive information with regard to the effect on the 100-year floodplain and the effect that a 25-year/24-hour storm event will have on the surrounding area. Based on the information provided by the Applicant, the Executive Director has determined that flooding will not be worsened by the construction of this facility.

## **COMMENT 26:** (Liner)

Marigrace O'Neil and James Shropshire commented that the facility should be required to have a liner, and asked how water quality would be affected without the presence of a liner. Those people identified in Group 10 and Mel Fife commented that the excavation was near a fault line that could cause the land to shift and the liner to crack. Linda Collins, Mel Fife, Norma Gibson, Duane and Tracy Hamilton, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Albert and Shelia Nelson, John and Leah Smith, Billy Wagnon, and Karen Welch were concerned that the liner might not be sufficient and crack. John and Leah Smith asked if the liner for this site was usual for this type of landfill. CAML commented that the Applicant had failed to provide adequate information to demonstrate that the contaminated storage pond would have an approved liner covering the bottom and side slopes, as required by TCEQ rules. Leah Smith commented that there was no design possible that would protect the health and safety of the community and natural resources, and that the landfill could not be designed to account for the hydrology and geology of the area.

Mary Carter (CAML) and Rhonda Tate questioned the adequacy of the proposed liner. Ms. Carter also commented that the design, composition, and structural integrity of the liner were questionable, and that the Applicant could not scientifically demonstrate that the liner would not fail over the life of the landfill. Trudilee O'Neil commented that the use of clay did not constitute a liner, and that there was not a sufficient volume of clay for the liner. John and Leah Smith commented that the clay liner would not adequately protect the underlying groundwater. Mike Walton asked how a three foot clay liner would prevent perforation by a bulldozer pushing lumber, piping, and beam debris. Shelia Freeman asked how groundwater was kept out of the excavation while the liner was being constructed. Chrispen Johnson commented that if the liner and waste was

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 330.56(f) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.63(c)&(d) (West 2008)).

below the water table, waste or contaminates would get into the groundwater. John Romero, Jr. and Lorraine Romero commented that they were concerned that the liner would not prevent groundwater contamination.

#### **RESPONSE 26:**

The proposed facility is designed to minimize contamination of groundwater by the installation of a liner system and a groundwater monitoring system. The liner system design consists of a 36-inch-thick compacted clay liner with a maximum hydraulic conductivity of 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> centimeters per second (cm/sec) overlain by a 12-inch-thick layer of protective cover soil. The proposed liner meets the requirements for Type IV landfills. The Applicant has proposed a dual groundwater monitoring system that will monitor both the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers, identified in the application as Strata II and IV. Nearly all of the 165 wells identified within 1 mile of the proposed facility are screened in one of these aquifers.

In the unlikely event of a liner failure, the permittee will be required to remove and reconstruct the damaged liner area and submit a Soil Liner Evaluation Report to the Commission for review. If a release of leachate is detected in the groundwater, the permittee will be required to take corrective action.<sup>57</sup>

The clay used to construct the liner will be obtained from on-site excavation material. The Geology report indicates that Strata I, II, and III are comprised of sandy clay, clayey sand, and clay. Prior to liner construction, on-site soil will be evaluated by a materials testing laboratory to determine the proper moisture content and compaction required to obtain the 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> cm/sec hydraulic conductivity. TCEQ rules do not require an applicant to demonstrate that a sufficient volume of clay is available for on-site liner If there is an insufficient volume of on-site clay, the Applicant is responsible for acquiring sufficient quantities elsewhere. The clay liner will be covered with 12 inches of soil, and the first five feet of waste will be free of brush and bulky items. Liners may be constructed below the water table by using a dewatering method, such as the under drain system that is proposed for this facility. The under drain system will be composed of a geocomposite drainage layer installed under the clay liner, which will allow the removal of groundwater that infiltrates the excavation. This allows the liner to be constructed without being subject to uplift forces exerted by groundwater infiltration. Once a sufficient volume of waste has been placed on the liner based on calculations provided in the Soil and Liner Quality Control Plan, the removal of groundwater from the under drain system may be stopped.

The proposed liner meets TCEQ liner requirements, written to protect underlying aquifers. The floor liner will be constructed in Stratum III, which lies between the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers, and is reported to have an average vertical hydraulic

<sup>57</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 330.236-330.238 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 330.411-330.415 (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.200(e) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.331(d) (West 2008)).

conductivity of 9.8 x 10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec. The Applicant has also designed a 36-foot-thick compacted clay plug that will be installed behind the side wall liner to prevent infiltration of groundwater from Stratum I (Chicot Aquifer) into the landfill unit and minimize the effects of contaminations from the unit on groundwater in Stratum II. The Applicant has estimated contaminant travel time through the compacted clay plug and liner to be 1,000 years.

The Applicant provided a fault study that indicated that there are no active faults that have had displacement during Holocene times (within the last 10,000 years). The nearest fault is reported to be the Bishop Fault, located 6.2 miles south-southwest of the proposed facility.

## COMMENT 27: (Water and Soil Contamination)

Those people identified in Group 2, Group 3, Group 4, Group 5, Group 6, Group 7. Group 8. Group 9. Group 10. Group 11, and Dana Abernathy, Ruth Allen, Willie Mae Atkinson, Paul Bacque, Johnny Beall, Karen Beall, Denise Bell, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Mrs. R. A. Benedict, Ralph E. Benedict II, Gary Biddle, Ken Burling, Charles E. Buzbee, Marie E. Buzbee, Patricia and Paul Clark, Vallye Chandler, James E. Clanton, Sherman J. Chenier-Cleveland, Floyd C. Collins, Linda Collins, Robert Collins, Tina Collins, Byard and Linda Crandall, Patricia Crofton, Joshua Davis, Elizabeth Dotson, Erin Dotson, Jim Dawson, Deborah Doran, Barbara, Leamon, and David Dowden, Belinda Faulkner, Ralph Drinkwater Floyd, Terri Gandy, Steven Garfield, Steven Gothard, Mark Grimes, Martha Guilbeaux, Kenny Hamby, Terry and Tracy Hamilton, Sandy and Steve Hamilton, Prescila Harris, Thomas Harrison, Laurie Headings, David Henderson, Daniel Heil, Jerri Heil, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Judith Horne, Amber Hunt, Jimmy Hunt, Thornton Ireland, Ernest Kanak, Jr., Shelagh Kasinger, Crystal Kelsoe, Mary Lou Kirves (Texas Real Estate Group), Wayne Kocurek, Monte Harris Lane, Phillip Lindsey, Melody Logan, Christene Ludwig, Ronald Maffett, Barbara Mayeux, Travis Mayeux, Barbara Meche, Frankie Milley, Rosa Morelos, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Leda O'Neil, Marigrace O'Neil, Trudilee O'Neil, Sylvia Padilla, R. M. Palmer (International Paper, Realty Division), Carol Parten, Billy Pickering, Deborrah Pickering, Theresa Portillo, Carolyn Sue and Lawrence A. Rains, Dr. Dellanira Rangel, Jennifer Real, Lisa Reasor, Danielle Reich. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, Carla Robles, Terry E. Rollins, John Romero, Jr., Lorraine Romero, Pedro Rosales, Jr., Judge Alan Sadler, Jack Safford, David W. Sargent, Jr., Bob and Lynda Sasser, Allen and Joyce Selph, Ruben Selph, Travis Selph, Anita Severa, Vicente Sifuentes, James Singleton, Sherry Smalling, Cassandra Smith, John and Leah Smith, Nikki Somplasky, Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, Nancy Steward, Thomas Steward, Joseph Tanseu, David Tate (CAML), Rhonda Tate, Vicki Thompson, Jason Turner, Daniel Vargas, Billy Wagnon, Janice Walkins, Shaun Wallace, Michael Walton, Cynthia Watford, James R. Watkins, Cody Weaver, Angela Welch, Clifford Welch, Dale Welch, Joann and Thomas Welch, Karen Welch, Sabrina Westerfeld, Jacqueline Woychesin, Ladgie Zotyka, Jr., and Paul Zylman commented that they were concerned that the facility might contaminate surface and groundwater in the surrounding area. Jim Dawson commented that the landfill should be located a sufficient distance from the

aguifers. Mary Carter (CAML) commented CAML was especially concerned that water wells serving several hundred families that live within one mile of the site were in danger because they used water wells screened at depths ranging from 30 to 200 feet, and the wells were perforated in either the Chicot or Evangeline aquifers that were primary sources of drinking water for the area. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant failed to provide adequate information that documented all wells, springs, and waterbodies within 500 feet of the proposed site. Ms. Carter also commented that contaminated water leaking below the proposed landfill could contaminate wells in the adjacent county. Trudilee O'Neil commented that the Applicant did not provide adequate information regarding the number of wells in the vicinity of the proposed facility. Shelia Freeman, Luine Hancock (State Senator Robert Nickols). State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., and State Senator Robert Nickols commented that they were concerned with the contamination of water wells and the area's drinking water supply. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart commented that issuing the permit would put water wells from Cut and Shoot, Security, New Caney, Porter, and other areas at risk. Judge Alan Sadler was concerned that there had been an increase in actual and proposed water wells in the area since the application was submitted. David Tate (CAML) commented that the Applicant used old water well information that indicated that the last well was drilled 6 years ago. Rhonda Tate commented that the contamination of water wells and surface water was imminent. State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr. commented that drainage problems and heavy flooding could contaminate shallow wells in the area, causing a major health hazard. Terry Dauzart was concerned that the landfill would be deeper than area wells, and asked if the Applicant would pay to deepen private wells in the area. Mary Carter (CAML), CAML, Judge Alan Sadler, John and Leah Smith, Linda Standley, and David Stegenga commented that the application had not adequately identified the uppermost aquifer, hydraulically connected aquifers, or the aquiclude beneath the groundwater system or the wells, bodies of water, and springs within one mile. Jim Dawson commented that nearby waterways fed into the Houston water supply. CAML, Ronald Maffett, Rhonda Tate, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that Lawrence and West Fork Spring Branch Creeks flowed into Caney Creek and Lake Houston. Amarian Castillo, R. A. Benedict, James E. Clanton, Patricia Crofton, Elizabeth Dotson, Kenny Hamby, Sandy and Steve Hamilton, State Representative Ruben Hope, Jr., Albert A. Nelson, and Lisa Reasor commented that they were concerned about soil contamination. Travis Selph commented that he was concerned about the effect contaminated dust would have on vegetable gardens.

County Commissioner Ed Rinehart and Rhonda Tate commented that the proposed storm water detention ponds would not be adequate during periods of major flooding in the area. Shelia Freeman commented that the ponds were not adequate to deal with heavy rains or storms resulting from hurricanes. Trudilee O'Neil commented that the storm water retention ponds were not large enough to control water from the creeks that cross the facility. Melvin Sharpe commented that he was concerned that the ponds would leak and contaminate the surrounding water bodies. Dr. Dellanira Rangel was concerned that the runoff from the facility would pollute nearby creeks and lakes. Those people identified in Group 1 commented that the Applicant had not adequately demonstrated that surface water and run-on water containing pollutants would escape the

site and flow into Lawrence Creek or its tributaries, the West Fork of Spring Branch, surrounding jurisdictional wetlands, or surrounding private property. Those people identified in Group 1 also commented that H-GAC stated that the Applicant should demonstrate that the landfill would not exacerbate localized flooding. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant had not provided adequate information about groundwater and aquifer conditions at the site. Ms. Carter commented that the Applicant had failed to provide adequate information demonstrating compliance with the TCEQ rules regarding the design, construction, and maintenance of a run-on control system capable of preventing flow on the active portion of the landfill during the discharge from a 25-year storm. Ms. Carter also commented that the current landfill design did not adequately address surface water runoff and localized sheet flooding from storm events. Linda Stegenga commented that the Applicant had not provided an adequate plan to prevent runoff from the landfill. Ms. Stegenga also commented that the Applicant had failed to demonstrate that the natural drainage pattern would not be altered. Thornton Ireland commented that contaminated runoff from the landfill would contaminate groundwater, rendering it unpotable for human consumption.

Rhonda Tate commented that the landfill would be placed near the recharge zone of the Evangeline Aquifer. Those people identified in Group 11 and Nora Renteria commented that there needed to be more studies of the effect on water contamination. Donald Stockton (Conroe I.S.D.) commented that he was concerned about water quality. Barbara McCleane commented that there could be lead contamination of groundwater. Frankie Milley commented that the area was a hotspot for meningitis bacteria, and that other bacteria and viruses were found in contaminated dump materials that could end up in sources that supply the community's drinking water. Those people identified in Group 4 and Melissa Barton, Patricia Crofton, Jim Dawson, Shelia Freeman, Laurie Headings, Judith Horne, Carla Robles, Ruben Selph, Travis Selph, Linda Standley, Ladgie Zotyka, Jr., and Paul Zylman commented that water contamination would result in the contamination of livestock and humans. Those identified in Group 11 and Jim Dawson, Carla Robles, and Linda Standley commented that gardens and crops would be exposed and damaged by contaminated flood water from the landfill. Kenny Hamby commented that water contamination would worsen the condition of the chronically ill. Those people identified in Group 10 and David Tate (CAML) commented that the Applicant would contaminate the water so that the Applicant could install a commercial water system that residents would be forced to buy. Those people identified in Group 4 and Group 11 and Melissa Barton, Mel Fife, David Tate (CAML), and Karen Welch were concerned that, if the water were contaminated, would the residents receive adequate and timely notice. Travis Selph asked who bore the cost of testing water facility runoff and wells. CAML commented that the Applicant had not provided a comprehensive groundwater monitoring plan for the site sufficient to protect the neighborhood down gradient of the site. Emest Kanak, Jr. asked if the TCEQ was aware that the seasonal groundwater was in the area of 18 inches. Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Terry Dauzart, Jim Dawson, Norma Gibson, Phillip Lindsey, Travis Mayeux, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Caron Parten, Travis Selph, John and Leah Smith, Rhonda Tate, Billy Wagnon, Karen Welch, Sabrina Westerfeld, and Ladgie Zotyka, Jr. were concerned about possible contaminated runoff.

#### RESPONSE 27:

The Applicant has indicated in the Geology Report that the recharge area for the Evangeline aquifer lies approximately 10 to 14 miles northwest of the proposed landfill site. Pursuant to TCEQ rules, the Applicant indicated aquifer recharge areas within 5 miles of the proposed landfill site. <sup>58</sup>

The proposed facility is designed to minimize the contamination of groundwater by the installation of a liner system and a groundwater monitoring system. The liner system design consists of a three foot compacted clay liner with a maximum hydraulic conductivity of 1 x 10<sup>-7</sup> centimeters per second (cm/sec) overlain by a 12-inch-thick layer of protective cover soil. The Applicant has proposed a dual groundwater monitoring system that will monitor both the Chicot and Evangeline aquifers, identified in the application as Strata II and IV. Nearly all of the 165 wells identified within 1 mile of the proposed facility are screened in one of these aquifers.

If groundwater contamination is determined to have occurred, the Executive Director may order corrective action appropriate to protect human health and the environment. As part of that corrective action, the owner or operator must discuss the results of the corrective action assessment in a public meeting with interested and affected parties. Within 30 days of completing the corrective action assessment, the permittee must submit an assessment report to the Commission for review and approval that includes a schedule for the implementation of a corrective action program.

The Applicant provided information on 165 known groundwater wells and identified creeks and wetlands within one mile of the proposed site location. The application specifies a below grade excavation of approximately 47 feet to and elevation of 167.4 feet above mean sea level. Wells identified within one mile of the proposed site range in depth from 23 to 485 feet below ground surface. Of the 165 wells identified, three wells are drilled to a depth of 23 or 30 feet below ground surface. The majority of wells within one mile are drilled to a depth of greater than 100 feet. TCEQ rules do not require an applicant to pay to deepen surrounding wells. After review of the information provided, the Executive Director has determined that the Applicant has provided the information required by TCEQ rules.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.56(d)(4)(I) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code 330.63(e)(3)(I) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.239(b)(7) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.417(b)(7) (West 2008)).

<sup>60 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.236(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.411(d) (West 2008)).

<sup>61 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.237(a)&(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.413(a)&(d) (West 2008)).

Pursuant to TCEQ rules, the proposed landfill design will include levees with a three-foot freeboard to protect against a 100-year flood event. 62 The proposed facility will channel storm water that has not contacted waste through sedimentation/detention ponds to minimize suspended solids from the effluent before discharge. Leachate, condensate, or storm water that has contacted waste is considered to be contaminated water. In accordance with the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) program, contaminated water may not be discharged from the facility without written authorization. 63 The owner or operator must handle, store, treat, and dispose of surface or groundwater that has contacted the working face of the landfill or leachate. 64 The SOP provides a Leachate and Contaminated Water Plan for the proposed facility. The Applicant has proposed to construct a berm downhill of the working face and areas that will be covered by weekly cover to collect contaminated water. Contaminated water will be maintained with lined cells and pumped directly to vacuum trucks for disposal as soon as practicable. Berms will provide storage for the 25-year/24-hour storm event. MSW rules do not directly establish design parameters for storm water ponds. Attachment 6 of the application indicates that storm water discharge rates and velocities from the landfill will be less than under current conditions. This is a result of the storm water collection structure, which directs a storm event through drainage swales, downchutes, drainage ditches, and retention ponds before discharging storm water. The Executive Director has determined that the proposed measures meet TCEQ requirements for the protection of ground and surface water, and should be sufficient to protect nearby water wells and surface waters downstream of the proposed facility.

# **COMMENT 28:** (Contaminated Water Management)

Susan Lane commented that there was no way for the Applicant to separate rainwater from contact water. Ms. Lane also commented that the Applicant did not state where the contact water would be taken to be disposed of. Those people identified in Group 1, Mary Carter (CAML), and Linda Stegenga commented that the Applicant has failed to provide sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with TCEQ rules about how it will handle, store, treat, and dispose of surface water that had become contaminated at the landfill. Those people identified in Group 1, Mary Carter (CAML), and Linda Stegenga commented that the Applicant had failed to provide sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with TCEQ rules regarding design, construction, and maintenance of a runoff management system from the active portion of the landfill that would collect and control the water volume resulting from a 24-hour, 25-year storm. State Senator Robert Nickols and Mike Walton commented that the Applicant had failed to demonstrate how it would prevent contaminated runoff from entering Lawrence Creek and other waterways. Ruben Selph and Travis Selph questioned whether it would be harmful to consume fish and other game that had ingested contaminated water. Mary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.55(b)(7)(B) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.307(b)(1) (West 2008)).

<sup>63 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.139 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.207)(e) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.55(b)(6) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.305(g) (West 2008)).

Carter (CAML) commented that her clients were concerned about the impact that contaminated water would have on cattle grazing land, ponds used to water cattle, and possible human health impacts from the consumption of exposed cattle.

#### **RESPONSE 28:**

Part III, Attachment 15 of the application indicates that contaminated water will be segregated from storm water. Berms will be constructed downhill from the active face of the landfill which will contain a 25-year/24-hour storm event. Containment areas are based on the active working face size. Any water captured by these berms will be treated as contaminated, as it will have contacted waste or been combined with water that has been in contact with waste. Contaminated water and non-contact storm water from elsewhere within the permitted boundary are never combined. Berms will also be constructed above the active face so that storm water will be diverted and remain uncontaminated. It is only this uncontaminated storm water that will be discharged from the facility, pursuant to a separate Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) storm water permit. As indicated by Part III, Attachment 15, contaminated water will be collected by vacuum trucks then transported to and disposed of at a permitted wastewater treatment facility.

## **COMMENT 29:** (Groundwater Monitoring)

Rhonda Tate commented that the proposed groundwater monitoring wells were inadequate because there were too few and spaced too far apart. Ms. Tate also commented that the time between a release to groundwater and the shutdown of the facility was too long. Susan Lane commented that the Applicant could not obtain an accurate account of groundwater deterioration if the monitoring wells were only located in the facility buffer zone. Karen Welch asked how often the groundwater was checked, and how soon after a release would the public be notified. State Representative Brandon Creighton asked how the TCEQ could ensure the public that the landfill would not contaminate groundwater. Representative Creighton also asked how long the TCEQ monitored groundwater for possible contamination. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant had not provided an adequate groundwater monitoring plan, sufficient to protect the neighborhood down-gradient of the site.

### RESPONSE 29:

In its application, the Applicant has indicated that the recharge area for the Evangeline aquifer lies approximately 10 to 14 miles northwest of the proposed landfill site. Pursuant to TCEQ rules, the Applicant indicated all areas of aquifer recharge within five miles of the proposed landfill site. Based on the design of the facility and the underlying hydrology, a dual monitoring system is proposed that will monitor groundwater in both the Chicot and Evangeline Aquifers, noted as Strata II and IV in the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.56 (repealed 2006) (current version at 30 TAC § 330.63(e)(3)(I) (West 2008)).

Geology Report. The Stratum II groundwater monitoring system will consist of 29 monitoring wells equally spaced around the entire waste disposal area. The distance between monitoring wells for the Stratum II monitoring system is approximately 600 feet apart. The Stratum IV groundwater monitoring system will consist of 18 monitoring wells, two of which are classified as background wells while the remaining 16 are classified as down-gradient or point of compliance wells. The approximate distance between the point of compliance monitoring wells for the Stratum IV groundwater monitoring system is 300 feet. Monitoring well systems are commonly installed within the buffer zone due to the fact that TCEQ rules require that point of compliance monitoring wells be installed no greater that 500 feet from the waste management unit. 66

Prior to waste placement, background groundwater quality will be determined, and the data utilized for a comparison between groundwater data collected after waste is in place in the unit. Detection monitoring at Type IV landfills is conducted annually. <sup>67</sup> If groundwater contamination is determined to have occurred, the Executive Director may order corrective action appropriate to protect human health and the environment. <sup>68</sup> As part of the corrective action, the owner or operator must discuss the results of the corrective action assessment in a public meeting with interested and affected parties. <sup>69</sup> Within 30 days of completing the assessment of the corrective action, the permittee must submit an assessment report to the Executive Director, which includes a schedule for the implementation and completion of the scheduled remedies. <sup>70</sup>

TCEQ rules require an applicant to provide a geology report that provides information regarding aquifer properties, formation properties, faulting, and unstable areas. The Applicant's Geology Report identifies five strata underlying the site. Strata II and IV are identified as water barring units, and Strata III and V are identified as acquicludes. Properties such as formation and aquifer thickness, permeability, moisture content, sieve analysis, soil Atterberg limits, and water levels are provided in the Geology Report. The Executive Director has determined that sufficient information has been obtained from subsurface investigations, and was provided in compliance with TCEQ rules.

COMMENT 30: (Total Maximum Daily Load)

<sup>66 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.231(a)(2) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.403(a)(2) (West 2008))

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.239(b)(4) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.417(b)(4) (West 2008)).

<sup>68 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.239(b)(7) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.417(b)(7) (West 2008)).

<sup>69 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.236(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.411(d)).

 <sup>70 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.237(a)&(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.413(a)&(d) (West 2008)).
 71 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.56(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.63(e)

<sup>71 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.56(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.63(e) (West 2008)).

Garry Biddle indicated that the landfill would violate the project limits established by the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the Lake Houston Watershed.

#### **RESPONSE 30:**

The federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires each state to conduct water quality assessments to determine whether its streams, lakes, and estuaries are sufficiently healthy to meet their designated uses. Subsection 303(d) of the CWA requires each state to submit to the EPA a list of waters not meeting water quality standards or supporting designated uses. The final approved list of impaired waters is known as the "303(d) List." Each state is required to develop TMDLs, which specify limits for the addition of pollutants responsible for the water quality impairment, for all water bodies on its 303(d) List.

The TCEQ has identified fourteen segments in seven different waterbodies in the Lake Houston Watershed area as impaired for elevated concentrations of bacteria. 74 While bacteria limits have been established, implementation measures to meet these limits are on-going. The proposed facility will channel storm water that has not contacted waste through sedimentation/detention ponds to minimize suspended solids from the effluent before discharge. Leachate, condensate, or storm water that has contacted waste is considered to be contaminated water. In accordance with the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) program, contaminated water may not be discharged from the facility without written authorization.<sup>75</sup> The owner or operator. must handle, store, treat, and dispose of surface or groundwater that has contacted leachate. 76 The SOP provides a Leachate and Contaminated Water Plan for the proposed facility. The Applicant has proposed to construct a berm downhill of the working face and areas that will be covered by weekly cover to collect contaminated water. Contaminated water will be maintained with lined cells and pumped directly to vacuum trucks for disposal as soon as practicable. With these control measures in place, the Executive Director does not anticipate that the proposed facility will contribute to the bacteria impairment found in the Lake Houston Watershed.

#### COMMENT 31: (Endangered Species and Wetlands)

Melvin Sharpe commented that the new entrance road would cross wetlands, and therefore the Applicant would need a permit from the Army Corp of Engineers. Jim Dawson commented that he was concerned about the facility's impact on the 20 plus designated wetlands on-site. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mike Walton commented that the Applicant failed to adequately demonstrate that wetlands, and

75 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.139 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.207)(e) (West 2008))

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> 33 U.S.C. § 1315(b) (2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> 33 U.S.C. § 1313(d) (2008).

<sup>74</sup> See <u>Lake Houston: A TMDL Project for Bacteria</u>, "Project Overview," (September 2008), available at <a href="http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmdl/82-lakehouston.html">http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmdl/82-lakehouston.html</a>.

<sup>(</sup>West 2008)).

76 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.55(b)(6) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.305(g) (West 2008)).

associated wildlife, including migratory birds, would not be disturbed or harmed. Mary Carter (CAML) commented that poor facility design would cause contaminants to damage wetlands during flooding events. Ms. Carter also commented that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on-site inspection found approximately 57 acres of non-jurisdictional wetlands would be destroyed during the construction of the facility. Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant failed to demonstrate that the facility would not adversely impact the critical habitat of endangered Ms. Carter also commented that the Applicant failed to or threatened species. demonstrate that the landfill would not cause or contribute to the taking of endangered or threatened species. Those people identified in Group 2, Group 3, Group 7 and Melissa Barton, Phillip Branch, Jim Dawson, Deborah Doran, Mel Fife, Claudia Hubbard, Steven Matthews, David Rendon, Carla Robles, John and Leah Smith, Thomas Steward, David Tate (CAML), Rhonda Tate, Karen Welch, Sabrina Westerfeld, and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that the facility would be built on wetlands, that it immediately bordered or was too close to 21 officially protected or jurisdictional wetlands, and that the destruction would negatively affect wildlife, including migratory birds such as falcons. geese, ducks, and sandhill cranes; as well as having other negative environmental impacts. CAML, Claudia Hubbard, Patsy Matthews, Thomas Steward, and Jacqueline Wovchesin commented that the facility site provided a habitat for the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker. David Tate (CAML) commented that the Applicant had not demonstrated that the facility would not destroy or adversely impact the critical habitat of endangered or threatened species. CAML commented that the Applicant chose not to mitigate 11 wetlands that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers found to be non-jurisdictional wetlands. Mary Carter (CAML), Floralee and James Lovell, Leda O'Neil, and Linda Stegenga commented that they were concerned that the facility would negatively impact wildlife. Particia and Paul Clark, Travis Selph, and James Shropshire were concerned that the facility would be a danger to wildlife and livestock. Jim Dawson suggested that the TCEO do an amphibious tour before granting the permit.

#### RESPONSE 31:

In response to the first technical notice of deficiency, the Applicant reduced the area of the waste unit to avoid jurisdictional wetlands (i.e., wetlands that are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Corps of Engineers under the federal Clean Water Act). Non-jurisdictional wetlands would be affected by the proposed design, but the TCEQ does not have authority to regulate and protect non-jurisdictional wetlands under its MSW program.

TCEQ rules required the Applicant to submit an Endangered Species Act compliance demonstration. The Applicant contacted Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, regarding the proposed facility. These agencies indicated that several federal and state-listed species could be affected by proposed activities and recommended further investigation. The Applicant then hired Crouch Environmental Services, Inc., to perform a Protected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53(b)(13) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.61(n) (West 2008)).

Species Site Investigation. The conclusion of this investigation was that "no threatened or endangered plants or animals will be affected by the proposed construction" and "the subject property contains no critical habitat to support any endangered plant or animal species." TCEQ staff has determined that the Applicant has satisfied this requirement.

The Applicant provided changes to the technically complete application on August 22, 2008. These changes included a new access road from the permit boundary to SH 105 on land owned by the Applicant, but outside the permit boundary. The Executive Director has limited authority over property features outside the permit boundary. However, out of consideration for all-weather access and the effect that the proposed access road would have on the floodplain, MSW staff requested information about how the access road would be designed. The Applicant's response to the Executive Director's Notice of Deficiency (NOD) indicated that the access road will be elevated by a bridge structure in the areas where it crosses the floodplain; although, the final design had not yet occurred. The response also indicated that the Applicant would coordinate with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office regarding the bridge design. MSW staff included a Special Provision in the draft permit that requires the Applicant to document its coordination with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office.

#### **COMMENT 32:** (Air Pollution)

Ruth Allen, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Gary Biddle, Charles Buzbee, Marie Buzbee, Sherman Cheinier-Cleveland, Byrad Crandall, Linda Crandall, Lisa Ford, Terri Gandy, Daniel Heil, Sanjuana Hernandez, James Lovell, Ronald Maffett, Linda Middleton, Albert Nelson, Shelia Nelson, Leda O'Neil, Jennifer Real, John Romero, Jr., Lorraine Romero, David Rondon, David Sargent, Allen and Joyce Selph, Ruben Selph, Travis Selph, Ciara Smalling, Linda Standley, Linda Stegenga, Rhonda Tate, James Walkinshaw, Dale Welch, and Karen Welch commented that they were concerned about the proposed facility's impact on air quality. Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Jim Dawson, Norma Gibson, Duane Hamilton, David Henderson, Wayne Kocurek, Phillip Lindsey, Albert and Shelia Nelson, Trudilee O'Neil, R. M. Palmer (International Paper, Realty Division), Carol Parten, Francisco Ramirez, Karen Ramirez, Carla Robles, Pedro Rosales, Jr., Ruben Selph, Travis Selph, Linda Standley, Donald Stockton (Conroe I.S.D.), David Tate (CAML), Billy Wagnon, Michael Walton, and Karen Welch commented that they were concerned about how air quality would be affected by dust from trucks accessing the facility. Daniel Heil, Jerri Heil, and Thornton Ireland commented that they were concerned about dust generated by the landfill. Travis Selph and Linda and Ricky Standley commented that they were concerned about health risks from airborne. contaminants. Sherry Glaze commented that she was concerned about a possible increase in respiratory problems due to the landfill. Rhonda Tate commented that she was concerned about toxic fumes emanating from the landfill. Those people identified in Group 5 and Thomas Beers, Denise Bell, Phillip Branch, Elvira and Yolanda Cervantez, Tina Collins, Linda Collins, Barbara, David, and Leamon Dowden, L. V. Dowden, Kenneth and Mary Everitt, Carla Robles, Bob and Lynda Sasser, Travis Selph, and Michael Walton commented that the increased air pollution due to the facility would

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> See Part II, Appendix H, of the application.

affect the health of the elderly, children, and people with lung conditions. Kenneth and Mary Everitt were concerned about air pollution caused by burning at the facility. Travis Selph commented that he was concerned about how air pollution would affect plant life, and was concerned about the health effects from mold and mildew. John and Leah Smith commented that the Applicant failed to provide sufficient information to demonstrate compliance with TCEQ air rules. Those people identified in Group 11 and Nora Renteria commented that there needed to be more research conducted on how the landfill would affect air quality.

#### **RESPONSE 32:**

The State of Texas requires air emission sources to obtain a permit.<sup>79</sup> Emissions from MSW facilities, including waste processing and vehicle exhaust, are permitted by rule.<sup>80</sup> Although air emissions at facilities are not specifically limited, there are many rules intended to reduce air emissions to mitigate any effect on the surrounding community. These include: establishing buffer zones;<sup>81</sup> prohibiting the open burning of solid waste;<sup>82</sup> using all-weather roads;<sup>83</sup> dust suppression;<sup>84</sup> and weekly cover to control disease vectors, fires, odors, windblown litter or waste, and scavenging.<sup>85</sup> The Applicant's SOP indicates the use of crushed stone for all-weather access roads to minimize dust and mud. The proposed facility design also includes the minimum 50-foot buffer zone from the permitted boundary to the waste disposal area. TCEQ staff has determined that this application complies with applicable agency rules.

#### COMMENT 33: (Landfill Gas & Hydrogen Sulfide Generation)

Rhonda Tate commented that deadly landfill gas would migrate offsite. John and Leah Smith, George, Linda, and Rick Standley, and Linda Stegenga commented that they were concerned about the production of hydrogen sulfide  $(H_2S)$  resulting from the disposal of wet drywall or sheet rock.

#### RESPONSE 33:

Owners or operators of all landfill MSW units are required to implement a methane monitoring program to ensure that the concentration of methane gas generated by the facility does not exceed a concentration of 1.25 percent by volume in facility

80 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 106.534 (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code § 382.085 (West 2008).

<sup>8130</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.121(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 330.543(b) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>82</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.5(d) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.15(d) (West 2008)).

<sup>83 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.127(a) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.153(a) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup>30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.127(b) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.153(b) (West 2008)).

<sup>§5 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.133(a) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.165(a)&(b) (West 2008)).

structures and 5 percent by volume at monitoring points at the facility boundary. <sup>86</sup> The application indicates that there will be 17 landfill gas probes that will monitor quarterly for methane gas, which is the primary explosive gas in landfill gas. If the methane gas is detected above the action levels as specified in the rule, the facility must take actions specified in the Landfill Gas Monitoring Plan to control and remediate the landfill gas issue. <sup>87</sup> Neighboring residents, relevant local governmental agencies, the TCEQ, and other entities will be notified of the detection of landfill gas over the action levels. <sup>88</sup> TCEO rules do not require monitoring for H<sub>2</sub>S.

#### COMMENT 34: (General Concerns)

Gabriela Gonzalez, Jackalyne Gonzalez, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, Monte Lane, Stella Luton, Danielle Reich, Nora Renteria, Paul Simmons, Arlinda Smith, Billy Smith, Michael Walton, Joann and Thomas Welch, Margie Wood, and Jacqueline Woychesin were concerned about short and long-term health effects on the residents. Gary Biddle, Ralph Drinkwater Floyd, Kenny Hamby, Shelia Hardrick, Thomas Harrison, Sanjuana Hernadez, Monte Harris Lane, Alan P. Schuler, Allen and Joyce Selph, Travis Selph, George Standley, Linda Stegenga, Janice Walkens, James E Walkinshw, Michael David Walton, and Angela Welch also had general health and safety concerns. Ralph Drinkwater Floyd, David Tate, and Rhonda S. Tate commented that people will develop diseases from the landfill. Linda Stegenga commented that cancer deaths are higher that expected in the 77327 and 77328 area codes, where the Waste Management Security Landfill is located. Patricia and Paul Clark, Mary Lou Kirves (Texas Real Estate Group), and Esther Williams were concerned about the general environmental quality of the area. and the environmental safety of the landfill. David Rondon questioned the TCEQ's role, and commented that the TCEQ should protect the people in his community. Jason Bellini, Charles E. Buzbee, Marie E. Buzbee, Vallye W. Chandler, and Michael David Walton commented that the landfill would reduce the quality of life in the surrounding area.

#### RESPONSE 34:

MSW rules are designed to protect human health and the environment. MSW rules require a liner designed to protect against releases, groundwater monitoring, landfill gas management, storm water run-on and runoff control, access control, and limitations on the types of waste that can be accepted. TCEQ staff has reviewed the application, and determined that it complies with all applicable MSW rules. Should the permit be issued, provided that the Applicant operates and maintains the facility according to TCEQ rules and the requirements contained in the draft permit, the proposed facility will not adversely affect human health or the environment. Potential impacts to the quality of life in the area surrounding the proposed facility are outside the scope of the normal evaluation of a municipal solid waste application.

COMMENT 35: (Waste Reduction, Reuse, and Recycling)

<sup>86 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.371 (West 2008).

<sup>87 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.371(c) (West 2008).

<sup>88 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.371(c)(1) (West 2008).

Ken Burling commented that alternatives to disposal, such as recycling and burning waste for energy, should be considered. David Henderson and Jacqueline Woychesin commented that they were concerned that the facility did not have a sustainable solid waste management plan (to reduce, reuse, and recycle) and that they thought it should.

#### **RESPONSE 35:**

The TCEQ encourages source reduction, reuse, and recycling in many ways, such as the Resource Exchange Network for Eliminating Waste (RENEW) program and the Computer Equipment Recycling Program. However, TCEQ rules do not require MSW permit applicants to recycle. Regional or local solid waste management plans must establish recycling rate goals appropriate to the area covered by the plan. 89

#### **COMMENT 36:** (Notices of Deficiency)

Linda Standley was concerned that the facility had received 51 notices of deficiency.

#### RESPONSE 36:

TCEQ rules allow an applicant to address and correct deficiencies in an application identified by the Executive Director in a Notice of Deficiency (NOD) within a certain period of time. The Executive Director may issue two NODs before returning the application. In this case, staff issued two NODs to the Applicant. The first NOD for this application included 51 items, many of which were duplications due to the fact that MSW rules often cover an issue in more than one location. After the Applicant responded to the first NOD, a second NOD was issued. All deficiencies were resolved to the satisfaction of the Executive Director before the application was declared technically complete.

#### **COMMENT 37:** (Future Change of Status)

Denise Bell, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, Wayne Kocurek, Trudilee O'Neil, R. M. Palmer (International Paper, Realty Division), Linda Standley, Rhonda Tate and Karen Welch were concerned about the possibility of the landfill changing its status from a Type IV to a Type I.

#### RESPONSE 37:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code § 363.064(a)(8) (West 2008).

<sup>90 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 281.19(c) (West 2008).

Should the permit be issued, Section 361.123 of the Texas Health and Safety Code would prohibit the facility from converting from a Type IV landfill to a Type I landfill.<sup>92</sup>

#### COMMENT 38: (Mineral Rights)

Lennice Cargill (Keystone Natural Resources), Mel Fife, Leah Smith, Mary Carter (CAML) and David Tate (CAML) commented that the landfill would interfere with individual mineral rights that were not under the control of the Applicant; specifically, four drill sites located at the four corners of the property.

#### **RESPONSE 38:**

Mineral rights are dominant over the surface estate in Texas. Surface property owners are required to provide access so that mineral owners may exercise their rights. The TCEQ does not have jurisdiction from the legislature to regulate mineral rights. Questions about mineral rights should be directed to the Texas Railroad Commission. Waste disposal authorizations from the TCEQ do not grant any property rights or special privileges to the holder of those authorizations.

#### COMMENT 39: (Property Value & Area Development)

Those people identified in Group 3 and Group 6, and State Senator Robert Nickols, Dana Abemathy, Linda Kay Crandall, Jason Bellini, Kimberly Bellini, Charles E. Buzbee, Marie E. Buzbee, Joshua Davis, Belinda Faulkner, Ralph Drinkwater Floyd, Lisa and Venessa Ford, Sherry Glaze, Mark Grimes, Martha Guilbeaux, Prescila Harris, Thomas Harrision, Linda Middleton, J. Sandles, Nikki Somplasky, Donna Vandermoleni, Dan Wallace, Shaun Wallace, Shawn Watford, James R. Watkins, Cody Weaver, Jay M. Wright, Lunie Hancock (State Senator Robert Nickols), Dan Heil, Jerri Heil, Vallye Chandler, Patricia and Paul Clark, Linda Collins, Tina Collins, Superintendent Leon Cubillas (Splendora I.S.D.), Deborah Doran, Mel Fife, Norma Gibson, Dan Glassel (Blessing Residential, Inc.), Sandy and Steve Hamilton, David Henderson, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, Judith Home, Shelagh Kasinger, Mary Lou Kirves (Texas Real Estate Group), Melody Logan, Stell Luton, Ronald Maffett, Frankie Milley, Albert and Shelia Nelson, R. M. Palmer (International Paper, Realty Division), Billy Pickering, Deborrah Pickering, Nora Renteria, Bob and Lynda Sasser, Cassandra Smith, John and Leah Smith, Linda Stegenga, Nancy Steward, David Tate (CAML), David and Rhonda Tate, Billy Wagnon, Michael Walton, Marcia Warner, Karen Welch, Sabrina Westerfeld, Margie Wood, and Paul Zylman commented that the facility would cause lower property values and discourage additional growth in the area. Keith Berger asked if the Applicant would purchase his property at fair market value. County Commissioner Ed Rinehart, R. M. Palmer (International Paper, Realty Division), Jan Stallworth, Michael Walton, David Henderson, Bob and Lynda Sasser, and Linda Stegenga commented that the facility would negatively affect the tax base and result in less money funding the school district. Jay M. Wright commented that the landfill would adversely impact the development of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>92</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code § 361.123(c) (West 2008).

an international theme park planned for the area, ultimately resulting in a decline in property and sales taxes. Billy Pickering and Deborrah Pickering commented that the landfill would cause an increase in insurance costs. Barbara, David, and Leamon Dowden, and L. V. Dowden commented that they would suffer economically from having to move from the area, and that this would cause them to file bankruptcy. Dan Glassel (Blessing Residential, Inc.) was concerned that the facility would lead to a decline in area development, and a corresponding loss of business and profit. Amber and Jimmy Hunt, and Crystal Kelsoe commented that the landfill would prevent growth of businesses in the area, and would ultimately create a slum. Vicki Thompson, Susana Magana, Tony Herrin and Pattie McGee, and Michael Walton commented that the landfill would have a detrimental effect on heritage, morale, and quality of life in the community.

#### **RESPONSE 39:**

The Texas Legislature has tasked the TCEQ with regulating the management of municipal solid waste in the state. TCEQ rules were promulgated to protect human health and safety, and the environment. Potential impacts on property values, the local tax base, community heritage, community morale, or quality of life in the community are outside the scope of the normal evaluation of a municipal solid waste application. With regard to future development, TCEQ rules state that "a primary concern is that the use of any land for an MSW site not adversely impact human health or the environment. The impact of the site upon a city, community, group of property owners, or individuals must be considered in terms of land use, zoning in the vicinity, community growth patterns, and other factors associated with the public interest." The Applicant is required to submit information regarding: zoning at the site and in the vicinity of the site; the character of the surrounding land uses within one mile of the proposed facility; growth trends of the nearest community with directions of major development; the proximity to residences and other uses, such as schools, churches, cemeteries, historic structures and sites, archeologically significant sites, and sites have exceptional aesthetic quality; the approximate number of residences and business establishments within one mile of the proposed facility including the distances and directions to the nearest residences and businesses; and a description and discussion of all known wells within 500 feet of the proposed facility to assist the Executive Director in determining potential adverse impact. 94 The Applicant has provided the required information and, based on that information, the Executive Director has determined that the draft permit is protective of human health and safety, and the environment, in the surrounding community.

#### COMMENT 40: (Closure)

Those people identified in Group 1 and Mary Carter (CAML) commented that the Applicant underestimated the cost of closure and post-closure care. Trudilee O'Neil and Karen Welch asked who would be responsible for environmental problems associated

 <sup>93 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.53(b)(8)(repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.61(h)(West 2008)).
 94 Id.

with the landfill. Mike Walton asked who would be liable if the liner was not adequate, and the groundwater becomes contaminated. R. M. Palmer (International Paper, Realty Division) was concerned because the Applicant was organized as a limited partnership, and might not have enough assets available for site clean up. Mr. Palmer commented that the Applicant should be required to have a bond for the life of the facility to ensure that funds were available if a cleanup was required. Linda Stegenga and David Tate (CAML) commented that the Applicant had not addressed all the closure and post-closure costs for the permit.

#### **RESPONSE 40:**

The owner or operator is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the landfill. If a release of leachate is detected in the groundwater, the permittee will be required to take corrective action. 95 Failure to properly address this issue would be a violation of TCEQ rules, and could result in an enforcement action. MSW rules do not require an applicant to have a bond to address potential environmental cleanups. However, an applicant for a new facility is required to provide, sixty days before the facility receives waste, evidence of financial assurance that covers closure and post-closure costs. 96 The financial assurance requirement is based upon a cost estimate showing the cost of hiring a third party to close the largest area of all landfill units ever requiring final cover. 97 Cost estimates are updated annually for inflation. 98 Currently, the Applicant estimates \$5,848,534 for closure and \$583,879 for post-closure care. The Executive Director has determined that the Applicant has complied with TCEQ's financial assurance requirements.

### COMMENT 41: (Competency)

David Stegenga commented that the Applicant was not competent to operate the facility because the Applicant had not operated or owned a facility within the past 10 years. David and Rhonda Tate asked for an investigation into the personal and financial competence of the Applicant.

#### RESPONSE 41:

TCEQ rules require applicants for MSW permits to submit the following information regarding competency: 1.) a list of all Texas solid waste sites that the owner or operator has operated in the last ten years; 2.) a list of all solid waste sites in all states, territories, or countries in which the owner or operator has a direct financial interest; 3.) assurance that a licensed solid waste facility supervisor will be employed before commencing facility operation; 4.) the names of the principals and supervisors of the

<sup>95 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code §§ 330.236-330.238 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code §§ . 330.411-330.415 (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.52(b)(11) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.63(j) (West 2008)); 30 Tex. Admin. Code Chapter 37 (West 2008).

<sup>97 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 330.281 (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.503

<sup>98 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 37.131 (West 2008).

owner's or operator's organization, along with their previous affiliations with other organizations engaged in solid waste activities; and 5.) any landfilling, earthmoving, and other pertinent experience or licenses possessed by key personnel, and the number and size of each type of equipment to be dedicated to facility operation. The application indicates that Montgomery Landfill Solutions has not owned or operated any MSW sites in Texas within the last ten years, and does not have a direct financial interest in any other MSW management sites. TCEQ rules do not require an applicant to have previously owned or operated an MSW facility.

#### **COMMENT 42:** (Business Organization & Antitrust Laws)

David Stegenga, David Tate (CAML), and David and Rhonda Tate commented that the Applicant was not in good standing with the Texas Secretary of State. Mel Fife and David Tate (CAML) commented that the Applicant was known to sell permits to Browning-Ferris Industries, Inc. (BFI), after issuance, and that BFI may have violated antitrust laws.

#### **RESPONSE 42:**

TCEQ rules require a permit applicant to verify its legal status. Normally, this is done by submitting a one-page certificate of incorporation issued by the Texas Secretary of State. 101 As part of its application, the Applicant submitted its Certificate of Filing with the Secretary of state; which identified the Applicant as a limited partnership. The status of "good standing" is not applicable to limited partnerships.

The Executive Director has no information that indicates that, should the permit be issued, the Applicant intends to sell the permit. However, TCEQ rules do not prohibit such transactions provided that they are properly documented through a permit modification. <sup>102</sup> The permit holder is required to give public notice of such modifications. <sup>103</sup> Any approval of such a modification is subject to a motion to overturn the Executive Director's action. <sup>104</sup>

#### COMMENT 43: (Other Business & Research Concerns)

Steven Matthews commented that Waste Management had a reputation for developing landfills without thorough environmental, ecological, and residential research. Linda Standley commented that she thought that the Applicant should be investigated. She also asked if Metroplex was a turnkey contractor, and commented that Metroplex

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.52(b)(9) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.59(f) (West 2008)).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>100</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 281.5 (West 2008); 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.52(b)(8) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.59(e) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>101</sup> 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.52(b)(8) (repealed 2006)(current version at 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 330.59(e) (West 2008).

<sup>102 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 305.70(k)(13) (West 2008).

<sup>&#</sup>x27;''. <u>Id</u>.

<sup>104 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 305.70(m) (West 2008).

conducted a very negligent and irresponsible study. Jacqueline Woychesin questioned the engineers' credibility. Those people identified in Group 11 commented that this landfill was a form of environmental terrorism and corporate intimidation.

#### RESPONSE 43:

With the exception of compliance history reviews, TCEQ rules do not require investigations of MSW permit applicants. Metroplex Industries, Inc. is an engineering and consulting firm, and would not be considered a turnkey contractor. The commenter did not reference any specific study conducted by Metroplex; however, each required study was reviewed by the Executive Director, and determined to be in compliance with applicable regulations.

## COMMENT 44: (SOAH ALJ Decisions & Rubber Stamping)

Mike Ward commented that when the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) made a decision, the TCEQ overruled them seventy percent of the time. Mr. Ward also commented that he believed that the TCEQ was rubber stamping permits. Jennifer Real commented that the TCEQ's use of forms and checklists evidenced its policy of rubber stamping permit applications.

#### RESPONSE 44:

At the conclusion of a contested case hearing, the SOAH ALJ will issue a Proposal for Decision (PFD) that includes findings of facts and conclusions of law. <sup>105</sup> The SOAH ALJ will present their PFD to the Commission, who will act on it. <sup>106</sup> The Commission may overturn an underlying finding of fact that serves as the basis for a decision in a contested case only if the Commission finds that the finding was not supported by the great weight of the evidence. <sup>107</sup> The Commission may overturn a conclusion of law in a contested case only on the grounds that the conclusion was clearly erroneous in light of precedent and applicable rules. <sup>108</sup> The TCEQ is unaware of any documentation indicating the SOAH recommendations are rejected by the Commission seventy percent of the fime.

MSW permit applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Executive Director's staff subjects each application to an individual administrative and technical review. MSW permit applications are then further scrutinized through the public participation process. The TCEQ has developed a checklist to assist in the technical review of applications in order to facilitate a through review based on hundreds of rule requirements and provide consistency from one application review to the next. The checklist does not replace the technical review of the permit application by TCEQ staff.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>105</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code § 361.0832(a) (West 2008).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>106</sup> Id.

<sup>107</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code § 361.0832(c) (West 2008).

<sup>108</sup> Tex. Health & Safety Code § 361.0832(d) (West 2008).

#### **COMMENT 45:** (Affected Party Status)

Jennifer Real asked why affected party status was so limited.

#### RESPONSE 45:

Pursuant to 30 TAC § 55.203, an affected person is one who has a personal justiciable interest related to a legal right, duty, privilege, power, or economic interest affected by the application. An interest common to members of the general public does not qualify as a personal justiciable interest. Any person may seek to participate in a contested case hearing by timely demonstrating their particular justicible interest.

## CHANGES MADE TO THE DRAFT PERMIT IN RESPONSE TO COMMENT

Due to public comments regarding all-weather access and the effect that the proposed access road would have on the floodplain, MSW staff included the following Special Provision in the draft permit:

"The applicant shall document coordination with the Montgomery County Engineer's Office regarding bridge design and all weather access of the private entrance road from SH 105 to the facility as detailed in the application."

Respectfully submitted, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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<sup>109 30</sup> Tex. Admin. Code § 55.203(a) (West 2008).

REPRESENTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on February 13, 2009 the "Executive Director's First Amended Response to Public Comment" for Permit No. 2324 was filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Office of the Chief Clerk.

John E. Williams, Staff Attorney Environmental Law Division State Bar No. 24004991

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# Attachment C – Compliance History

## **Compliance History Report**

Custom	ner/Respondent/Owner-Operator:	CN602494320	Montgomery Landfill Solutions, L.P.	Classification: AVERAGE	Rating: 3.01
gula	ted Entity:	RN104006879	MONTGOMERY LANDFILL SOLUTIONS	Classification: AVERAGE BY DEFAULT	Site Rating:
ID Number(s):		MUNICIPAL SOL	ID WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT		2324
Location:		3761 N WALKER	RD, CLEVELAND, TX, 77328		
TCEQ F	Region:	REGION 12 - HO	USTON		
Date Co	ompliance History Prepared:	June 04, 2009			
Agency	Decision Requiring Compliance Histor	y: Enforcement			
Complia	ance Period:	June 04, 2009 to	March 17, 1999		·
TCEQ S	Staff Member to Contact for Additional I	Information Regardi Pho			
		Site Co	mpliance History Components		
1 Hast	he site been in existence and/or operat			•	
	here been a (known) change in owners	· ·		, <b>No</b> <sup>0</sup>	
3. If Yes, who is the current owner/operator?		_N/A			
4. if Yes, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s) ?		N/A			
5. When did the change(s) in owner or operator occur?			N/A		
6. Rat	ing Date: 9/1/2008 Repeat Violator: NO	· ·			•
Com	ponents (Multimedia) for the Site	e:		•	
	•		ent decrees of the state of Texas and the	federal government	
	N/A			-	
B.	Any criminal convictions of the state N/A	of Texas and the fe	deral government.		
C.	Chronic excessive emissions events	•			
Б	N/A	·			
D.	The approval dates of investigations	. (CCEDS Inv. Track	(. No.)		•
	N/A				
E.	Written notices of violations (NOV).	(CCEDS Inv. Track.	No.)	· .	
	N/A				
F	Environmental audits.	*			
G.	Type of environmental management	svstems (EMSs).			
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				
Н.	Voluntary on-site compliance assess	sment dates.			
	N/A				
1.	Participation in a voluntary pollution	reduction program.			•
	N/A Early compliance.				

## Attachment D – GIS Map & Landowners List

#### Requestors within 3 Miles of Montgomery Landfill Boundry:

- ID NAME
- 0 DANIEL P VARGAS
- 1 GABRIELA GONZALEZ
- 2 FRANCISCO MOCTEZUMA
- 3 GERALDO RAMIREZ
- 4 JUDY DEHART
- 5 KENNET H KWIATKOWSKI
- 6 MARIA FIGUEROA
- 7. RACHEL BRATCHER
- 8 AGUSTIN CHACON
- 9 GISSEL LAGUNAS
- 10 MARIA MIRAMONTEZ
- 11 ELVIRA RODRIGUEZ
- 12 MARIAD ROBLEDO
- 13 BONIFACIO GONZALEZ
- 14 JACKALYNE GONZALEZ
- 15 JESSICA GONZALEZ
- 16 JUANA GONZALEZ
- 17 JUDITH GONZALEZ
- 18 DIANA SALINAS
- 19 DEAN DUSKIN
- 20 CARLA WOODWARD
- 21 LUCILA VILLARREAL
- 22 NORA RENTERIA
- 23 GABRIELA GONZALEZ
- 24 DONALD LINDEMOOD
- 25 ELIZABETH and FERNANDO ROSALES
- 26 DANIEL and MARY ROSALES
- 27 GLADYS PEREZ
- 28 JOHNNIE LUKASHEAY
- 29 BARNEÝ PIERCE
- 30 MARCELINO and SANDRA MORENO
- 31 PEDRO ROSALES
- 32 MARIA SALAZAR
- 33 PEDRO and REFUGIA ROSALES
- 34 REFUGIA ROSALES
- 35 DANIEL and MARY ROSALES
- 36 TED CANTU
- 37 MELINDA VEGA
- 38 EVER HINOJOSA
- 39 KATHY HERNANDEZ
- 40 MARIA SANTOYO
- 41 RITO SANTOYO
- 42 SUSANA MAGANA
- 43 PATTY ZARATE
- 44 FRANSISCO RAMIREZ
- 45 KAREN WOOD
- 46 BETTY and FRED GREGG
- 47 BETTY GREGG
- 48 LOUIZA F BUSTAMANTE
- 49 RUFINA GARAY
- 50 JOSE LOPEZ
- 51 JOSE MEJIA
- 52 ELVIO ARRIETA
- 53 LANO GAYO

- 54 ALICIA BORUNDA
- 55 VICTOR BORUNDA
- 56 JEFFERY MCCAFFREY
- 57 MELISSA MCCAFFREY
- 58 RONALD MCCAFFREY
- 59 CHARLE S REED
- 60 KELLY REED
- 61 FRANK FANNING
- 62 SHARON LABIAN
- 63 HECTOR and VICTORIA ROSAS
- 64 ENEDINA ALVAREZ
- 65 CHRISTIAN RAMIREZ
- 66 FRANCISCO RAMIREZ
- 67 ISABEL RAMIREZ
- 68 KAREN RAMIREZ
- 69 OSCAR RAMIREZ
- 70 BUDDY JOHNSO N
- 71 AMARIAN CASTILLO
- 72 AARON FLORES
- 73 CLAUDIA FLORES
- 74 JANET FLORES
- 75 EDGAR FOLNEY
- 76 ELVIRA CERVANTEZ
- 77 FRANCISCO CERVANTEZ
- 78 YOLANDA CERVANTEZ
- 79 MARIETTA FLANAGAN
- 80 BILLY ROGACKI
- 81 ELIZABETH A HERBSTRITT
- 82 EUGENE H ROGACKI
- 83 FRANCES H ROGACKI
- 84 MARILEE DECKER
- 85 CLARA RIGGINS
- 86 LARRY RIGGINS
- 87 ED KIRKLAND
- 88 LINDA OTT
- 89 DONNA ISBELL
- 90 JUAN AGUILAR
- 91 LETICIA AGUILAR
- 92 MAXEY THARP
- 93 DEBBIE BAILEY
- 94 TIFFANY NEAL
- 95 WILLIAM WINRIGHT CRIBBS
- 96 SHERRY SMALLING
- 97 RANDY WHEELER
- 98 BONNIE FOSTER
- 99 LEWIS FOSTER
- 100 HELEN BLACKMAN
- 101 JERRY BLACKMAN
- 102 JAMES SINGLETON
- 103 JOSEPH TANSEU
- 104 STEPHANIE FORD
- 105 GREGORIA RAMIREZ
- 106 RAQUEL RAMIREZ
- 107 TOMAS RAMIREZ
- 108 MARK LICHMAN
- 109 PRISILA TREVINO
- 110 JASON SEBREE

- 111 LACEY WILLIAMS
- 112 RACHEL CALLAWAY
- 113 ROBERT O SEBREE
- 114 STEPHEN MORRIS
- 115 STEPHEN NORRIS
- 116 RUSSEL SCHOONOVER
- 117 RACHEL AMACLOE
- 118 RACHEL GIBLIN
- 119 PAT BROOKSHIRE
- 120 RALPH DRINKWATER FLOYD
- 121 BRYAN HAYES
- 122 ERIC SALUS
- 123 BILLY COLLIER
- 124 HERSCHEL R WILSON
- 125 ROSA MORELOS
- 126 MILTON MUELLE R
- 127 HARRY HARRIS
- 128 DANA GARZA
- 129 REESE GARZA
- 130 MARIA VASQUEZ
- 131 VANDA FORD
- 132 JIMMY WEEKS
- 133 BRENDA S JORGENSEN
- 134 KIMBERLY WATKINS
- 135 CAROL HENNESSY
- 136 LETTY BIENIEK
- 137 MIKE BIENIEK
- 138 JOE LEGGETT
- 139 ALBERTO ENRIQUEZ
- 140 ANNELIESE ENRIQUEZ
- 141 SHERMAN J CHENIER SR
- 142 CRUZ DELEON
- 143 JESUS JACOBO
- 144 BARRY BRANNON
- 145 DEBORAH BRANNO N
- 146 SHERRY BRANNON
- 147 SHERRY SMALLING
- 148 DAVID and SHARI BRACEWELL
- 149 CLIFFOR D WELCH
- 150 PETE STONE
- 151 DON MCCASLI N
- 152 MAGGIE MCCASLI N
- 153 MEGHAN MCCASLI N
- 154 TRICIA MCCASLI N
- 155 KENNET H THOMPSON
- 156 JIMMIE C WELCH
- 157 S W RUTHERFORD
- 158 JAMES SINGLETON
- 159 JAMES R WATKINS
- 160 JANICE WATKINS
- 161 JASON TURNER
- 162 SANDY TURNER
- 163 CIARA SMALLING
- 164 JASON TURNER
- 165 SANDRA TURNER
- 166 JAMES WATKINS JR
- 167 STANLEY JOHNSON

- 168 TERRY E ROLLINS
- 169 CATHERINE and ROBERT HELTON
- 170 ROBERT K SCHRUPP
- 171 RUTH A SCHRUPP
- 172 SCOTT YURA
- 173 BEVERLY HAMMETT
- 174 JERRY HAMMETT
- 175 FERNANDO ROSALES
- 176 CINDY and TERRY MOON
- 177 PEARL MCDONALD
- 178 WILLIAM E BOLES
- 179 TOM BRENNAN
- 180 STANLEY LAMBERY
- 181 JOSHUA DAVIS
- 182 SERCY YAWN
- 183 LESLIE K NORMAN
- 184 HEATHER DODSON
- 185 KRYSTLE FUDGE
- 186 TANYA HILL
- 187 PENNY COOPER
- 188 LEWIS AKIN
- 189 LAURA JONES
- 190 CHRIS PERRY
- 150 CIRCIS FERRI
- 191 SERCY YAWN
- 192 TERRY BLACKMAN
- 193 VIOLET BLACKMAN
- 194 RANDELL LEMAIRE
- 195 CONCERNED CITIZEN
- 196 HENRY KNIGHT
- 197 VICENTE V SIFUENTES
- 198 HEATHER BURRELL
- 199 RANDALL HYMAN
- 200 STEPHANIE HYMAN
- 201 DENNIS R CARTWRIGHT
- 202 ROSEMARY CARTWRIGHT
- 203 DORENE JONES
- 204 JOHN OVERALL
- 205 ROBERT L STEVENSON
- 206 JESSIE M COOPER
- 207 ROSS I JONES
- 208 ROGER ADAMS
- 209 DANNETTA WEST
- 210 DONNIE and REBECCA SUTTON
- 211 WAYNE KOCUREK
- 212 TRUDILE E ONEIL
- 213 SHELAG H KASINGER
- 214 JENNALE E KOCUREK
- 215 PHILLIP LINDSEY
- 216 MARIGRACE ONEAL
- 217 MARIGRACE ONEIL
- 218 LINK RENEAU
- 219 JACOB W KOCUREK
- 220 JOSEPH KOCUREK
- 221 JAMES SHROPSHIRE
- 222 LARRY KENNEDY
- 223 CONNIE STIPANIC
- 224 CYNTHIA ENLOE

- 225 MARY PHILLIPS
- 226 LAURIE KIRKLAND
- 227 STEPHEN R DAUGHDRILL
- 228 KATHLEEN HARRISON
- 229 DEBORAH G and GEORGE D NOBLE
- 230 DEBORAH NOBLE
- 231 BARBARA HALES
- 232 DONALD J HALES
- 233 JAMES HALES
- 234 MARTHA BARR
- 235 STEPHEN BARFIELD
- 236 KAREN BARFIELD
- 237 KENNITH BISHOFF
- 238 LEAANN BISHOFF
- 239 DALLAS HIETT
- 240 STEVE O WILKINSON
- 241 HEATHER ADAMS
- 242 BETTY BLACKMAN
- 243 W L BLACKMAN
- 244 LACEY WILLIAMS
- 245 TIFFANEY HUGHBANKS
- 246 LORI ADAMS
- 247 HEATHER ADAMS.
- 248 WOODROW JACK TURNER
- 249 LORRIE MINIX
- 250 ED ARNOLD
- 251 TARA ARNOLD
  - 252 SHARENE and WESCARR
  - 253 ELIZABETH BARBOSA
  - 254 PAUL ZYLMAN
  - 255 REBECCA ZYLMAN
  - 256 BILLY PICKERING
  - 257 DEBORRAH PICKERING
  - 258 ROXANNE PICKERING
  - 259 RICHARD ARNOLD
  - 260 BARBARA MAYEUX
  - 261 TRAVIS MAYEUX
  - 262 KITTY BULLOCK
  - 263 FLOYD COLLINS
  - 264 JULIE CULVER
  - 265 DEVAN KENDRICK
  - 266 SHARON KENDRICK
  - 267 VINCENT SCOTT KENDRICK
  - 268 HAILEY THOMAS
  - 269 JOYCE TAYLOR
  - 270 LOUISE KELLY
  - 271 JOHN L WELCH
  - 272 ALBERT NELSON
  - 273 ALBERT and SHELIA NELSON
  - 274 SHELIA NELSON
  - 275 DALE and KAREN WELCH
  - 276 DALE WELCH
  - 277 KAREN J WELCH
  - 278 MALIA KING
  - 279 ALAN SCHULER
  - 280 TINA COLLINS
  - 281 CHARLES W LYLE

- 282 PATRICIA REAM
- 283 ROBERT REAM
- 284 FLOYD C COLLINS
- 285 FLOYD and LINDA COLLINS
- 286 LINDA K COLLINS
- 287 ROBERT MILLER
- 288 MELINDA HALL
- 289 ROBERT B MARTIN
- 290 BOBBIE IRWIN
- 291 RUTHA MISSY ALLEN
- 292 CRISANDRA and KESHIA ALLEN
- 293 JUDITH OTOOLE
- 294 HERB E SOMPLASKY
- 295 NIKKI SOMPLASKY
- 296 RICHARD B SMITH
- 297 PAUL SIMMONS
- 298 STEPHANIE SIMMONS
- 299 DAVID Y RENDON
- 300 DAVID RENDON
- 301 BOBBIE R GROENHOF
- 302 R P GROENHOF
- 303 JAN and RONALD STALLWORTH
- 304 BETH BRECHEEN
- 305 RICKY BRECHEEN
- 306 CHARLIE JOHNSON
- 307 SHAWNA EVERETT
- 308 DEBORAH BELL
- 309 DOROTHY BELL
- 310 AMY ASHBY
- 311 KEVIN ASHBY .
- 312 JUSTIN WOOD
- 313 LEONARD MCDONALD
- 314 SANDRA J MCDONALD
- 315 LEANELA TORRES
- 316 CHARLOTTE WILLIAMS
- 317 JAMES S WILLIAMS
- 318 JAMES WILLIAMS
- 319 CHARLOTTE A and JAMES L WILLIAMS
- 320 RODNEY ATKINSON
- 321 RHONDA NASH
- 322 ADELLE PARSHALL
- 323 LEDA ONEIL
- 324 JERRY and MARIA GONZALES
- 325 BILLY THOMPSON
- 326 SHERI THOMPSON
- 327 EMILEE N ATKINSON
- 328 RICHAR D ATKINSON
- 329 BONNIE BRASWELL
- 330 WILLIE MAE ADSKINSON
- 331 ERNIE HALES
- 332 NOVEL and VIRGINIA SNIDER
- 333 VIRGINIA SNIDER
- 334 RAYMOND ATKINSON
- 335 VALERIE ATKINSON
- 336 KERRI SAMPLE
- 337 MICHAEL E SAMPLE
- 338 CLYDE WAYNE and MS JUDY HALES

- 339 LEROY DUDLEY
- 340 RHONDA JANOSEC
- 341 DONALD G WILLIAMS
- 342 SUE A WILLIAMS
- 343 KAREN BRADBERRY
- 344 KAREN and TIM BRADBERRY
- 345 SETH JONES
- 346 KEN and VIRGINIA BURLING
- 347 MATTHEW FOSTER
- 348 KEN BURLING
- 349 TANCI FOSTER
- 350 TARA FAY
- 351 CLORINDA and MR JAMES E HOGAN
- 352 CRYSTAL HOGAN CRAFT
- 353 MICHAEL CRAFT
- 354 JAMES HOGAN
- 355 DOROTHY FITCH
- 356 EDWARD FITCH
- 357 LARRY WAYNE COLLINS
- 358 ROBERT W COLLINS
- 359 DAVID A and ROBBIN RICKARD
- 360 M WATERS
- 361 BILLY WAGNON
- 362 ALISA MURPHY
- 363 SANDY RELANDER
- 364 JEREMY BEALL
- 365 DAROLD and JANIS VANDEWERKER
- 366 JANIS VANDEWERKER
- 367 KELLI and LEE MOULDER
- 368 JOHNNY BEALL
- 369 KAREN BEALL
- 370 LINK RENEAU
- 371 ASHLEA VYORAL
- 372 DOUG VYORAL
- 373 JEFF ALLMAN
- 374 ANN M CHEATHAM
- 375 ANGELA WELCH
- 376 MARY E LYNCH
- 377 ANGELA KYLE
- 378 DAVID LYNCH
- 379 DEAN VANDEWERKER
- 380 LUCIAN O RAMIREZ
- 381 JAMES E FRANCIS
- 382 GISA R GILES
- 383 BOBBY L WALTERS
- 384 DEBRA WALTERS
- 385 PATRICIA CROFTON
- 386 WALTER C BASTEDO
- 387 PHILLIP BRANCH
- 388 MELODY LOGAN
- 389 SANDY and STEVE HAMILTON
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- 394 SHANE BAKER
- 395 DEBRA TEEKAMP

- 396 ELIZABETH and JEREMY WILKERSON
- 397 NORMAN L WILKERSON
- 398 ARGELIO and ESMERALDA DELEON
- 399 JESUS GARCIA
- 400 TOMMY MILLER JR
- 401 BARB and MR DICK VAN LIEW
- 402 JESSIE VAN LIEW
- 403 DICK VAN LIEW
- 404 NORMA GREGORY
- 405 OZZIE GREGORY
- 406 ANTHONY and WENDY RICHARDSON
- 407 WENDY RICHARDSON
- 408 JOANN and THOMAS WELCH
- 409 VALLYE W CHANDLER
- 410 STEVEN GOTHARD
- 411 THOMAS J BEERS
- 412 KENNY HAMBY
- 413 BOBBY G MORRIS
- 414 ELLA MAY MORRIS
- 415 MICHAE L MORRIS
- 416 PATRICIA GIDDINGS
- 417 JESSE L HOGAN
- 418 NICK STEELE
- 419 TIM MIZE
- 420 EDGAR EUGENE JACKSON
- 421 EUGENE and TINA JACKSON
- 422 GORDON MYERS
- 423 DENNISE E ONEIL
- 424 RAY OVERTON
- 425 JENNIFE R and WESLEY T ADKINS
- 426 DONALD and RODNEY BOWERS
- 427 JANICE MENDOZA
- 428 ELKE STEPHENS
- 429 JOHN D STEPHENS
- 430 DENNIS BROWN
- 431 ROGELIO BAROENUS
- 432 BYARD CRANDALL
- 433 LINDA KAY CRANDALL
- 434 CONNIE and FRANCISCO JIMENEZ
- 435 JAMES M CRANDLE
- 436 LAURIE HEADINGS
- 437 RONALD HEADINGS
- 438 LISA S BROWN
- 439 STEPHEN R BROWN
- 440 JOHN and VICKIE WERNER
- 441 DAVID and MARCIA WARNER
- 442 MARCIA WARNER
- 443 DAVID J DESCHNER
- 444 DEWANA HIGGINS
- 445 JAMIE HIGGINS
- 446 JOHN and VICKIE WARNER
- 447 DONALD MAPSTON
- 448 REBECCA M BOLES
- 449 CHARLES BISHOP
- 450 JACKIE BISHOP
- 451 HILARIA ORTEGA
- 452 RICHARD ORTEGA

- 453 SAMANTHA ORTEGA .
- 454 BARBARA MCLEANE
- 455 ESMERALDA MCLEANE
- 456 MATT MCLEANE
- 457 NED MCLEANE
- 458 CHRIS HAESCHE
- 459 JUANITA GREGORY
- 460 MARK A GREGORY
- 461 CHARLES E RICHMOND
- 462 DIANA RICHMOND
- 463 STEVEN GEISMAN
- 464 MARIA RONBERG
- 465 ALAN FORTENBERRY
- 466 LEANNA EVANS
- 467 BOBBY NOVAKOSKY
- 468 DOUG MAPSTON
- 469 ROY W ABRAMSON
- 470 CHARLIE MUSGROVE
- 471 SYLVIA PADILLA
- 472 DELORES ROOST
- 473 TRACIE THOMAS
- 474 ELVIS and PAT D AGRELLA
- 475 BOBBY and KAYLA RENEE FINLEY
- 476 TOMMY LITTLEFORD
- 477 LEE LIBRADO and TINA LEAL
- 478 MARK GRIMES
- 479 MELANIE HERNANDEZ
- 480 CAROLYN SUE and LAWRENCE A RAINS
- 481 L A RAINS
- 482 LARRY RAINS
- 483 MARGARET C WAGNER
- 484 MARGARET C WAGNER
- 485 JAMES E WALKINSHAW JR
- 486 FRANCES SHEPPARD
- 487 RICKIE CHILDERS
- 488 MITCHEL L BRUCE
- 489 STEFANIE MILLER
- 490 DUANE E HAMILTON
- 491 TRACY HAMILTON
- 492 PHILLIP JOHNSON
- 493 GEORGE STANDLEY
- 494 LINDA and RICKY STANDLEY
- 495 LINDA STANDLEY
- 496 RICKY STANDLEY
- 497 KENITA FENDLEY
- 498 RICHARD W FENDLEY
- 499 GWYNETH and THOMAS POOLE
- 500 THOMAS G POOLE
- 501 CHERYL J BURKS
- 502 GEORGE D BURKS
- 503 JOSEPHINE BELL
- 504 PATTY B and RICHARD E MULLINAX
- 505 RICHARD E MULLINAX
- 506 LUIS F AZUARA
- 507 RAY HERRIN
- 508 DAVID LYNN DAUZART
- 509 TERRY DAUZART

- 510 JAREN and LOGAN N SMITH
- 511 JOHN B SMITH
- 512 JOHN and LEAH SMITH
- 513 LEAH D SMITH
- 514 LOGANN SMITH
- 515 VICKI THOMPSON
- 516 MARGIE WOOD
- 517 DAVID NEAL
- 518 DEBORA H NEAL
- 519 MELANIE ANTILLER
- 520 DEBBIE ORSACK
- 521 MARVIN ORSACK
- 522 DOUGLAS COCKERHAM
- 523 GARY CHUNN
- 524 PENNY CHUNN
- 525 DANIEL HEIL
- 526 JERRI HEIL
- 527 ALLEN SELPH
- 528 ALLEN and JOYCE SELPH
- 529 JOYCE SELPH . .
- 530 TRAVIS SELPH
- 531 R T SELPH
- 532 JENISE and PHILLIP CEMINO
- 533 PHILLIP CEMINO
- 534 STEPHANIE CEMINO
- 535 VIVIAN SOMERS
- 536 LEWIS AKIN
- 537 DENNIS M OMALLEY
- 538 DAVID L STEGENGA
- 539 LINDA K STEGENGA
- 540 JASON REAVES
- 541 AARON TURNER
- 542 W J TURNER
- 543 HOWARD LAUNIUS
- 544 TARA OLEPHANT
- 545 GORDON and JERRI SEALY
- 546 JERRI SEALY
- 547 JASON BELLINI
- 548 KIM BELLINI
- 549 CHARLES E BUZBEE
- 550 MARIE BUZBEE
- 551 BARBARA MECHE
- 552 LADGIE ZOTYKA JR
- 553 VICKIE MORSE
- 554 JERRI BROWN
- 555 PAM BROWN
- 556 RICK BROWN
- 557 TIMOTHY HUSTON
- 558 DANIELLE and PAUL D REICH .
- 559 VINSON SEALY
- 560 ELIZABETH DOTSON
- 561 ERIN DOTSON
- 562 LOU DOTSON
- 563 JAMES LAMENDOLA
- 564 SUSAN M LAMENDOLA
- 565 EVELYN A COLLINS
- 566 JOSEPH HEMBY

- 567 JACKIE WOYCHESIN
- 568 JACQUELINE WOYCHESIN
- 569 RICKY WOYCHESIN
- 570 JACKIE L SMITH
- 571 CASSIE and JAMES SMITH
- 572 CASSANDRA SMITH
- 573 JASON TURNER
- 574 CYNTHIA CHENAULT
- 575 FRANK LEE
- 576 SEFRONI A PITTMAN
- 577 KIMBERLY WILKINSON
- 578 RANDY WILKINSON
- 579 DEBORAH K DORAN
- 580 BRANDI LYONS
- 581 CARL MCLEOD
- 582 JOHN R HUTCHINSON
- 583 JOHN M and SUE ELLEN CLEMENT
- 584 NANCY STEWAR D
- 585 THOMAS E STEWAR D
- 586 KENNY HAMBY
- 587 KIMMY ABRAMSON
- 588 ANTHONY KEENER
- 589 DARLA KEENER
- 590 DONALD KEENER
- 591 DUSTIN KEENER
- 592 PATTY KELTCH
- 593 MART and PATTY L KLETCH
- 594 MARY EDWARDS
- 595 CATHRIN M PLASTER
- 596 HOMER R PLASTER
- 597 AGNES and EDDIE E ROGERS
- 598 ELAINE SWAIM
- 599 ANN BLACKMER
- 600 ROBERT S BLACKMER
- 601 MARTHA GUILBEAUX
- 602 RONNIE GUILBEAUX
- 603. DAVID W SARGENT JR
- 604 LEAMON V DOWDEN
- 605 BARBARA and DAVID DOWDEN
- 606 ROBERT VINEYARD
- 607 JULIANNE YOUNG
- 608 SUZANNE HANSEN
- 609 TOMMY JENSEN
- 610 MARY and ROBERT HUTSEAL
- 611 GLORIA JENSEN
- 612 TAMMY MOORE
- 613 ELLEN NELSON
- 614 SHARON P NELSON
- 615 RANDALL GROSS
- 616 RANDY and SHERYL GROSS
- 617 APRIL MCHENRY
- 618 MARY OMALLEY
- 619 MATT OMALLEY
- 620 BETTY S and WILLIAM GRANTHAM
- 621 MARK MATHENY
- 622 JENISE and PHILLIP CEMINO
- 623 MELVIN SHARPE

- 624 BOBBY and FAITH ROGERS
- 625 BELINDA and C ANDREW MARTIN
- 626 JOE JOHNSTON
- 627 DARREL L JOHNSON
- 628 . KENNETH R MEUTH
- 629 CLAUDEAN COOK
- 630 JAMES P BYRD
- 631 MARK and MONICA DIRENNA
- 632 DIANNIA CARTER
- 633 WILLIAM CARTER
- 634 BRIGHT LEMASTER
- 635 LELIA BRIGHT and MICHAEL J LEMASTER
- 636 MICHAEL J LEMASTER
- 637 NICOLE BLAKE
- 638 BARBARA J GANDY
- 639 ROBERT J GANDY
- 640 GORDON TROTT
- 641 KIMBERLY TROTT
- 642 MARGARET BLACKBURN
- 643 HW TAYLOR
- 644 JAMES A and LORI MATTOX
- 645 LINDA and ROBERT PHILLIPS
- 646 NONNIE MAFFET
- 647 RON MAFFET
- 648 JEFF L MCKINNEY
- 649 COURTENEY BRENNAN
- 650 LORENA JUNGST
- 651 CASEY A NEELY
- 652 JANICE FERRER
- 653 PAT FERRER
- 654 WILLIAM P FERRER
- 655 PATRICK MCGINTY
- 656 ANDY MENDIOLA
- 657 BRENDA MENDIOLA
- 658 ANDRES MENDIOLA
- 659 GRACE MENDIOLA
- 660 JENNIFE R MENDIOLA
- 661 HARLAN SCHUETTPELZ
- 662 BRAD SHRIEVE
- 663 MICHELE SHRIEVE
- 664 SUE GRIFFIN
- 665 B K MORGAN
- 666 LINDA MORGAN
- 667 PATTIE LITTLE
- 668 JOE WILLIAMS
- 669 STAN TULLY
- 670 PAT and PAUL CLARK
- 671 PATRICIA and PAUL CLARK
- 672 STEVEN MATTHEWS
- 673 ERNEST and MARIE BROWN
- 674 ANNETTE WHITE
- 675 PAM VERCHER
- 676 TOMMY J VERCHER
- 677 ZACHARY VERCHER
- 678 WAYNE BOCHIRN
- 679 MAGNOLIA C and WAYNE BOEHM
- 680 MAGNOLIA C BOEHM

- 681 AIDA MEDINILLA
- 682 JAMES F HALL
- 683 JAMES E CLANTON
- 684 CHARLES BREWER
- 685 AMY MCMULLEN
- 686 CORALLYN BERGER
- 687 KEITH BERGER
- 688 BEVERLEY HINDS
- 689 RUSSELL HINDS
- 690 SUSAN PINE
- 691 KAREN EUDY
- 692 PHIL EUDY
- 693 MARILYN KINNEY
- 694 MATTIE L LAMBERT
- 695 NEVA STEM
- 696 ROBERT SMITH
- 697 DAVID TATE
- 698 RHONDA S TATE
- 699 LISA MCCLOY
- 700 JOHN D and RHONDA S TATE
- 701 JAMES A HERRING
- 702 RHONDA BROWN
- 703 RON BROWN
- 704 CLAUDIA HUBBARD
- 705 CHRISPEN JOHNSON
- 706 PAULINE MOORE
- 707 ANDREW MULOCK
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