Re: Attached Letter RE: AE Goliad Aquifer Formation Goliad County , TX

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I received your email and attached letter. Thanks very much for your input on this important issue.

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Please acknowledge receipt of this e-mail attachment.

Thank you.

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RE: Application for Exemption of Portions of the Goliad Aquifer Formation in Goliad County

Dear Mr. Honker:

At a recent Goliad County Groundwater District meeting I learned that the EPA had requested UEC, the GCGCD, and the EPA have a telephone conference to see if an agreement could be reached regarding the aquifer exemption.

I obtain updates about the aquifer exemption by attending the regular Groundwater District Board meetings. It is my understanding, through phone conversations held between the EPA and the GCGCD that the aquifer exemption would not be granted unless TCEQ/UEC submitted additional information. The additional information was to be obtained by performing two-phased modeling and pump testing on a portion of the aquifer to determine that the water from the exempt area is not a source of drinking water from nearby water wells. In addition to the phone conversations, there are the EPA's letters to TCEQ; one dated July 1, 2011 to Susan Jablonski and one dated May 16, 2012 to Zak Covar both requesting the modeling.

What happened? Why isn't the EPA pursuing the modeling? The EPA's request for this procedure is not beyond the EPA's scope of regulations or duty to protect a source of drinking water.

I am asking that the EPA stand firm in its request to TCEQ/UEC that the two-phased modeling tests and pump tests be performed. Failure to obtain this additional information will be an injustice to those who depend on this aquifer for their drinking water.

Thank you,

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