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November 27, 2012

VIA MAIL & E-MAIL: honker.william@epa.gov

Mr. William K. Honker
Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division
Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
Water Quality Protection Division (6WQ-EC)
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Re: Venice Ponds Marsh Creation and Crevasses (MR-15)
Phase II Approval Request

Dear Mr. Honker:

The Venice Ponds Marsh Creation and Crevasses (MR-15) project is on the agenda at the upcoming Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA) Technical Committee meeting. The meeting will be held on December 12, 2012 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. At this meeting, the MR-15 project will be requesting Phase II construction funds.

The project features and benefits are detailed below:

Project Features	Project Benefits
-Approximately 190 ac marsh creation	-318 net acres created over 20-year project lift
-Create a crevasse on Grand Pass	-Sustainability (deltaic processes)
-Create a crevasse on Tiger Pass	-Resiliency
-Enhance two crevasses on Tiger Pass	
-Plant over 4,000 bald cypress trees	

The Louisiana Fruit Company/Venice Port Complex owns approximately 4,000 acres of marsh land within and surrounding the proposed project and wants to express our full support for this project. We respectfully ask that you approve this project for Phase II construction funds.

Yours truly,

George Pivach, II
Vice President and General Counsel
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cc: Colonel Edward Fleming
Mr. Garret Graves
Mr. William K. Honker
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November 26, 2012

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re: Application for Exemption of a Portion of the Goliad Aquifer Formation for Uranium Mining by UEC in Goliad County, Texas

Dear Mr. Honker,

Please require the TCEQ and UEC to perform the modeling and pump testing needed to determine if the aquifer in which they are requesting the Aquifer Exemption has a fault or not. Your agency had wisely requested this modeling earlier. We cannot risk the contamination of our drinking water because of short cuts. Water is extremely precious in our state. It cannot be ruined or wasted!

As Acting Director for Water Quality Protection in the Environmental Protection Agency, you are responsible for protecting our water. I feel uranium mining in our drinking water table is extremely irresponsible and dangerous, not to mention a tremendous waste of valuable water. A mining permit should never have been considered for mining uranium from drinking water tables in Goliad County. An Aquifer Exemption should never have been considered, either. These permits should not be granted.

Please be responsible for our environment and at least require complete testing of the aquifer under consideration for exemption.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

David P. Warren, D.V.M.

Carol C. Warren, D.V.M.

CC: Ron Curry, EPA Region 6

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November 14, 2012

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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
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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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