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Re: REQUEST FOR PUBLIC MEETING
Proposed Water Quality Permit Number WQ0005228000

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a member of Portland Citizens United and this letter is written to Request a Public Meeting regarding the above-referenced permit application. Specifically, we are requesting that a Public Meeting be held in Portland, Texas.

Portland Citizens United is comprised of a group of citizens residing in or near the communities most affected by the location of the proposed site for the chemical manufacturing facility. 1,594 local signatures were obtained in a petition opposing the granting of tax abatements by the County of San Patricio and the Gregory Portland Independent School District. The primary opposition to the project was not the abatements themselves but rather the location of the proposed site, emissions, the amount of water required to operate the facility, the discharge of wastewater into our bays and estuaries, the quality of that wastewater, and the manner of discharge, all of which the applicants failed to disclose or otherwise explain.

The City of Portland comprises 26% of the entire population of San Patricio County. Its Mayor and City Council represent the best interests of its citizens. In a unanimous Resolution, the City Council opposed the project's construction, urging the applicants to seek a location other than the proposed site.

It is vitally important to point out that ***every elected official in San Patricio County***, from the County Judge to County Commissioners, from trustees of the school district to mayors and city council members, ***expressed opposition to the site selection for this project***. Let us repeat...*every elected official publicly opposed the project site; every elected official asked the applicants to locate in an area already designated for industry*. The applicants ignored these requests.

Portland Citizens United has initiated a second Petition *directed to the TCEQ. That Petition urges the TCEQ to deny any water rights supporting the facility*. Water rights include the granting of any water permit by the TCEQ. 392 signatures have been obtained in a short period of time.

Well over a thousand individuals oppose this plant. We created a website specifically dedicated to this issue and our facebook page reveals the matter is of utmost interest in our community. There is significant interest in the application for this permit and Portland Citizens United is requesting a Public Meeting in Portland before any Draft Permit is issued. At this public meeting, we expect to have many

questions directed to the applicant and TCEQ that require answers that are not readily discernible from the application.

Our concerns include the amount of water discharge, wastewater quality, stormwater runoff, erosion, and overall environmental impact to our bays and estuaries that support a diverse array of species which serve as the raw materials for a variety of economic activities associated with commercial and recreational fishing, birding and other ecological services.

We look forward to participating in the Public Meeting.

Portland Citizens United

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Errol A Summerlin". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of "Errol" and "Summerlin" being capitalized and prominent.

By: Errol A. Summerlin