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By DA **PM**

June 9, 2017

Re: Proposed Air Quality Permit Numbers 146425, PSDTX1518, and GHGPS-DTX170

Dear Sir/Madam

The Coastal Bend Group, Lone Star Chapter Sierra Club appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the proposed air quality permit numbers 146425, PSDTX1518, and GHGPS-DTX170-the proposed Gulf Coast Growth Ventures facility located in Portland, Texas.

The Coastal Bend Group has numerous members in the Portland, Gregory area and we suspect that before this process is completed we will have numerous more new members.

Due to the magnitude and scope of the proposed facility and due to the proximity to both schools and residential neighborhoods, the Coastal Bend Group requests that a public meeting be held in **Portland, Texas** in order that what are almost certain to be many questions about the proposed project from a concerned public. Fortunately, Portland has several excellent public venues that would be more than adequate for such a meeting.

The Coastal Bend Group and our members have a number of concerns in regard to the emissions proposed in the permit application. The magnitude and scope of the Gulf Coast Ventures facility merit scrutiny inasmuch as there will be significant air emissions associated with the three units and related plant support equipment listing a proposed 3,108.83 tons per year or 6,217,660 pounds per year of permitted emissions. There is a need to identify dozens of specific toxic chemicals in the Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). Do the VOCs include benzene and butadiene? Both are known human cancer-causing carcinogens. There are numerous other issues related to the possible flare gas recovery system and the possible large amounts of soot and Fine Particle PM_{2.5} emissions.

Finally, there are sociological issues that need to be addressed. Portland has evolved as a residential bedroom community and the introduction of yet another large industrial facility is bound to have quality of life considerations that need to be examined.

Thank you for your consideration,

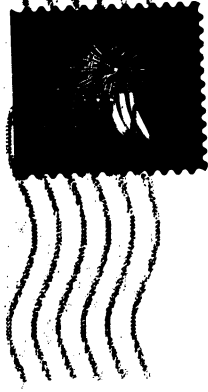
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