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**Re: Pintail Landfill, LLC - Proposed Landfill Permit Application No. MSW-2391**

Dear Sirs,

Over the last five years I have strongly opposed the granting of a municipal solid waste landfill permit, (Application No. MSW-2377), to Pintail Landfill, LLC for a location one mile north of Hempstead, Texas.

I have followed closely all of the events that have occurred and the actions taken by the TCEQ with regards to that application. I strongly applauded the TCEQ for ultimately returning the application to Pintail based on Pintail's own acknowledgement that they had so badly mischaracterized the geology of the site during a period of severe drought that even they themselves had to admit that a return to more normal rainfall for the area resulted in their application being non-compliant with TCEQ regulations.

Throughout that five year long experience, I have often wondered exactly what the purpose of the TCEQ is. I found on the TCEQ's website, that their mission and philosophy is listed as the following:  
(<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/mission.html>)

**Mission Statement and Agency Philosophy**

The TCEQ's mission statement and philosophy.

**Mission Statement**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality strives to protect our state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. Our goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste.

**Agency Philosophy**

To accomplish our mission, we will:

- **base decisions on the law, common sense, sound science, and fiscal responsibility;**
- ensure that regulations are necessary, effective, and current;
- apply regulations clearly and consistently;
- ensure consistent, just, and timely enforcement when environmental laws are violated;
- ensure meaningful public participation in the decision-making process;
- promote and foster voluntary compliance with environmental laws and provide flexibility in achieving environmental goals; and
- hire, develop, and retain a high-quality, diverse workforce.

If indeed TCEQ is to live up to such a mission and philosophy, then indeed TCEQ must return the new application that Pintail Landfill, LLC has recently submitted as No. MSW-2391. Pintail's previous application, and the eventual failure of it, has proven that "**common sense and sound science**" dictate that this site is not suitable as a safe location for disposing of municipal solid waste. **The law** dictates that TCEQ cannot issue a permit for this location because of existing City and County ordinances prohibiting it. And, **fiscal responsibility** dictates that TCEQ should return this application to prevent the waste of monetary and staff resources of the TCEQ in processing the application.

Please live up to the TCEQ Mission Statement and Philosophy and return this application to Pintail Landfill, LLC.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Signed