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**Re: San Jacinto River Waste Pits**

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Office of Commissioners,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, ask you to support the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal for full remediation of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits. The San Jacinto River is our backyard; a source of seafood, revenue, and recreation that bonds our community together. As long as the Waste Pits remain in the River, the risks to public health and the environment will remain and we will continue living in fear.

The temporary cap has proven to be highly problematic in its short lifetime. The dynamic San Jacinto River is no place for toxic waste to call home. **I appreciate the EPA proposing full removal of the Waste Pits, but we have asked that the clean-up standard be lowered to a more protective level.** We must see that the source of pollution is removed before an uncontrolled release devastates our property values, health, and Galveston Bay's precious fishery.

There are 7 Superfund sites across the United States that share characteristics of the Waste Pits: Sites located in a tidally influenced waterway, Dioxin and PCB contaminated sediment, fish consumption advisories for Dioxin and PCB contamination. At all 7 of the sites, the **EPA required removal of the highest concentrations of contaminated sediment. The environment, as well as residents of the greater Houston-Galveston region, should be treated no differently than those across the Nation.**

I appreciate you taking the time to consider this letter. I look forward to your assistance in guaranteeing the protection of human health and the environment by supporting full removal of the Waste Pits.

Sincerely,

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