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Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

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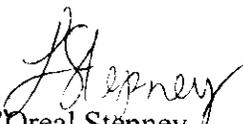
Dear Mr. Flores:

I am writing in response to your February 24, 2005 letter asking for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in a regional work session regarding implementation of Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) procedures. As you point out, the "Draft National Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Implementation Guidance" is currently out for comment. The TCEQ is still evaluating that document and may submit comments.

Dr. Jim Davenport will be TCEQ's contact for participation in the regional work session. Dr. Davenport can be contacted by phone at (512) 239-4586, by email at Jdavenpo@tceq.state.tx.us or if by correspondence please include MC 150 in the letterhead address following his name.

Thank you for the opportunity for TCEQ to participate in this process of developing a mutually acceptable strategy for implementation procedures of WET. If you would like to discuss further please call me at (512) 239-1321.

Sincerely,


L'Oreal Stepney
Division Director
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cc: Dr. Jim Davenport, Water Quality Division, TCEQ, MC 150