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Re: Sam Houston National Forest, MSW landfill Permit No. 2406 application

Deputy Under Secretary Harrell,

I recently became aware that a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfill is under permit application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to be built immediately adjacent to our beloved Sam Houston National Forest on the north, the FEMA 100 year floodplain on the west and a working produce farm on the east. To make matters worse, the garbage trucks will be entering/exiting in a neighborhood where kids are getting on to school buses. What is the world coming to?

It is my understanding that President Biden has made it clear that his administration is serious about making our environment a "cornerstone" of his policy goals. Am I mistaken that our National Forests should be around for our grandchildren's children and longer?

I came across this USFS video (see link below) about "Your Best Waters" portraying how some of our country's best water originates from our National Forests as they are a natural filtration system. I ask, how can we expect to have clean water coming out of the Sam Houston National Forest if we have a toxic landfill built next to it, literally a few feet? Take a minute to watch this video, (see link) perhaps something will resonate reminding you that our National Forests should take priority over pollution.

<https://youtu.be/4zAJbR47cds>

The TCEQ has set a virtual public meeting (links/info below) scheduled for [September 28](#), 2021, 7 pm, Houston time. Being a proud, but concerned American, I strongly request that the US Forest Service make

a public comment contesting this landfill and take appropriate legal action protecting our water, wildlife, and National Forest.

Landfills are necessary but can't there be a better spot? Seriously, between a National Forest and a floodplain that provides the drinking water for millions of people in Houston? This scenario reminds me of that old saying "putting lipstick on a pig!" I look forward to seeing your public response on the TCEQ website and your assertiveness defending our Forests at the virtual public meeting. Feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Email public comment requesting to contest as an impacted party to : chiefclk@tceq.texas.gov

Or ecomment on permit #2406 <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> or call [512.239.1201](tel:512.239.1201).

TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk will facilitate an online public meeting on the PC-II, LLC's proposed Municipal Solid Waste Permit No. 2406 in San Jacinto County, Texas. Info below:

- **Sep 28, 2021, Tuesday** from 07:00 PM
- Online via www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar.
- **Contact Name** pep@tceq.texas.gov
- **Contact Phone** [800-687-4040](tel:800-687-4040)