

The Honorable Kirk Watson
PO Box 12068 Capitol Station
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Senator Watson,

On behalf of Park Springs Neighborhood Association, I am writing to urgently ask you to write to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to request a public meeting for the application by Benchmark Wastewater Group LLC for Septage Registration #710916. The deadline is May 19: we request you write promptly, before that date.

If approved, this registration would allow septage waste pumped from septic tanks outside of Travis County to be trucked into our eastern Travis County neighborhood. As you know, pumped septage waste is generally considered more dangerous than treated wastewater sludge. The proposed application area is close to both Cottonwood and Wilbarger Creeks and other environmentally sensitive sites.

Because this application is for a "registration" instead of a "permit", there is limited opportunity for community involvement and input. That's why we need your help promptly, before May 19, to ensure a public meeting to provide more information to the public, and then to allow informed public comment and involvement.

Our Neighborhood Association respectfully but urgently requests that you write to TCEQ to request a public meeting about this application by Benchmark Wastewater Group LLC for Septage Registration #710916. We request you do so before May 19, knowing full well how busy you are with the current legislative agenda.

We will keep you informed as we learn more about this application for registration authorization to apply septage to our neighborhood.

We appreciate the help and assistance you have given to our neighborhood in the past, and we hope you can help us again now. Please feel free to have a staff member contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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