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March 1, 2000

Mr. Don West
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Re: EDWARDS AQUIFER, Bexar County
Project: Gruene Cypress Rapids Residential Subdivision, Project number -371.02,
Located north of the intersection of Gruene Road (formerly New Braunfels
Road) and Hunter Road, Gruene Area, New Braunfels, Texas
Type: Request for Information (WPAP), 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC),
§213.5(b)

Dear Mr. West:

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has completed its review of your request for information for the referenced project that you submitted to the San Antonio Regional Office on December 27, 1999.

Review of the property development plan, and applicable rules indicates that most of referenced site is located within the area now officially designated as Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone (EARZ) by the TNRCC. Approximately 95% of site is located on the undifferentiated Navarro/Taylor Groups and not on located on geologic formations included in the Edwards Aquifer Group by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The remaining 5% of the property (Block A, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12) appears to be located within the regulated area and on the Del Rio Clay. The Del Rio Clay is not a part of the officially defined Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone. Therefore, based on the geologic condition of the site, a request for exception may be made if it meets the provisions of 30 TAC §213.9:

(a) Granting of exceptions. Exceptions to any substantive provision of this chapter related to the protection of water quality may be granted by the executive director if the requestor can demonstrate equivalent water quality protection for the Edwards Aquifer. No exception will be granted for a prohibited activity. Prior approval under this section must be obtained from the executive director for the exception to be authorized.

(b) Procedure for requesting an exception. A person requesting an exception to the provisions of this chapter relating to the protection of water quality must file an

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