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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 24, 1996

Carl L. Davis
Mission Hill Handgun Range
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Re: EDWARDS AQUIFER, Comal County
PROJECT: Mission Hill Handgun Range, Located on the north side of F.M. 1863, approximately 1.7 miles southwest of the intersection of F.M. 1863 and Hwy. 46, New Braunfels, Texas.
TYPE: Request for Approval of Water Pollution Abatement Plan (WPAP); 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §313.4; Edwards Aquifer Protection Program.

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has completed their review of the WPAP application for the referenced project that was submitted on behalf of Mission Hills Handgun Range by Anibal Gutierrez, P.E. and received by the San Antonio office on April 25, 1996.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed 2.0 acre Mission Hill Handgun Range is to be developed as a commercial project within a 6.53 acre tract. The proposed development will consist of the construction of a one story 3384 square foot building and approximately 5120 square feet of associated parking. The site will be utilized to provide recreational firearms practice and instruction to the general public. The site is not located within the City of New Braunfels but is located within the city's ETJ, and will conform with applicable codes and requirements of the City of New Braunfels.

The normal population of the development is estimated to be approximately ten (10) patrons who will only be present during instructional firearms sessions which will be held on a weekly basis. There will be no water provided for the site, therefore no wastewater is to be generated by this project. Restroom facilities will be provided by the use of an on-site portable toilet.

The proposed impervious cover for the development, approximately 0.27 acres (13.5%), includes roof tops, driveways, parking lots and streets.

GEOLOGY ON SITE

According to the geologic assessment included with the submittal, there two (2) potential recharge features with an assessed infiltration rate of "moderate" associated with the project.

The site investigation of May 17, 1996, performed by the San Antonio office, revealed no potential recharge features as indicated in the submittal.

GEOLOGY DOWNGRADIENT OF SITE

According to the geologic assessment included with the submittal, there were five (5) potential recharge features identified downgradient of the site. These features were identified on the downgradient site map as features A-1 thru A-5 and consisted of two (2) closed depression, one (1) man-made feature, one (1) fractured rock outcropping, and one (1) fault zone.

The features ranged in significance from "low" to "moderate" with respect to their potential to accept surface infiltration.

POLLUTION ABATEMENT

I. During Construction:

The following measures will be taken to prevent pollution of stormwater originating on-site or up-gradient from the project site and potentially flowing across and off the site during construction:

- A. Stabilized construction entrances shall be installed at all sites of ingress and egress prior to initiation of any other regulated activity.
- B. Temporary erosion and sedimentation controls (silt fences and rock berms) shall be installed prior to initiation of any other regulated activity.

II. After Construction:

The following measure will be taken to prevent pollution of stormwater originating on-site or up-gradient from the project site and potentially flowing across and off the site after construction:

- A. The 2.5 acre vegetative filter strip is designed in accordance with the Lower Colorado River Authority Design Criteria Manual. The filter strip will:
 - 1. be contiguous with developed area,

2. be at the same elevation as the developed area,
3. be sized to filter stormwater run-off from 0.27 acres of impervious cover.

III. Recharge Features:

The following measures will be taken to prevent pollutants from entering recharge features while maintaining or enhancing the quantity of water entering the recharge features identified in the geologic assessment.

- A. There were two (2) potential recharge features identified on the proposed project site. Each of these features will be protected by a minimum 50' vegetative no-build zone around each of the on-site features.

APPROVAL

The plan for this project has been reviewed for compliance with 30 TAC §313.4 which sets forth pollution abatement criteria for any development on the recharge zone of the Edwards Aquifer. The proposed water pollution abatement plan is in general agreement with 30 TAC §313.4; therefore, approval of the plan is hereby granted subject to the specific conditions listed below.

Failure to comply with any of the following conditions, the deed recordation requirement, or any other specific conditions of approval is a violation of these rules. Pursuant to §26.136 of the Texas Water Code, any violations of the Edwards Aquifer Rules may result in administrative penalties of up to \$10,000 for each act of violation and for each day of violation.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. If any potential recharge features are encountered during construction, a geologist shall evaluate the significance of the features. The evaluation shall include representative photographs and a description of the feature forwarded to the San Antonio office. Construction in the vicinity of the features may only continue with written approval from the TNRCC.
2. All lead and metal wastes generated by the proposed facility shall be recovered and recycled as indicated by Mr. Carl L. Davis during the May 17, 1996 on-site field inspection.

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3. All other wastes associated with the construction of this project, such as municipal wastes, shall be cleaned up and disposed of at a regulated landfill **prior** to commencement of commercial operation.
4. The applicant must provide TNRCC with a copy of the waste disposal contract (including company name & address) designated as the responsible party for removal and disposal of all wastes generated by the on-site portable toilet within thirty (30) days from the date of this approval.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Please be reminded that 30 TAC §313.4(c) requires the owner/developer to: (1) record in the county deed records that this property is subject to the approved WPAP; and (2) submit to the Executive Director through the San Antonio office, within 30 days of receiving this written notice of approval of the water pollution abatement plan and prior to commencing construction, proof of application for recordation of notice in the county deed records. Enclosed is a suggested format you may use to deed record your approved WPAP.
2. Prior to commencing construction, the applicant/agent shall submit to the San Antonio office copies of any changes made to the plans and specifications for this project which have been required by the TNRCC review and/or all other permitting authorities.
3. **Please note, following this approval of the regulated activities described in the referenced WPAP submittal, any amendment to these activities required by some other regulating authority or desired by the applicant will require the submittal of a WPAP application to amend this approval. And, as indicated in 30 TAC §313.4 and 30 TAC §313.27, an application to amend any approved regulated activity shall include payment of appropriate fees and all information necessary for its review and Executive Director approval.**
4. Additionally, all contractors conducting regulated activities associated with this proposed regulated project shall be provided with copies of this approval letter and the entire contents of the submitted WPAP so as to convey to the contractors the specific conditions of this approval. During the course of these regulated activities, the contractors shall be required to keep on-site copies of the WPAP and this approval letter.
5. The temporary erosion and sedimentation (E&S) controls for the entire project shall be installed prior to beginning any other construction work on this project.

6. The appropriate E&S control(s) that shall be used during the construction of the project should be determined as follows: (1) **Silt fences** should be used when the drainage area is less than 2 acres and the slope is less than 10%. (2) **Rock berms with filtration** should be used when the drainage areas are greater than two acres or when the slopes are in excess of 10%. The bottom edge of the filter fabric must be buried a minimum of 6 inches below grade.
7. The TNRCC may monitor stormwater discharges from the site to evaluate the adequacy of the temporary and permanent erosion and sedimentation control measures. Additional protection may be necessary if excessive solids or other contaminants are being discharged from the site.
8. Also, 30 TAC §313.4(d)(2) requires that if any significant recharge features, such as solution openings or sinkholes, are discovered during construction, all regulated activities near the significant recharge feature must be suspended immediately and may not be resumed until the Executive Director has reviewed and approved the methods proposed to protect the aquifer from any potential adverse impacts. Upon discovery of the significant recharge features, the developer shall immediately notify the San Antonio office.
9. Upon completion of the project, the applicant shall reseed or sod all areas disturbed during construction.
10. If any abandoned wells exist on the site or are found during construction of the proposed development, they shall be plugged in accordance with the local underground water conservation district's plugging procedures, if applicable, or 30 TAC §287.50(a) of this title (relating to Standards for Plugging Wells that Penetrate Undesirable Water Zones), or an equivalent method, as approved by the Executive Director. Pursuant to 30 TAC §287.48(e), the person that plugs such a well shall, within 30 days after plugging is complete, submit a Water Well Completion and Plugging Report to the Executive Director, through the San Antonio office and to the Edwards Underground Water District.

Any drill holes resulting from core sampling on-site or down-gradient of the site shall be plugged with cement slurry, from the bottom of the hole to the top of the hole, so as to not allow water or contaminants to enter the subsurface environment.
11. No waste-disposal wells, new confined animal feeding operations, land disposal of Class I wastes, or use of sewage holding tanks as parts of organized collection systems shall be allowed on the recharge zone of this regulated development.
12. During the course of the construction related to the referenced regulated project, the owner/developer shall comply with all applicable provisions of 30 TAC §313.4. Construction which is initiated and abandoned, or not completed, shall be returned to a


permanent condition such that groundwater in the Edwards Aquifer is protected from potential contamination. Additionally, the applicant, **CARL L. DAVIS**, shall remain responsible for the provisions and special conditions of this approval until such responsibility is legally transferred to another person or entity, upon which that person or entity shall assume responsibility for all provisions and specific conditions of this approval.

13. **Pursuant to 30 TAC §313.4(d)(1) and prior to commencing regulated activities, the applicant must provide the San Antonio office with the date on which the regulated activity will commence.**
14. Please note that 30 TAC §313.4(g) states that this approval expires two years from this date unless, prior to the expiration date, construction has commenced on the regulated project.
15. Approval of the design of the sewage collection system for this proposed subdivision shall be obtained from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission prior to the commencement of construction of any sewage collection system, the design of which shall be in accordance with 30 TAC §313.5 and 30 TAC §317.
16. The developer shall ensure that construction debris, such as but not limited to scrap wood, bricks, paint, adhesives, containers, paper, etc. is disposed of properly at an authorized landfill off of the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.
17. If asphaltic materials such as "seal coat", emulsion or other asphaltic products used for paving, roofing, etc. wash off or leave the project site the developer shall notify the TNRCC immediately and commence clean-up.
18. Each purchaser or occupant of an individual lot within this development shall be informed in writing about best management practices of pesticide and fertilizer application. The applicant may use Preventing Groundwater Pollution, A Practical Guide to Pest Control, available from the Edwards Underground Water District (210/222-2204), or equivalent information produced by recognized authorities such as the Soil Conservation Service, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, etc. The applicant may develop their own educational information (with review by the TNRCC prior to use).

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Should clarification of this letter be desired or if we may be of any other assistance, please contact Tom Gutierrez of our San Antonio office at 210/490-3096.

Sincerely,



for Dan Pearson,
Executive Director

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Enclosure: Deed Recordation Form

cc: Anibal Gutierrez, Gutierrez Engineering
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