

November 21, 2010

Ms. Margie McAllister
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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RE: Judge Ronnie McDonald's "Comment on Nonattainment Designations" of October 25, 2010.

Dear Ms. McAllister:

I am respectfully requesting that Judge McDonald's request to have Bastrop County not be included in a non-attainment designation be fully investigated before any action is taken.

Recently, the Bastrop County Commissioners Court entered into a 381 Agreement which facilitates a developer to construct the Central Texas Airport/Eco-Merge/Green Corporate Centers complex located one-half mile from the Colorado River. This facility will house a runway capable of landing multi-engine cargo aircraft of the 737-class, and six-and-one-half million square feet of light-industrial manufacturing space.

The developer, Carpenter & Associates, has indicated that the airport may accept as many as 84,000 flights annually, with re-fueling, maintenance, and other aviation-related services available. Additionally, several light-industrial companies have publicly announced intentions to locate there for production of LED and other electronic components. This complex is expected to draw from 20,000 to 86,000 ground-vehicle trips daily, depending upon the ever-changing projections of Carpenter & Associates.

I find Judge McDonald's request for non-inclusion into the new standards to be inconsistent with the fact that the planned complex will undoubtedly add tremendous amounts of Ozone and other emissions and particulates to an area that already ranks near the top of measured non-attainment sites.

I am confident that TCEQ possesses more data resources concerning jet-engine, VOC, LED manufacturing, and vehicle emissions than our group does, so for brevity, I have not included these data.

Sincerely,

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