

December 5, 2010

Chole Lieberknecht Project Manager Sunset Advisory Commission P. O. Box 13066 Austin, Texas 78711

Re: TCEQ Sunset Report- Dam Safety Regulatory Program

Dear Ms. Lieberknecht:

These comments are submitted on behalf of Gunstream Land Corporation ("Gunstream"), a small fishing club in Wood County in East Texas.

Gunstream has two dams on its property. Both were constructed in the mid 1950's and have always been rated low hazard. TECQ recently inspected both dams, found them to be in good condition but then rated them high hazard because of their projections of a *hypothetical* flood that has never occurred in the past. In responding to the inspection, Gunstream has already incurred \$ 45,000 in engineering fees and has obtained estimates on a portion of the required improvements which already exceed \$ 200,000.00.

This cost is simply not financially possible for a small fishing club. According to Mr. Warren Samuelson, Manager of the program, there are several other dam owners who are in a similar position.

Gunstream requests that the Commission recommend statutory changes to "grandfather" the owners of certain pre-existing dams from the new requirements which calculate the "probable maximum flood". Your consideration of this would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

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