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Congressman Brian Babin (TX-36)
203 Ivy Avenue, Suite 600
Deer Park, TX 77536

Re: Dredging Near San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site

Dear Congressman Babin

I _____ am concerned about the proposed dredging near the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site (USACE Permit Application # SWG-2015-00855). I appreciate your swift involvement in this matter. There are numerous critical concerns regarding the proposed project.

- The proposed dredging would remove 30,000+ cubic yards of material that includes valuable wetlands from the Channelview area. This area is historically prone to flooding.
- The area proposed to be dredged is *also* within the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site area of concern. We need more information on this material and the testing protocols if the permit were granted.
- The material would be transported to Beach City via barge then trucks to the tract of land adjacent to McCollum Park. If the material contains contaminants, potential accidents along this route is of concern. Runoff from this tract of land during a rain event flows directly into Trinity Bay along with any contaminates it may pick up.
- The material is proposed to fill the tract of land roughly 6 feet deep. How will this affect local flooding? Beach City is prone to floods and hurricanes, there's a high probability this material would be transported off site by natural processes.

Of additional concern, many residents in Beach City receive water to their homes from groundwater wells. We understand the impacts the San Jacinto River Waste Pits have had on the neighboring communities and we are greatly concerned about material from within the Superfund Site area of concern being moved to an unprotected tract of land.

Protecting public health, our environment, and our waterways is of utmost importance.

Sincerely,
