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The Honorable Gene Green  
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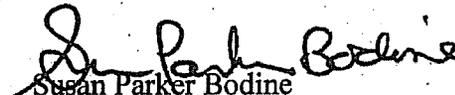
Dear Congressman Green:

Thank you for your letter of September 15, 2008, on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Danny Palermo, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mr. Palermo expressed a concern about hazardous waste that may be in the San Jacinto River.

Since the hazardous waste program in Texas is authorized to operate in lieu of the federal hazardous waste program, we sent your letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Dr. Linda Broachin of TCEQ's Water Section has been assigned to this case. In addition, your constituents may find it helpful to know that TCEQ maintains an e-mail account and toll-free telephone number where they may report and track potential environmental problems. The telephone number is 1-888-777-3186, and the e-mail address is [cmplaint@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:cmplaint@tceq.state.tx.us).

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Raquel Snyder, in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at (202) 564-9586.

Sincerely,

  
Susan Parker Bodine  
Assistant Administrator