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Ms. L'Oreal Stepney, Director
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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Dear Ms. Stepney:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) appreciates the opportunity to provide recommendations on the upcoming revision of the document titled, *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards*. Our comments are enclosed and include several items that were not resolved in the current version. EPA provided recommendations for the revision of the *Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* in December 2005.

We look forward to continuing work with you and your staff on the protection of water resources. If you have any questions, please contact Jane at (214) 665-7135, Claudia at (214) 665-6464 or staff in the NPDES Permits Branch or Ecosystems Protection Branch

Sincerely,

for Jane B. Watson, Ph.D.
Chief

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cc: Sidne Tiemann, TCEQ - Water Quality Assessment Section (MC-150)