From: Elkins, Timothy
To: Whitehead, LaDawn; Chow, Kevin
Subject: RE: Case Docket No. SDWA-05-2020-0006 - Paxton Resources, LLC
Date: Friday, October 02, 2020 7:24:45 PM

Thanks, LaDawn. Kevin and I will discuss and draft a response.

Tim Elkins

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Comment received from Public Notice which ends on October 6, 2020.

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EPA investigators, staff and decision makers,

You have my sincere appreciation in having identified these violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act and enforcing them. We know there is nothing more sacred than water other than its equal - air.

As such, if it is true, Paxton kept inaccurate records and allowed an unauthorized employee to sign monitoring reports for four years, then they have committed a crime against the well-being of humanity, yet the proposed fine of $73,755 is of little consequence to them. The purpose of a fine is to be punative and correctional. Such a small amount for a company with an annual revenue of over $2M is neither.

Allow me to be analagous. Should any medical provider in this country violate HIPPAA laws, they are not only civally accountable but criminally as well. Think prison time. Is potentially poisoning a community, because you are not paying attention and exhibit no care, less harmful than sharing a small piece of information on a single person's health? Consider that impoverished people are easily and often fined more than $200 for a speeding ticket. For this act, that we nearly all do with some frequency, someone who has not enough money to eat can be fined far more than could possibly afford. In contrast, Paxton Resources L.L.C would not even feel a payment of $73,755 to be felt like a mosquito bite.

I implore you to match the fine to the severity of the offense.

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Sincerely,

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