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Subject: Trinity River Flooding Issue - Trinity Forest Golf Course Borrow Pit At Elam Road

Dear Mr. Barker -

Thank you for the heads up on your concerns related to flooding in the areas near Joppa Connector Bridge zone and Borrow Pit A near Elam Road. We offer the following response to your concerns:

"We are hearing an unconfirmed report that there are issues with flooding in the area of the Joppa Connector bridge zone and Borrow Pit A on Elam Road". Yes, this area is in the Trinity River floodplain and has been inundated by flooding from the Trinity River several times this year. Now that the waters have receded somewhat, we have visited these areas on foot and are in the process of making flood damage assessments.

"Borrow Pit A is the large excavation used to provide dirt to the Trinity Forest Golf Course and is located just north of the western end of Elam Road". No, to clarify: Borrow Pit A was used to provide soil for the vegetative cover to properly close the Simpkins landfill in compliance with applicable TCEQ requirements.

"The rumor is flood waters from Borrow Pit A may be cutting a channel to the Trinity River. Is this a rumor that can be fully discounted?" No, to clarify: During the initial flooding episode in May/June, the entire area was inundated by Trinity River floodwaters for about six weeks. As the Trinity River floodwaters receded from the floodplain back to the channel, a breach developed near the northwest corner of the Borrow Pit. At present, one of the onsite contractors has been tasked with repairing the breach, and temporarily stabilizing the south slope of the pond. While the Borrow Pit is not located within the designated Corps Mitigation area, we are working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Branch concerning both the breach repair and our plans for any future habitat remediation of the Borrow Pit.

As you know, we appreciate your ongoing and steadfast concerns about the Trinity River. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

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