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Ms. Patricia Duron
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Re: 2009-1586- RUL rule consideration

Dear Ms. Duron:

I oppose any effort to lift or circumvent the ban on direct discharge of treated effluent into the Highland Lakes. I have reviewed models indicating that any additional discharge of treated wastewater into the Highland Lakes would increase the levels of nutrients in Lake Travis, negatively impacting the water quality of the reservoir that provides drinking water to a great majority of my constituents.

I encourage the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to deny the petition for rulemaking or, at a minimum, direct the Executive Director to conduct a stakeholder process to assure a detailed and thorough discussion of the proposal before a decision is made.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance to you in this process. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kirk Watson".

Kirk Watson