

Dear Sirs:

Attached is an incident report covering events that occurred in and around Grey Forest, Texas June 13-15, 2026 as a result of receiving over four inches of rain in relatively short order. Helotes creek and tributaries of Helotes Creek, the most significant being Cates Creek which originates above the Altair neighborhood more than a mile north of Grey Forest, became swollen with precipitation and began flowing. Cates Creek flows across the Edwards property, a 63 acre parcel that comprises the main ingress/egress of the proposed Guajolote Ranch development. As the first photo below indicates, significant clearing, grading and earthworks are taking place on that property. As a result of clearing and bulldozing in the creekbed, we believe that significant silting, sedimentation, and turbidity to Cates and Helotes Creeks and possibly to the groundwater as well, may have occurred as a result of the ongoing work on this property.

We know the TCEQ is currently administering this property under the auspices of the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program under a Contributing Zone Plan. As such, stormwater, runoff, silting, sedimentation, turbidity and Best Management Practices are a major TCEQ concern. We respectfully ask that you review the attached incident report and photos and other documentation and initiate an investigation into this serious matter.

Both Cates Creek and Helotes creek which is known to be a losing stream that recharges the Edwards Aquifer. The area is atop the Balcones Fault Zone which contains over 200 mapped faults a number of which function as controlled conduits to the aquifer. Of greatest concern is the last photo enclosed in which we compare the usual spring flow at the Grey Forest swimming hole to the June 15 picture of that same spring which for the first time in memory reflects the same turbidity of the flooding stream itself. This could indicate a direct impact on groundwater which has been foretold by numerous hydrogeologists and portends great danger if the Guajolote waster plant permit allows them to release one million gallons of sewer effluent into Helotes Creek every single day.

We respectfully request that your agency initiates an investigation into this matter at your earliest convenience. We would also note that many area residents also reported an unusual odor associated with the milky colored floodwaters. Water samples were collected by neighbors at various points and we request that your organization also conduct sampling.

I stand ready to assist you in every way, have many more photos and additional information and would be happy to facilitate a site visit at your convenience.

Looking forward to your investigation, I am,

Respectfully,

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