



## TEXAS HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES

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**Chris Turner**

State Representative, District 101

March 13, 2017

Mr. Randall Collins, Hearings Director  
Texas Railroad Commission  
PO Box 12967  
Austin, Texas 78711

**RE: Request for Hearing in Tarrant County**

for Tracking No. 46045 regarding Bluestone Natural Res. II, LLC application for fluid injection and disposal in Newark, East (Barnett Shale) Field, Tarrant County, Texas  
Docket no.: 09-0303267

Dear Mr. Collins:

Constituents and community members have contacted my office with questions and concerns related to a fluid injection well application submitted to the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) by Bluestone Natural Res. II, LLC, which was assigned tracking number 46045. I believe a public hearing on this matter should occur in Tarrant County near the proposed location to allow for oral testimony of citizens, including constituents of House District 101, who may be impacted by this decision.

I share concerns expressed by the cities of Arlington and Fort Worth regarding the appropriateness of this location which, if permitted, would inject oil and gas waste into a porous formation less than 100 feet from the edge of Lake Arlington, which supplies drinking water to a large portion of our community, including to the constituents of House District 101.

Increased incidence of seismic activity raises reasonable concerns regarding the proposed site's proximity to the Lake Arlington dam, especially in light of evolving risk assessments as demonstrated by a 2016 peer-reviewed safety study that caused the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to modify the risk assessment for oil and gas activities at any depth near the similarly constructed Joe Pool Lake Dam.

House Bill 40, passed during the 84th Legislative Session, would allow the RRC to permit the disposal well in spite of reasonable city ordinances on both sides of Lake Arlington that would otherwise prohibit this injection well; however, in this instance, it is not in the best interest of our state to permit unnecessary risk to 13 billion gallons of Tarrant County drinking water.

I believe the RRC hearing process must include the testimony of those who will be impacted and to accomplish that, a hearing should be held in our community. I respectfully request the RRC schedule a

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weekend or evening hearing in Tarrant County to accommodate oral testimony of impacted citizens who are unable to travel to Austin to express their concerns. Additionally, as an elected representative for many who depend on Lake Arlington for drinking water, I hope you will consider the serious concerns I have shared. Further, I would appreciate the opportunity to speak at any hearing on this issue and to be included in any prehearing conferences.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Director of Constituent Services, Tammy Dubberke. She may be reached by calling 817-459-2800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Chris Turner

Cc:

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