

By: Morrison

H.C.R. No. 30

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In May 2007, Beneficial Land Management was  
2 authorized to use wastewater treatment plant sewage sludge to  
3 condition or fertilize soil in Victoria County; and

4 WHEREAS, BLM runs Partners Dewatering International, which  
5 operates the City of LaCoste wastewater treatment plant; while the  
6 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality granted the plant  
7 approval to process grease trap waste and grit trap waste, land  
8 application of the waste was not approved; and

9 WHEREAS, BLM violated the existing land application permit by  
10 applying grease and grit trap waste from LaCoste to land in Victoria  
11 County; when the TCEQ recognized this infraction, BLM was notified,  
12 and the commission and the company entered into a compliance  
13 agreement with required monitoring and sampling of the application  
14 site, allowing BLM to continue its land application operations  
15 until July 6, 2014; and

16 WHEREAS, The company has since applied for another  
17 experimental use permit to allow for the land application of grease  
18 and grit trap waste, and this has become the focus of a contested  
19 case at the State Office of Administrative Hearings; and

20 WHEREAS, The land application of grease and grit trap waste  
21 presents a significant threat of damage to Arenosa Creek, Lavaca  
22 Bay, and the surrounding land resources in Victoria County and  
23 beyond, and it is incumbent on the Texas Commission on  
24 Environmental Quality to continue to oppose requests to do so; now,

1 therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
3 1st Called Session, hereby direct the Texas Commission on  
4 Environmental Quality to maintain its opposition to the Beneficial  
5 Land Management request to land apply grease and grit trap waste and  
6 to actively oppose any efforts to circumvent existing state law by  
7 land applying grease and grit trap waste; and, be it further

8       RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official  
9 copies of this resolution to the offices of the commissioners and  
10 the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental  
11 Quality.