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Association

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Paul Sunby, SWCA
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RE: Supplemental Environmental Assessment of Flood Protection Project,
Comal County FEMA 1257-DR-TX, November 2007

Dear Mr. Sunby,

The enclosed comments by Lauren Ross, PE, Glenrose Engineering are submitted on behalf of the 41 member organizations of the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance. The Alliance represents citizen organizations and individuals who have a deep and abiding interest in protecting and preserving the quality and quantity of water flowing from Edwards Aquifer wells and springs. We appreciate is opportunity to submit these comments regarding the Supplemental Environmental Assessment of a proposed Flood Protection Project located in Comal County.

As you know, this site proposed for this project overlies the recharge zone for the Edwards Aquifer, the most ecologically sensitive region in Texas.¹ As such, any activity on the property surrounding this flood control dam are of great concern to the membership of the Aquifer Alliance. Given the concomitant direct and indirect impacts to the Edwards Aquifer and Comal Springs that would likely result from water impounded on this site entering the Aquifer, proposed and approved rock crushing activity on the land surrounding this flood protection project is likely to have a significant environmental impact. We urge you to take all measures necessary to protect the Springs from the industrial activity proposed for this site.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments and very much appreciate your attention to this critically important aspect to aquifer protection.

Sincerely,



Annalisa Peace
Executive Director

¹ Texas Water Development Board, *Aquifers of Texas* 14 (Nov. 1995) ("The aquifer feeds several well-known recreational springs and underlies some of the most environmentally sensitive areas in the state."); Edwards Plateau Ecoregional Planning Team, The Nature Conservancy, *A Biodiversity and Conservation Assessment of the Edwards Plateau Ecoregion* 1-2 (2004)

