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Dear Ms. Deerhake,

Beaufort County has been my home for fifty years. I, like many others, looked forward to the progress that Texas Gulf could provide for our county. It has certainly helped the local economy. However, for the last twenty-five years, my husband and I have been living northeast of what is now called "PCS," and we now believe that the quality of our air and health should not be sacrificed for the sake of any industry.

Since 1991, I have been documenting dates and times when the air quality was particularly unbearable at our home. The "objectionable odor" is always coming from the southwest, the direction of PCS. At times there is a cloud over the water that is quite objectionable, especially to boaters. But my husband and I particularly feel invaded when this odor comes into our home. We have to close the cat flap so that we can not smell it; however, depending on the strength of the southwest wind or the fumes, I often can't sleep because of headaches or nausea caused by the fumes. On occasion, the odor has actually awakened me at midnight. Many times over the years my husband and I have stopped any attempt to walk outside because of the offense smell and breathing difficulties. I can honestly say the odor from PCS "unreasonably interfere[s] with the comfortable use and enjoyment of life or property..." here at Rest Haven. My husband and I have even considered moving out of the range of PCS—a move we still contemplate each time the fumes seep into our home.

I invite anyone who believes the fumes at PCS are okay because they fall "within the present guidelines" to visit our home when the fumes are powerful. I assure you such a visit will convince anyone that there is truly a problem with air quality caused by PCS emissions.

Should you need a list of the dates I have collected over the years, don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Emily and Jim Albera, concerned Beaufort County citizens