

TEXAS WATER QUALITY BOARD  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

TO: John Latchford, Director, Field Operations  
(ATTENTION: Tim Morris)  
FROM: Paul Kutchinski, District Supervisor, District 12  
SUBJECT: WCO revision, ALCOA, WCO #00194

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**REFERENCE:** Our (PK-TM) telephone conversation, October 5, 1972, concerning need for a public hearing for revision of WCO 00194. My 12-09-71 and 9-06-72 memos to Whittington re ALCOA.

My 12-09-71 memo recommended that a public hearing be held in Port Lavaca on revision of WCO 00194, and that the hearing consider all pages of the proposed WCO as well as solid waste registration. Subsequently, I believe even more strongly in the recommendation.

Aside from the administrative requirements for a public hearing, e.g. previous unpermitted discharge (Outlet 003), increased flow, and new parameters not on the 1962 statutory permit, I feel there are other considerations which indicate a need for a public hearing.

Primarily, a hearing in Calhoun County would be a service to and in the public's best interest. The situation at ALCOA should be subjected to close public scrutiny. Wastes from ALCOA have degraded public waters in the area to such an extent that the TSDH had to close the bay for sometime to seafood harvest. The cause for this action was never explained in a public meeting, and the closing affected the livelihood of persons in the area. The mercury in the bay sediments still pose a threat to certain uses of the water. A public hearing would bring out action to be taken by ALCOA to prevent further degradation.

There has been unusual lethargy by ALCOA in instituting adequate waste control. Numerous staff conferences with ALCOA representatives have been relatively unproductive. It is felt the process of a public hearing in putting all facts about ALCOA's environment program (or lack of it) out in plain view to all will serve to accelerate ALCOA as needed.

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Signed *Paul Kutchinski*  
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