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RE: Permit Suspension, Notice of Violation; Request for Additional Information

Thank you for your text today and the opportunity to respond on behalf of Blackhorn Environmental Services, LLC. Please accept the following as the statement of Blackhorn Environmental Services, LLC.

Today, Blackhorn Environmental Services, LLC received a Notice of Violation and Request for Additional Information. In accordance with the Texas Administrative Code and due process, Blackhorn will seek an immediate hearing to review and defend these allegations. Blackhorn disputes the alleged violations and will provide responsive documentation to demonstrate that its facility and operations are fully compliant with regulatory standards and will continue to operate in support of the South Texas Oil and Gas Industry.

Further, Commission Statewide Rule 8(d)(6)(E) authorizes the facility to continue all operations without interruption while the alleged violations are subject to the Commission's hearing process noted above. Rule 8 only allows for permit modification, suspension, or termination for good cause and *after* notice and opportunity for hearing.