

**TCEQ Complaint Report**04/13/2010  
2:58:19PM**Incident No:** 136926  
**Media Type:** Water  
**Start Date:** 3/7/2010  
**Received Date:** 03/09/2010  
**Method :** EMAIL  
PHONE**Staff Member:** FLOGAN  
**Status:** Referred  
**Status Date:** 03/11/2010  
**Priority:** Refer or Do Not Respond**Regulated Entity:** Generic Incident Zip Code 76687  
RN104041538**Address:**  
Limestone County  
**Physical Location:****Responsible Party:** Generic Incident Principal  
**Address:** , ,  
(0)0-**Title:****Number Complaining:** 1  
**Frequency:** Current  
**Alleged Source:** Generic Incident Zip Code 76687**Program Group:** Water Quality - High  
Level  
**Nature:** Ossf  
**Effect:** Environmental**Initial Problem**

Limestone County

On 03/09/2010 a complaint was received at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Waco Regional Office. The complainant alleged that David Cousins had been leasing out a hunting cabin and allowing the hunters to defecate in the woods. It also alleged that there is no restroom, and Mr. Cousins is planning to extend plumbing into a creek next to cabin. The cabin is located at 2785 FM 1246 E, Thornton (Limestone County), Texas 76687-2536. (fb/ks)

**Action Taken**

This incident was received by the Region 9 Water Section and assigned to an investigator.

Pursuant to the Texas Administrative Code Title 30 §285.71(a) - Authorized Agent Enforcement of OSSF Complaint, this complaint is within the jurisdiction of the local code enforcement authority of Limestone County, Texas.

On 03/17/2010 this complaint was referred to the Judge Daniel Burkeen, Authorized Agent, Limestone County, for further investigation.

**Closure Comments**



STATE OF TEXAS

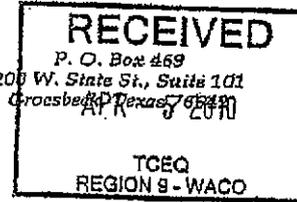
**Limestone County**

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**DANIEL BURKEEN**  
County Judge



March 31, 2010

Mr. Tim Blackmon  
Water and Waste Section Work Leader  
Waco Regional Office  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

RE: TCEQ Incident No. 136926

Dear Tim:

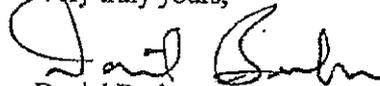
We have had some delay in our investigation of the incidents alleged in the complaint which you kindly forwarded to us. The problem is, we have recently had a rash of reports of cows, horses, sheep and goats defecating at will in pastures throughout the county. On top of this, we suspect that wild hogs, deer, and all sorts of other animals are defecating without even trying to find a proper facility. In addition, I have personal proof on my windshield of a mischievous bird defecating in flight. The culprit flew away, but I did get a description. It was red. The gift it left was white.

In order to complete our investigation, I must ask, we should inquire into urination, or only defecation? I strongly believe that both are taking place, since hunters have long been suspected of taking a good amount of liquid refreshments with them into the woods. Also, we are collecting samples of the activities of these diabolical, defecating reprobates. Should we send these to you, or directly to Austin?

Lastly, please allow us to handle this at the local level, and do not involve the federal government. When it comes to matters of excessive defecation, Washington bureaucrats would only add to our misery.

"Don't Mess in Texas."

Very truly yours,

  
Daniel Burkeen

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