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Mr. Rex Prosser
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Copano Processing, LP
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RE: Completeness Determination for Copano Processing, LP – Houston Central Gas Plant
Application for Greenhouse Gas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permit for the
Cryogenic Plant

Dear Mr. Prosser:

This letter is in response to your application received by this office on June 5, 2012 for a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permit. After our initial review of the application, we determined that additional information was necessary in order to continue the processing of the permit. Accordingly, we sent notification that the application was determined to be incomplete on June 25, 2012. Based on our review of your response and the supplemental information provided on August 6, 2012, we have determined that your application is complete pursuant to 40 CFR 124.3(c).

We are drafting a proposed determination on the issuance of a GHG PSD permit. EPA will publish a public notice of that proposed determination and allow for at a minimum a 30-day public comment period. In addition, documents important to the proposed determination such as the draft permit will be made available for review by the public during the public comment period. EPA will consider and respond to all significant comments in making the final decision on the application and keep a record of the persons commenting and the issues being raised during the public participation process. As we develop our proposed determination, it may be necessary for EPA to request additional clarifying or supporting information. If the supporting information substantially changes the original scope of the permit application, an amendment or new application may be required.

Although not required as a part of our completeness determination, the EPA may not issue a final permit without determining its action will have no effect on threatened or endangered species and their designated critical habitat or until it has completed consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (16 USC 1536). In addition, the EPA must undergo consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 USC 470f). To expedite these consultations, the EPA requests that permit applicants provide a Biological Assessment and a cultural resources report covering the project and action area to the EPA.



If you have any questions regarding the review of your permit application, please contact Aimee Wilson of my staff at (214) 665-7596 or wilson.aimee@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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Carl E. Edlund, P.E.
Director
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cc: Mr. Mike Wilson, P.E., Director
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The letter is in response to your application for a permit under the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. (CAA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permit. The permit is for the construction and operation of a new facility for the production of [redacted] in [redacted]. The permit is issued under the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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