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Ingleside Plant

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Mr. AC Dumauual
Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

**Re: Noise Mitigation Commitment
Occidental Chemical Corporation
Ingleside, Texas
Natural Gas Liquids Fractionator - GHG PSD Permit**

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Dear Mr. Dumauual:

This letter is being submitted in order to document Occidental Chemical Corporation's (OxyChem) commitment to implement mitigation measures to reduce any potential harmful effects to protected species during pile driving of the two monopiles planned to be installed in connection with the Natural Gas Liquids Fractionator project that is subject to a pending greenhouse gas permit to be issued by U.S. EPA Region 6. OxyChem agrees to the following mitigation measures:

- OxyChem will comply with NMFS' s Sea Turtle and Smalltooth Sawfish Construction Conditions
- OxyChem will use turbidity curtains during pile installation
- OxyChem will use ramp-up procedures to give any protected species in the area adequate time to leave on their own volition prior to pile installation. This is done by dry-firing of the pile- driving hammer by raising and dropping the hammer with no compression of the pistons and slowly increasing the power of the hammer over a period of 30 minutes prior to actual pile driving activities.
- OxyChem will use a pile sleeve with an interior bubble curtain around the monopiles during installation.

If there are any questions, please feel free to call Mark Evans at (361) 776-6169.

Sincerely,

John Zylks
Assistant Plant Manager
OxyChem Ingleside Chemical Plant

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