

July 12, 1990

The Honorable Alex Hernandez,
County Judge, and
The Honorables Leroy Belk, Stanley Mikula,
Oscar Hahn and Roy Smith,
County Commissioners
County Courthouse
211 S. Ann St.
Port Lavaca, TX 77979

Dear Judge and Commissioners:

The Port Lavaca - Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture has sponsored the establishment of a citizens advisory committee, whose main function is to advise the Formosa Plastics Corporation of the concerns of Calhoun County residents as Formosa Plastics constructs and operates their planned petrochemical complex near Point Comfort. I have enclosed a list of the membership of this committee for your information.

To date, this committee has met on three occasions, and, as you might imagine, the main concern at this point in the life-cycle of the developing Formosa complex, is the protection of the environment. While the protection of the environment remains paramount, we as a committee are ever mindful of the manifold economic development benefits which this complex can bestow upon our region. We desire both environmental protection and economic growth for Calhoun County.

There are numerous topics which this committee will address to Formosa Plastics directly. However, there is one topic which the committee feels is critical to the success of the county's environmental protection efforts and, in our opinion, is the province of the Calhoun County Commissioners Court. This topic is the establishment of a county level Environmental Control Officer. This official would have an appropriate level of authority commensurate with clearly defined responsibilities and county level legislated corrective and punitive measures at his/her disposal. The enclosed issue paper more definitively addresses this matter.

Judge and Commissioners, the Formosa Plastics Advisory Committee sincerely feels that this matter deserves your prompt and positive consideration. We feel that the establishment of such an office within the county government is one of those county supplied services which, now and in the future, we really cannot afford to be without.

The committee and I stand ready to assist the court in implementing this office as rapidly as possible. Please feel free to call upon us should you have any questions or desire further recommendations in this matter. I remain.

Sincerely yours,

R.E. Clegg
Chairman
Formosa Plastics Advisory Committee

Enclosures