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I have read Dirk Aaron's position and I must agree with his approach. Bell County is experiencing exponential growth especially in the expanse west of IH-35. To Date there are way too many requests for wastewater permits in this ecologically sensitive area. It is imperative that Bell County be allowed to join the northern extent of the Edwards Balcones Fault Zone Aquifer. As Mr. Aaron stated, "Do we put appropriate preventive protections in place before development reaches these sensitive areas, or do we wait until development has occurred and attempt to address water-quality problems after the fact?"

I strongly believe prevention is the wiser course. RpT