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Dear TCEQ,

I am writing regarding the proposed wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) for Canyon Ranch and Broken Cedar Ranch, both of which are planned developments located in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone and on the Edwards Trinity Plateau.

We have serious concerns about potential impacts to local groundwater, specifically given that Canyon Ranch's proposed effluent outfall path sits directly over a Trinity Recharge Feature within the Contributing Zone.

To ensure the protection of both the Edwards and Trinity Aquifers, we request that Canyon Ranch and Broken Cedar Ranch be held to 100% beneficial reuse permits with zero discharge into the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone. This approach is well-supported by existing precedents:

- Vintage Oaks (Comal County): An existing WWTP in the Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zone that operates on 100% reuse, spraying all treated effluent onto hiking trails, alfalfa, and rye fields to protect groundwater.
- Santa Rita Ranch (Leander, TX): Reuses 100% of its effluent for community landscaping and residential irrigation, with no discharge into local tributaries, creeks, or receiving waters.

Following these examples, Canyon Ranch and Broken Cedar Ranch could utilize 100% of their reclaimed water for neighborhood landscaping and residential yards, or sell it to local golf courses. We urge you to require 100% beneficial reuse for these developments prior to construction to safeguard our shared water resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Ramon