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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 17, 2003

Ms. Toby Hammott Futrell  
City Manager  
City of Austin  
P.O. Box 1088  
Austin, Texas 78767

Re: Barton Springs Pool; Health Consultation conducted by the Texas Department of Health

Dear Ms. Futrell:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Toxicology & Risk Assessment Section has reviewed the health consultation conducted by the Texas Department of Health (TDH) on Barton Springs Pool. In addition, we have reviewed the sediment and water quality data the TCEQ collected from Barton Springs Pool in January and February of this year. The TCEQ concurs with the TDH that chemicals found in sediments and water in Barton Springs Pool do not pose a health threat to users of the pool.

We are pleased to concur with the TDH that the Barton Springs Pool is safe for swimmers. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 239-3900 or Mark Vickery, Deputy Director for the Office of Permitting, Remediation and Registration at 512-239-5105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Hoffman".

Margaret Hoffman  
Executive Director

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cc: John Villanacci, Ph.D., Texas Department of Health  
Donald Williams, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Dallas  
Karl Markiewicz, Ph.D., Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry