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RE: Proposed DRL Refinery – CR 3067 and FM 631, Taft, Texas 78390

Dear Mr. Luetchford and Mr. Nedbalek:

The City of Taft recently became aware of news reports concerning the proposed development of a DRL refinery near CR 3067 and FM 631 in San Patricio County, south of Taft. These reports indicated that construction of the proposed facility could begin as early as October 2026.

Given the proposed project's proximity to the City of Taft and its potential impacts on the surrounding community, the city respectfully requests information regarding DRL's anticipated Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) permitting schedule, preliminary emissions estimates, and related environmental review. To the extent this information is currently available, the city would appreciate receiving it as early as practicable and, preferably, prior to submission of the applicable permit applications.

Specifically, the city requests the following:

1. TCEQ Customer Number (CN) and Regulated Entity Number (RN), if assigned;
2. Anticipated date for submission of any New Source Review (NSR) air permit application;
3. Preliminary determination regarding applicability of the federal Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting requirements;
4. Preliminary determination regarding applicability of the Title V federal operating permit program;
5. Preliminary site plan identifying proposed emission sources and points, including process units, stacks, flares, storage tanks, loading facilities, and other significant emission sources;
6. Preliminary emissions inventory identifying anticipated emissions of criteria pollutants, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), greenhouse gases, and other regulated air contaminants, as applicable;
7. Proposed air-dispersion modeling methodology or protocol, including the identification and location of proposed off-site and sensitive receptors;
8. Proposed air-pollution control technologies and Best Available Control Technology (BACT) considerations; and
9. Anticipated schedule for other applicable TCEQ environmental permit applications or authorizations, including wastewater, stormwater, water supply, and other water-related authorizations.

The city further requests confirmation as to whether DRL's air-dispersion modeling and environmental review will specifically evaluate potential impacts on sensitive receptors within and surrounding the City of Taft. Of particular concern are Woodroe Petty Elementary School, other Taft Independent School District facilities, residential neighborhoods, parks, healthcare or assisted-living facilities, and other locations where potentially sensitive populations may be present.

If DRL has retained an environmental engineering, air-quality, or permitting consultant for the proposed refinery, please provide the firm's name and appropriate contact information so City representatives may establish a direct line of communication regarding technical and environmental permitting matters.

The city recognizes that the proposed refinery remains subject to applicable environmental review, regulatory requirements, and permitting processes. Nevertheless, because of the proposed facility's proximity to the City of Taft, surrounding residential areas, and local schools, the city has a responsibility to understand the project's potential environmental,

public-health, infrastructure, and emergency-response implications and to ensure that accurate and timely information is available to the City's governing body, local officials, and the community.

Accordingly, the city requests that DRL keep the city informed of significant milestones in the project's anticipated permitting and development schedule. The city would also appreciate receiving copies of, or electronic access to, environmental permit applications, emissions calculations, air-dispersion modeling reports, environmental studies, and other supporting technical documents as they become publicly available or are otherwise available for distribution.

The City of Taft appreciates your cooperation and looks forward to establishing an open, transparent, and professional line of communication with DRL as the proposed project proceeds through the environmental review, permitting, and development processes.

Please forward the requested information to my attention by mail at City of Taft, P.O. Box 416, Taft, Texas 78390, or electronically at citymanager@tafttx.gov.

Respectfully,

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