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Office of the Attorney General
Attention Opinion Committee
P.O. Box 12548
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Via E-Mail: opinion.committee@oag.texas.gov

Dear Opinion Committee,

In May of 2017, Governor Gregg Abbott signed House Bill 1818 which directs the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) to develop a plan to use resources of the Commission to ensure public safety and protect the environment. The annual plan of the RRC does not address the noise generated by the oil and gas equipment and facilities, including compressor stations. The current plan only includes wells.

The compressor stations, gas treating facilities, and pipelines are generating Low Frequency Noise that our citizens believe is severely harmful. Therefore, the question submitted is whether the control of noise generated from oil and gas equipment and systems is included in the plan to ensure public safety?

I appreciate you taking the time to review my request for an opinion and please let me know if you have any questions. My office phone number is (903) 389-3977 and e-mail is brian.evans@co.freestone.tx.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Evans".

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