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Hello Mr. Sailler,

Thank you for your inquiry. The acceptance of landfill leachate to a POTW is a significant consideration due to the potency and uncertainty of pollutants that may be contained within this type of wastewater. Landfill leachate varies from each landfill location and could contain a myriad of pollutants, including toxic or hazardous substances.

While the City of La Marque continued to experience high copper effluent concentrations, even when the POTW ceased accepting leachate, that does not necessarily mean there is no correlation between the two. The TCEQ is hesitant to suggest that the City should continue to accept landfill leachate while the WWTP is experiencing effluent issues.

In short, there are still potential risks with accepting the landfill leachate, especially when the WWTP is having difficulty meeting the copper effluent limits in its TPDES permit. Ultimately, it is the POTW's discretion to determine if the WWTP is capable of treating the landfill leachate while still ensuring compliance with its TPDES effluent limits. For more information or guidance on specific consequences of landfill leachate, we recommend reaching out to Mr. Louis Herrin III at 512-239-4552.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Best,

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**From:** Rick Sailler <[r.sailler@cityoflamarque.org](mailto:r.sailler@cityoflamarque.org)>

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**Subject:** Discharge from Landfill

The City of La Marque previously accepted leachate from Republic Services Landfill, but acceptance was stopped due to high copper effluent concentrations at the WWTP. Since the time we stopped

accepting wastewater from Republic, we still had some high copper discharges which violates our NPDES permit. We have been approached by Republic to allow direct discharge again, since they presently are hauling WW to offsite location.

I am reaching out to obtain some assistance (if possible) regarding the potential consequences to our WWTP if we allow the discharge into our system again. I attached a sampling report we required to review and a copy of the original agreement dated 2016. They discharged to the City until June – July 2021.

Justin Dockal assisted by providing contact information (attached email). I would be happy to discuss, but thought to send this email as a starting point.

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