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**The serious damage caused to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's property and health by DCC.** [September 21, 2015]

The most relevant facts in connection with how badly Mr. and Mrs. Lopez has suffered since the installation of a huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) so very close to their property boundary starting late October, 2013 are detailed below in three sections: **A:** The physical damage to their property by Dorchester County Council (DCC), **B:** The physical and mental damage to their health caused by DCC, and **C:** How DCC have continued their lack of interest in stopping the Lopez suffering in spite of Senator Bennett's 100 day probe.

**Preamble.**

Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have lived at 1,000 Bridlewood Farms Parkway since 26th December, 2009 in relative peace and happiness, for 3 years and 10 months up to the last week in October, 2013. The Dan Ryan builders, the Estate Agent and the Home Owners Association had all been contacted regarding any problems that might arise from living so very close to a Pump Station. They all reported that there should be no significant affect on their environment and the value of their property. Therefore Mr. and Mrs. Lopez bought the property expecting no problems to occur. Indeed, the small Pump Station close by was subsequently found to not present any known problems, including no noticeable smell or noise for almost the next 4 years after occupation.

During these initial 3 years and 10 months from late December 2009, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez were not aware that toxic fumes were emanating from the small Pump Station. Nobody from Dorchester C. C. had ever contacted them during this initial period to warn them of the dangers to human health by inhaling the toxic fumes from the Pump Station emissions. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez were not bothered by any problems regarding the Pump Station, because they did not go looking for trouble that they did not know existed. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's health was generally good in this period, although they have suffered somewhat from allergies in the past.

**A. The physical damage to the Lopez property caused by DCC.**

Every aspect of the installation and operation of this RSPS at Bridlewood Farms Subdivision has been disastrously and irresponsibly handled, with little or no regard for how people living nearby would be seriously affected by (a) the way heavy machinery was used, and (b) the amount of excessive toxic fumes being emitted.

- In the last week of October, 2013 out of the blue without any warning, construction work began on the small Pump Station site. The first indication that something was happening was when a Portaloo toilet was set down on the Lopez front lawn, without permission, for construction workers to use!
- During installation, the heavy earth-moving equipment and other machinery employed was used in a heavy-handed, irrational manner without employing the correct equipment for the job in hand and without thought to how the errors of their ways would affect nearby property of land and buildings.
- The highly distracting machinery noises which competed with the workmen's excessively loud shouting for long periods especially in the first month, was often above acceptable decibel levels.
- It is known that the Chandler Construction workers carried out their orders exactly as instructed by DCC from start to finish of the project, which is the reason why such catastrophic damage was caused to the Lopez property - even though their foreman knew those directives were not practical, he complied.
- Mr. Lopez, a US Airforce veteran of 22 years, has extensive training and experience in the use of heavy equipment. In his opinion, the workmen were handling such expensive machinery in such incompetent and irresponsible ways, completely regardless of how much damage they were doing.
- The constant thump, thump, thump of the workmen's reckless behavior in using the heavy equipment shook the Lopez house to its very foundations for hours every day in the first week alone, causing visible extensive damage to the garden drainage system, garden fence, house wall, and windows.

- The garden had drainage channels dug deeply on two occasions in the years before 2013, so that whenever stormy weather occurred the rain water even in intense downpours, dissipated very quickly out of sight. However, since the heavy shaking of the Lopez house to its very foundations started, the rain water now pools for long periods even up to a week or more, thus showing that the drainage channels have collapsed. The garden now needs new deep trenches to be dug with precise gradients and urgent costly repairs undertaken with fresh loads of graded levels of broken bricks, small boulders, large pebbles, smaller pebbles, shale, and coarse sand - in order to get the drainage working properly again!
- Moreover, professional surveyors will now need to carry out a full examination of the damage to the house foundations and drainage system below ground level - this damage could be very expensive to rectify if the collapse of the garden drainage channels is used as a reliable guide.
- One wall of the Lopez house is badly cracked, and two windows have needed replacement due to the sealing between glass panes being broken and window frames being distorted in their wall fixtures.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lopez are heartbroken to see the damage caused to their lovely home as a result of the 'devil-may-care' attitude of the construction crew. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have worked for over 5 years on their home, transforming it from a house with so many problems and inferior standards left behind by Dan Ryan, into a splendid, immaculate home to be proud of from every possible consideration.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lopez are now at the stage where their happy, carefree lives have been severely damaged, their beautiful home has been severely damaged and their health has been severely damaged; and the people who are responsible for these severe life-changing events don't care a damn about the suffering they cause, as the pain and mental anguish for Mr. and Mrs. Lopez increases every day!
- Mrs. Lopez in particular has had to visit the doctor and hospital many times to receive treatment for the damage to her lungs caused by the toxic fume emissions from the RSPS, and treatment for the severe essential tremors resulting from damage to her nervous system.

### Nuisance Violations.

The two types of nuisance are private nuisance and public nuisance. A private nuisance is a civil wrong; it is the unreasonable, unwarranted, or unlawful use of one's property in a manner that substantially interferes with the enjoyment or use of another individual's property, without an actual trespass or physical invasion to the land. A public nuisance is a criminal wrong; it is an act or omission that obstructs, damages, or inconveniences the rights of the community.

### Public Nuisance.

The term public nuisance covers a wide variety of minor crimes that threaten the **health**, morals, **safety**, **comfort**, convenience, or **welfare of a community**. Violators may be punished by a criminal sentence, a fine, or both as would apply to the **Bridlewood Farms Subdivision**.

Private Nuisance. A private nuisance is an **interference with a person's enjoyment and use of his land**. The law recognizes that **landowners**, or those in rightful possession of land, have **the right to the unimpaired condition of the property and to reasonable comfort and convenience in its occupation**.

Examples of private nuisances abound. Nuisances that interfere with the **physical condition of the land include vibration or blasting that damages a house**; destruction of crops; raising of a water table; or the pollution of soil, a stream, or an underground water supply. Examples of nuisances interfering with the comfort, convenience, or health of an occupant are **foul odors, noxious gases**, smoke, dust, **loud noises**, excessive light, or high temperatures. Moreover, a **nuisance may also disturb an occupant's mental tranquility**, such as a neighbor who keeps a vicious dog, **even though an injury is only threatened and has not actually occurred**.

Notably, in the case of Mrs. Lopez the mental and emotional worries, especially the subconscious worry, has undoubtedly exacerbated the damage caused to her health since the RSPS was installed.

**B: The physical and mental damage to the health of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez caused by DCC.**

There are three very important shocking truths you need to know about DCC members: (a) they are often liars, (b) they can be clandestine in their operations, and (c) they are very deceitful in blaming others for things DCC have themselves done wrong. These three facts are probably very difficult for people to accept who are not used to associating with DCC, but Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have experienced these three destructive DCC traits for the last 20 months on a first hand basis, since DCC built the RSPS at Bridlewood Farms Pkwy. The following details include specific evidence to prove that these startling aspects of DCC's operations are indeed irrefutably true. Unfortunately, the evidence points to collusion may be involved between DCC and other people and organizations, otherwise the situations outlined below would not have carried on for over two decades.

Four specific examples are outlined below to emphasize the conclusive proof that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have accumulated which show how precise and accurate their well documented records are, compared to the claims that DCC make which have no foundation at all - because DCC cannot possibly produce supporting evidence which can contradict the Lopez's overwhelming concrete, truthful evidence.

**1. DCC keep activities secretive from the citizens who should know about them, and so they suffer as a result.**

- DCC emphasize that the general public can always check on DCC activities by going to the County Council offices to look up the records for any relevant information on file. However, there are times when DCC do not follow their own advice because they deliberately ignore those records in the County Council offices when it suits them to do so, and then they tell their citizens a story that is blatantly different to those printed records! A typical example is when they deliberately told Mr. and Mrs. Lopez that they were installing upgrades to the small existing SPS, instead of being truthful about building a huge new RSPS on that site. DCC carried on their deceit for 6 months before they owned up about the RSPS, after ignoring many telephone calls from Mr. and Mrs. Lopez who were trying to discover what was making all the noise and awful stench from the other side of their boundary fence.
- Therefore for 6 months, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez did not know that they were breathing in massive amounts of toxic fumes from the RSPS which were threatening their health every minute of every hour - but DCC knew full well of the dangers they were deliberately causing and carried on with their project regardless!
- The DCC Water and Sewage Dept. members had installed a huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) very close to the Lopez property even though the Lopez's had already lived there for almost 4 years! Then, in spite of blaming Mr. and Mrs. Lopez for buying a property so close to a small SPS, DCC had deliberately erected a huge new RSPS on that same site within a few yards of the Lopez property, and in so doing they had completely contradicted their own strict advice to the Lopez's! **What a dire act of blatant hypocrisy**, especially as the huge RSPS which had been erected clandestinely had a capacity of 10,000 gallons per minute which could pollute the environment every minute with 40 times much greater concentration of toxic fumes than the original small SPS operating at 250 gallons per minute!
- Therefore, DCC imply that homeowners such as Mr. and Mrs. Lopez can always find out what DCC are doing by visiting their County Council Offices and reading the appropriate records. They state Mr. and Mrs. Lopez do not need to wait for DCC to inform them what is going to happen, they can find out for themselves, as in the case of the RSPS installation ....

- However, the DCC office records are meaningless in this case because DCC ignored their own records, and pretended that instead of installing a brand new RSPS, they were modifying the existing small SPS. How deceitful, irresponsible and clandestine can a County Council be, when they deliberately without any conscience, despite 20 years of installing RSPSs and SPSs knowing that dangerous levels of toxic fumes belch forth, place a huge RSPS so close to the Lopez boundary - and to do so after Mr. and Mrs. Lopez had been living there for almost 4 years? It beggars belief in how thoughtless and irresponsible DCC can be in installing one of the largest, if not the largest RSPS in the whole of Dorchester County, regardless of how it could seriously damage the health and longevity of two law-abiding citizens!

2. DCC hide important evidence from their County Office records so that citizens cannot be aware of them.

- DCC state that Bridlewood Farms Subdivision was always the site for the RSPS installation as shown in their Master Plan. They emphasize that the general public can always check on DCC activities by going to the County Council offices to look up the records. Unfortunately, the fact that Ridgeville was originally chosen as the site for the RSPS installation but has since had the relevant records expunged, so that such evidence is no longer available. DCC know that they have cleared away this evidence, but they still direct people to check their records in such a deceitful manner in order to pretend that the intended Ridgeville site was never planned, because there is no record of it!
- It is emphasized that the Summerville offices of the Ridgeville Council should be visited to prove that Ridgeville's records show that Ridgeville was originally chosen for the RSPS site, but their Council stopped that happening by protesting strongly that they did not want such a monstrosity belching forth concentrated volumes of toxic fumes into their neighborhood environment to cause hazardous living conditions for their citizens - especially as most of the sewage volume came from other districts.
- Bridlewood Farms Subdivision was quickly chosen as a suitable replacement site because the cost savings were significant. Much of an installation's setup for RSPS operations to start was already in place from the small Pumping Station (SPS) already sited there. Making the Lopez's suffer from being subjected to sewage volume treatments every hour of 2,400 times more than the existing small SPS was probably considered insignificant compared to the big savings obtained! After all, the Lopez's were only two insignificant people that were going to suffer. They hadn't complained about the initial SPS, so they were unlikely to complain about the new installation, especially if it's erection was kept secretive from them as long as possible! DCC did not want another Ridgeville-type objection to occur!
- DCC kept their move from the original master plan of a RSPS installation at Ridgeville to Bridlewood Farms Subdivision very clandestine for as long as possible - indeed for 6 months, by blatantly telling lies that the work at the revised site was only an upgrade to the existing SPS! Also, by keeping their change of plans secretive as long as possible it would be much more difficult for protestors to stop the RSPS installation once it had started operations and continued working for 6 months.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lopez tried repeatedly from late October, 2013 until May 1, 2014 to find out what was happening the other side of their boundary fence without success. They knew that it could not only be an upgrade modification because it was very noisy, stinking so much and taking so long. It was not until Mr. Jason Ward visited their home at long last on May 1st to finally own up that a new RSPS had been installed, that they found out the truth! He let the cat out of the bag by laughing out loud as he stated in reply to the Lopez's request to cut down the toxic emissions, "We are increasing the sewage throughput on the site not decreasing it, because we have installed a new Regional Sewage Pumping Station."
- The Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) at Bridlewood Farms Subdivision which is sited only a few yards from the property boundary of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, presents a prime example of the secretive,

deceptive and irresponsible methods applied by DCC in erecting and operating RSPSs whilst failing to adequately control the foul stench and highly concentrated levels of the toxic emissions - or indeed, also inform citizens directly of what is planned before starting work on the project, especially when lives are going to be dramatically changed forever! These unavoidable fumes when inhaled can cause chronic illnesses in humans as proven by what happened to Mrs. Lopez whose health was excellent before a SPS or a RSPS started to belch forth high concentrations of toxic fumes. DCC state without any proof, that the levels of toxic emissions are at satisfactory safety levels, but how can that be true when Mrs. Lopez's health has changed dramatically since unavoidably breathing in the hazardous fumes day after day? What greater proof does DCC need than to acknowledge the doctor and specialist records?

- Therefore it is extremely important to reiterate: DCC emphasize that the general public can always check on DCC activities by going to the County Council offices to look up the records. DCC argue that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez should have checked the County Council records for themselves and not rely on DCC to inform them of what was going to happen. However, how can Mr. and Mrs. Lopez check records that do not exist because in the case of this new RSPS installation, DCC didn't adhere to their own advice of following their own office records, because instead of informing everyone who wanted to know what was truly happening regarding the RSPS, they deceitfully lied by hiding the truth that the RSPS installation was originally planned for Ridgeville. Therefore, in truth, DCC expunged the Ridgeville record as the original site for the RSPS so that it was no longer in plain sight for the general public to know about. Such awfully irresponsible and unprofessional behavior is not acceptable from an organization that should be honestly serving the public! Shame on them!

### 3. The health dangers of living too close to a RSPS as applicable to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez.

- What greater proof does any sane person need, to emphasize the dangers of living much too close to a massive RSPS with levels of toxic emissions too high for human safety, than how Mrs. Lopez's health has deteriorated so markedly since the RSPS has been operating. DCC glibly state that the toxic fume emission levels from their sewage pumping stations are maintained within acceptable safety levels for human inhalation, but those levels are much too concentrated to enable Mrs. Lopez to keep healthy. The levels of toxicity of the fumes emitted from a typical small SPS located well away from a home may not affect the health of most people, but in this case the levels of toxicity of the fumes emitted from a huge RSPS located much too close to Mrs. Lopez's home has definitely, seriously affected her health.
- This third undeniable proof, which in this instance refers to the severe change to Mrs. Lopez's health, is absolutely concrete evidence that the breathing in of the unavoidable toxic fumes, which must be at levels of concentration too high to be safe for human inhalation, has caused Mrs. Lopez to suffer from essential tremors to her nervous system as well as causing damage to her lungs including the onset of Asthma. Mr. Lopez is away at work for 10 hours or more each weekday, and therefore is not as badly affected by the toxic fumes, but his allergy reactions have become noticeably worse.
- Recent visits over the last 18 months to doctors, specialists and hospital visits confirm the serious deterioration in Mrs. Lopez's health, compared to her previous records of good, vibrant health all her life prior to inhaling the high concentrations of toxic fumes from the RSPS operations. The difference in those records are as stark as the difference between night and day. The difference in Mrs. Lopez's health can only be attributed to the change in the environmental atmosphere always surrounding the outside of her home and always penetrating inside. Another very important further consideration attributing to Mrs. Lopez's poor health, is both the conscious and subconscious worry about all the damage to the Lopez property, in addition to the damage to her increasing poor health. This considerable worry is just as

much seriously affecting her physical health as is the direct affect of the toxic fumes, and the long term affect of both could be devastating unless her environment quickly becomes non-hazardous again.

- To recapitulate: The doctors and hospital records prove the fact that Mrs. Lopez's health has been excellent all her life before starting to live at 1000 Bridlewood Farms Parkway; whereas after living there, her health has been dramatically changed. Mrs. Lopez is now the victim of essential tremors to her nervous system, and damage to her lungs including the onset of Asthma. There is no other conceivable reason why her health has changed so dramatically in the last 20 months since the huge RSPS was installed, than the unavoidable breathing in of the toxic fume emissions every minute of every day has caused her drastic health deterioration! This is irrefutable proof that the RSPS should never have been built so close to the Lopez property, and it's proven unacceptable operating violations must be stopped immediately so that it can be relocated elsewhere.

4. South Carolina has no Environmental Laws to adequately control the emissions from SPSs and RSPSs.

- Going by the terrible way Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have been so irresponsibly treated, DCC have kept the citizens of Dorchester in the dark for over 20 years, from the potential dangers of the toxic fumes emanating from the 120 Sewage Pumping Stations (and growing every year) operating in Dorchester County. They state that the public can always look at the records in their offices for any information on the Sewage Pumping Stations (SPSs), but DCC do not have information available to openly educate their citizens of the dangers of inhaling the toxic fumes emanating from the SPSs that pollute the environment in Dorchester County. In fact, DCC have deliberately kept their citizens in the dark for two decades about the dangers of breathing in the toxic fumes emanating from SPSs and especially RSPSs.
- The air quality rating in Dorchester County has been "C" for some time, whereas the air quality rating in the 3 surrounding counties of Charleston, Colleton and Berkeley is "A". One main reason for the poor "C" rating in Dorchester County is due to the serious affect of the lack of sufficient control Sewage Pumping Stations (SPSs) and Regional Sewage Pumping Stations (RSPSs) have on the environment.
- SPSs and RSPSs are often built much too close to housing developments, schools, churches, community centers and sports facilities, i.e., where people live, work, congregate or visit. The SPSs and RSPSs are often placed in such locations whereby the toxic emissions do not have sufficient time to disperse and become more dilute, before people breathe in the damaging fumes. Sites are often too close to where people can breathe in the more concentrated toxic pollution present in the atmosphere before it becomes dilute enough for safety. Remember, hydrogen sulfide is the most poisonous gas in the toxic fume emissions, and this gas is heavier than air - thus it settles and accumulates at ground level which makes it more difficult to be blown away even by wind gusts. Hydrogen sulfide has a very pungent smell, but it becomes much less noticeable as time progresses, even when it's concentration increases alarmingly.
- DCC do not obey any Environmental Laws regarding (a) how far from human activity the SPSs and RSPSs are placed, and (b) having strict control over the specific levels of toxic gases being allowed to pollute the environment. Unlike other Counties and States of the USA, they consider themselves immune from such laws, otherwise they would already exist! As a result toxic pollution from these stations can run wildly out of control, adversely affecting whole communities especially those closest to the SPSs and RSPSs. DCC show their complete disrespect of the damage that excessive pollution can do to human beings because even their SPS and RSPS service engineers, installation and maintenance contractors and operational crews do not wear protective gear, face masks or oxygen back packs!
- Throughout the U.S.A., County Councils in every State apparently obey strict laws regarding how close SPSs and RSPSs can be built to people's property. These Councils also carefully keep emission levels within the acceptable safety levels required, and have records showing so. Therefore, it appears that

South Carolina could well be the only State that hasn't any sensible legal restrictions. Regarding Environmental Laws, DCC is a rogue County which must be brought into line without further delay because the damage to human health must be considerable after two decades of continued unlawfulness!

- The clandestine approach of keeping two Dorchester County citizens completely in the dark about what was happening for as long as possible, suggests Dorchester C. C. fear adverse public reaction to their environmental violations. DCC should have the welfare and well-being of their citizens at heart, rather than ignore how those people have been suffering, without doing anything about it. After all, the citizens of Dorchester County are paying their salaries; and providing the money through rates and taxes to fund all of DCC's SPS and RSPS operations! DCC are extremely cost conscious, indeed almost maniacal regarding installing and operating their SPS and RSPS, but the cost of the damage to human lives as a result of their SPS and RSPS operations is so much more expensive in both the short and long terms! This latter cost is ignored and nowhere to be seen in DCC's annual records.
- What a senseless way for people living in Dorchester County, which includes (a) thousands of unknowing citizens who have been kept in the dark, and (b) DCC members, DCC lawyers, Judges, EPA members, DHEC members and all the other people who appear to be knowingly in collusion; to suffer for over 2 decades breathing in the uncontrolled toxic fumes which can cause chronic illnesses - as in the case of Mrs. Lopez. How utterly stupid for this to be going on for such a long time without measures being taken to stop such dangerous practices!
- The category (b) people in the last paragraph have been shortening their own lives perhaps without realizing it. However, these people have been involved in seriously and adversely affecting thousands of other people's lives. This indicates the low level of thought put into controlling toxic emissions by people holding responsible positions, because they behave irresponsibly with devastating effects on the masses to whom they should have treated differently compared to what has been the case up to this time. Why not check the records of Charleston, Berkeley and Colleton Counties where the air quality is rated "A" in comparison to Dorchester County which is rated "C"? These records could be centered on the number of deaths caused by Cancer, Heart Disease, Diabetes and Alzheimer's for each county, and the age of deaths for each of these diseases in groups of say: 0 - 10, 11 - 20, 21 - 30, 31 - 40, years etc. The results would undoubtedly be very revealing, with Dorchester County outstanding to their detriment!
- The way to start to change this irresponsible picture is to look at a single case such as the Mr. and Mrs. Lopez situation, whereby a RSPS installation has caused havoc to their property and health, and then use this situation as a model to apply solutions to the whole of Dorchester County. **Saving money should not be the ruling factor** for determining where SPSs and RSPSs are located and operated, the most important priority must in future be the health and longevity of the Dorchester County citizens

### C. Senator Sean Bennett urgently needs help after over 100 days of investigating the Lopez case.

Senator Bennett visited Mr. and Mrs. Lopez on May 23, 2015 in order to assess their problematic situations for himself. He subsequently visited DCC representatives at the County Offices probably in late June and early July 2015, following which he wrote a brief letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez to summarize his findings from both visits on July 17, 2015. In that letter he stated that he would stand ready to assist with additional help.

- However, over 100 days have passed since the Senator visited the Lopez home on May 23, 2015, but he has still not spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez to further discuss how he can best help them. The damage to Mrs. Lopez's lungs and nervous system is getting worse every day, and she hopes every day to hear from him. Why does the Senator appear to be so disinterested when he has been contacted many times by

myself to emphasize the seriousness of the Lopez's suffering, but he continues to ignore all pleas for help?

- I have wrote the Senator on the following dates: July 29, 2015; August 18, 2015; and August 27, 2015 in order to provide significant facts and specific evidence about how Mr. and Mrs. Lopez continue to suffer every day from the wrong-doings of DCC. I stated in my August 27, 2015 letter to the Senator, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have provided him with all the ammunition he needs at his disposal to do what is ethically, morally and legally right, so that he can act without the slightest hesitation. So, what's holding him up?
- The Senator should realize that it is over 100 days since he last visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, and they have received but one brief letter from him on July 17th which indicted he believed DCC were blameless. Otherwise, not even a brief telephone call has been received to keep them in the picture on what progress he has made, if any. In his position of representing the citizens of Dorchester County as their Senator, his continued absence from the Lopez's urgent situation is very disappointing to say the very least!
- Nevertheless, out of the blue, the Senator finally sent another letter by email to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez dated September 3rd, which again shows a distinct continuing lack of progress in getting to the truth. Again and again he believes what people such as DCC and DHEC tell him without substantiating the real facts which would require concrete evidence in order to determine the difference between right and wrong. Hence, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez are not getting the justice that they so thoroughly deserve, and time marches on causing the existing problems to accumulate and exacerbate without an end in sight.
- Specifically, one point that was made in the Senator's September 3rd email was that DHEC had granted the Permit to DCC with everything in place. In my previous letters to the Senator, the fact that DCC had a valid Permit was not being questioned. What has been strongly objected to is the fact that DCC have not complied with the Permit's precise instructions to users, because they have violated basic principles for the installation and operation of the RSPS as indubitably evidenced by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's accurate records.
- Anyone acting as arbitrator or impartial investigator in the Lopez case must be able to differentiate between (a) the facts presented to them by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez which are accompanied by concrete evidence for what has been happening to their lives, and (b) the mistruths presented to them by DCC, upon which there is no substantive evidence at all to prove that what DCC say to them is actually true.
- Therefore, the time has come to act decisively because there is a desperate need to get other people involved, otherwise no headway is going to be made to this urgent situation which deserves immediate action, in order to reach a rapid and successful conclusion to overcome a travesty of injustice to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez. It is now considered essential that Senator Bennett is assisted in his inquiries by other capable relevant senior public servants.
- A copy of this letter, plus my letter to Senator Bennett dated August 27, 2015, and his letter and email to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez dated July 17, 2015 and September 3, 2015 respectively, will now be sent to: Governor Nikki R. Haley, Senate Majority Leader, Harvey S. Peeler Jr., James E. Clyburn U.S. Representative for SC 6th Congressional District, and Attorney General, Alan Wilson - and to local and national Press in due course. These communications will put the people who need to know, in the picture about the ongoing suffering of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez at the hands of DCC, so that these people in positions of high public office can provide the impetus necessary at this stage of the seriously delayed proceedings, to expedite matters as quickly as possible in order to make up for the excessive amount of lost time.

## CONCLUSIONS.

From Section **A.** The physical damage to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's property has been extremely extensive as detailed in the above accounts. The physical and mental damage to Mrs. Lopez's health has been substantial. Mrs. Lopez has been blessed with excellent health all her life before residing at 1,000 Bridlewood Farms Pkwy. Since the move, the change in her health has unfortunately been dramatic, as she now suffers from: essential tremors to the nervous system and worsening damage to her lungs including the onset of Asthma. The mental and emotional long term stresses tend to be much more costly and damaging to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's health than just the physical damages, and of course the combined effect of both can be profoundly devastating!

To reiterate: Every aspect of the installation and operation of this RSPS at Bridlewood Farms Subdivision has been disastrously and irresponsibly handled, with little or no regard for how people living nearby would be seriously affected by (a) the way heavy machinery was used, and (b) the amount of excessive toxic fumes being emitted. The irresponsible manner in which DCC has carried out the installation and continued operation of the huge RSPS is a lesson in how not to behave towards Dorchester County citizens due to the severe damaging of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's beautiful home (house and garden), damaging their vibrant health and damaging their previously happy, peaceful and contented lives. This sorry tale of destruction, chaos and non stop disregard to human life must be immediately prevented from continuing to be overlooked by senior public servants.

The levels of toxicity of the fumes being emitted from a typical small SPS located well away from a home may not affect the health of most people, but in this case the levels of toxicity of the fumes from a huge RSPS, which may well be the largest RSPS in the whole of Dorchester County, is located much too close to Mrs. Lopez's home and has definitely, seriously affected her health. The concrete evidence of this fact is overwhelming!

From Section **B.** **Four specific examples are detailed** in order to emphasize the conclusive proof that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have accumulated, which show how precise and accurate their well documented records are compared to the claims that DCC make which have no foundation at all - because DCC cannot possibly produce supporting evidence which can contradict the Lopez's overwhelming concrete, truthful evidence.

From Section **C.** Senator Sean Bennett has spent well in excess of 100 days trying to make headway with regard to resolving the suffering that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have experienced from all of the DCC wrong-doings. Senator Bennett has been given all the proof of DCC's malpractices, but appears to ignore the evidence!

Does the fact that Mrs. Bronwen Lopez is my daughter, and Mr. David Chinnis, Chairman of DCC is the Senator's good friend, have any bearing on the outcome of this case? Yes, of course it does, because it all depends on which person is telling the truth! Whosoever is acting as impartial investigator, must be sure that they are finding the truth based on solid, hard facts; not simply on what individuals fleetingly tell them, which may seem authentic. Those unsubstantiated stories must indelibly be proven to be the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help them God? It must be borne in mind that future reputations should not depend upon who the investigator may think could be telling the truth, i.e., either DCC or Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, but on who he has truly proved, to the investigator's complete satisfaction, is certainly telling the truth without any doubt at all! Indubitably, I don't believe the Senator has yet carried out this critical final step for himself at this juncture!

However, it is pointless to waste more time now that over 100 days has passed since Senator Bennett visited Mr. and Mrs. Lopez at their home on May 23, 2015. Mrs. Lopez's health is worsening every day as the toxic emissions carry on relentlessly, with the DCC people not caring a damn about how much she is suffering. This

shocking treatment which has been clandestine from the start up of the RSPS, defies common sense on how a group of human beings can persistently behave in such a pitiful manner towards two other human beings!

Senator Bennett obviously needs help to get the results Mr. and Mrs. Lopez so urgently deserve. Without further delay, I am contacting: Governor Nikki Haley, Senator Harvey Peeler, Congressman James Clyburn and Attorney General, Alan Wilson (and local and national Press in due course) in order to achieve a just outcome for two citizens of Dorchester County who deserve to return to their previous happy life and their previous excellent health, which they thoroughly enjoyed before the DCC's prolonged disastrous treatment shattered their lives to the very core.

The huge RSPS which is belching out such poisonous emissions every minute of every day must now be completely shut down in order not to cause any further damage to health and longevity. The RSPS must be demolished in order that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez can continue to live in their home as it was before DCC started on their unbelievable endless chain of wrong-doings! On the basis of the Private Nuisance violations plus the significance of the report presented above on the wilful damage caused by DCC, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez deserve to be awarded full compensation for all their suffering without delay so that they are spared any further damage.

DCC are overly cost conscious, indeed almost maniacal at the expense of everything else, regarding installing and operating their SPS and RSPS, but the cost of the damage to human lives as a result of their SPS and RSPS operations is so much more expensive in both the short and long terms! The citizens of Dorchester County need to discover just how badly Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have been treated, so that they in turn can get their own lives in good order for the future! On this evidence, the citizens of Dorchester County have been treated so atrociously for much too long. Additionally, the citizens of the rest of the States in the USA should be made aware of the rogue behaviour that DCC has been clandestinely applying to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez for much too long.

I sincerely thank in advance the people who have been approached to help rectify the way Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have suffered terribly, due to the deliberate irresponsible actions of DCC since late October, 2013, namely: Governor Nikki Haley, Senator Harvey Peeler Jr., Congressman James Clyburn and Attorney General Alan Wilson. You four senior public servants have been asked to act as Independent Arbitrators in a critical role to resolve the way DCC behaves towards the Citizens of Dorchester County, so that DCC procedures are correctly and honorably carried out in the future. Lady and gentlemen, may you all see the need to act quickly now in order to firmly resolve the wrong-doings of DCC, in order that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez in particular can once again breathe in clean air so that they can get their life back together without any unnecessary delay. Please, ensure that the necessary steps are taken **to immediately stop the emission of the toxic fumes** from the huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) which overshadows the Lopez property. This request must be regarded as top priority in order to prevent further damage to Mrs. Lopez's health. This RSPS must be shut down at least for the time being, then permanent closure of the RSPS can be completed in due course. Thank you very much indeed!

Sincerely,



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P.S. Adapting a quote from Adlai Stevenson's repertoire: "When DCC stop telling lies about Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, then Mr. and Mrs. Lopez will stop telling the truth about DCC."