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Subject: Brazosport will become a ghost town

Hello,

As a lifetime resident of the greater Brazosport area, I am terribly concerned about the proposed Strategic Energy Reserve at Stratton Ridge.

I'm not sure how strategic it is when the entire economic viability of the region would be at risk. I formerly worked for Dow, and realize that as Dow goes, so goes our communities. If Dow cannot get the raw materials it needs for its key processes, it will be forced to build overseas - much of which they are already doing.

That in turn costs thousands of jobs, including Dow employees, vendors, contractors, medical professionals, local stores, etc. The Brazosport area would cease to exist.

I understand there are other sites being looked at. It makes sense to me to look at those (such as Damon) that are not directly tied to the entire economic livelihood of tens of thousands of people.

I already work in Houston. I can - along with my husband - easily move there, taking my votes, my tax dollars, and my spending with me. Well, maybe not easily, because I live in the greater Brazosport region for a reason. But I'm afraid we would be forced to go where there are jobs.

Thank you for considering my opinion.
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