A little bit more about us and the history of lake 14 Is every year we hosted a tournament raising money for Shands Children's Hospital where we donated all the proceeds back to Shands Children's Hospital.

Now I would like to take the time to give an overview of our current clay settling areas. Nutrien currently has five existing permitted clay settling areas on Bienville property SA5, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, and 13. Combined all of this area involved is approximately 3,600 acres. If the proposed SA14 becomes a part of this (measuring at approximately 1,600 acres) it would then be a total of 5,200 acres which will be unusable for the foreseeable future. Lake 14 was not always a proposed settling area until recently.

Looking at this from an environmental standpoint we would also like to mention the established wildlife habitats surrounding this area as well as aquatic life within the lake itself. It is often we find Bald Eagle nesting, Osprey, American White Pelican, Great Blue Heron, multiple species of Duck, sparrow, Sandhill Crane, Armadillo, Opossum, Alligator, Whitetail Deer, just to name a few above the surface. All of these will be grossly affected and ultimately result in a species reduction.

In short, we are requesting the County to pursue other options for settling areas with Nutrien that does not include Bienville property for the sake of long-term revenue purposes, taking in consideration both parties.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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