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Joint Press Release Addressing Public Concerns on Wastewater Treatment Plant Site

Ascension Parish, LA — Considering public sentiment regarding the proposed wastewater treatment plant site, National Water Infrastructure (NWI), in collaboration with Ascension Parish Government, announces the decision to abandon the pursuit of the Honeywell/PriceCo property as a potential site for the treatment plant. This decision follows two town hall meetings where residents expressed concerns about the proximity of the treatment plant to their homes.

After the first town hall meeting on June 25, residents voiced their apprehensions, and NWI listened, understood, and began adjusting their plans. The second town hall meeting on July 22 reinforced these concerns, further solidifying the residents' role in the decision-making process and leading to the decision to seek an alternative site.

Ascension Parish Government commends NWI for being a conscientious community partner and for valuing the input of both government officials and residents. President Clint Cointment is actively collaborating with NWI and industry partners, demonstrating a strong commitment to finding a suitable property in heavy industrial-zoned areas that will meet the needs of the regional sewer treatment plant project and the community.

"I am hopeful that we can all agree on an alternative site location for the regional sewer treatment plant. NWI and our industry partners want to be good stewards of our community. I am confident that by working together, we can create a positive outcome for everyone," stated Ascension Parish President Clint Cointment.

Tom Pertuit, CEO of National Water Infrastructure, added, "We are committed to working closely with Ascension Parish Government and the community to find a site that meets everyone's needs. Our goal is to be a trusted partner and to provide a modern, consolidated sewer system that benefits all residents. We appreciate the leadership of President Cointment and the input from the community, which is invaluable in guiding our decisions. NWI appreciates the support of President Cointment in facilitating discussions with industrial plant owners to identify alternative sites. NWI remains committed to maintaining its trusted relationship with the parish and its customers and will continue working closely with parish leadership and stakeholders to solve wastewater challenges by building a modern, consolidated sewer system for Ascension Parish."