

Bayport

By El Lago council

Air board regulations opposed

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A letter stating the city of El Lago's opposition to proposed Texas Air Control Board (TACB) regulations governing the amount of notice given for proposed industrial sites will be sent to the TACB and to several state political officials at the suggestion of Councilman Richard Gillen.

"The thrust of the new

regulations is that they're telling you less about the new plants coming into an area," Gillen who drafted the letter, told council members at Monday's council session.

Gillen specifically took issue with a provision of the proposed regulation which would allow an industry to transfer sites of a plant from one area of the state to another without giving public notice.

"The air contamination the public

will be exposed to should be explained to them. Industry must recognize they have an obligation to notify their neighbors," he said.

In related action, El Lago's opposition to the proposed B.F. Goodrich plant at Bayport will be registered in a legal brief to be submitted to the TACB by attorney Clark Thompson.

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At a recent meeting of the Galveston Bay Conservation Preservation Association, Thompson proposed he represent El Lago in the brief, at no financial obligation to the city, Gillen said.

Council voted three to two to enter into the agreement with Thompson, with Mayor Perry and Councilmen Lenoir and Gillen voting in favor of the proposal, and Councilmen Stall and McElwain abstaining.

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