

Shoreacres resident testifies

Bay property values declining

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Property values have "dropped considerably" in the city of Shoreacres as the result of a proposed B.F. Goodrich Bayport chemical plant, east of Highway

146, Bay Area resident, A.C. Huff testified.

Huff, who lives at 1003 W. Shoreacres Blvd., in Shoreacres, is one of several parties opposed to the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) issuing a Bayport construction permit to B.F. Goodrich.

The public hearing, which entered its fifth week Monday, continues at 2 p.m., today at the Seabrook Community Building.

Huff, who serves as police commissioner in Shoreacres said he's concerned with the property value decline.

"A lot of my neighbors are selling their property and going," he said.

Huff questioned Goodrich's proposed production of chlorine and cited a recent disaster in Florida where a chlorine gas spill was res-

ponsible for the death of eight persons. (The \$100 million proposed Goodrich plant reportedly will produce 800 tons of chlorine daily)

"I'm not an expert on chlorine, but I've heard some stories about it," said Huff.

"The company (Goodrich) tells us what a great facility this is, but they won't show us or prove it," he added.

Huff said he considered himself an "expert on living and labled a chemical plant, built east of Highway 146 as an "error of mankind."

In other opposition testimony, Shoreacres City Councilman Micky

Johnson said the proposed Goodrich facility would be located 7200 feet or 1.2 miles from a La Porte elementary school.

If an accident occurred at the plant, an "escape route would not be readily accessible," said Johnson.

He then questioned TACB policy in issuing construction permits.

"I am concerned with TACB policy in this area. Sometime I can go into my backyard now and can't see my hand in front of my face," Johnson testified.

"I wonder what it will be like if the facility (B.F. Goodrich) is built," he added.

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