
Pat's Throat bayou unauthorized dam/illegal fill

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Dear Mr. Guarisco,

Attached and pasted to this email is a report on an illegal dam/unauthorized fill across Pat's Throat Bayou. Attached document have pictures. Could you please notify us of any future or present enforcement actions related to this dam? Please call me if you have any questions, need to visit the site or need any more information. We will assist in any way we can.

Thank you,

Dean

PAT'S THROAT DAM/ILLEGAL FILL**October 17th, 2021**

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Approximate coordinates: 30°17'20.7" N, 91°34'30.6" W

Suspected responsible party: Miller Hunting Club, LLC.

Company number: 4158276K. Agent name Benjamin Miller. Phone: 337-580-8377 Address: 1451 W Gum Ave.

Eunice, LA 70535 Member: Mathias Miller

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Landowner: CASE/KURZWEG PROPERTIES AND OTHERS. 1143 Meadow Lee Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70808Register agent: Victor Devin Gum

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Could you please notify us of any enforcement actions related to this dam?

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