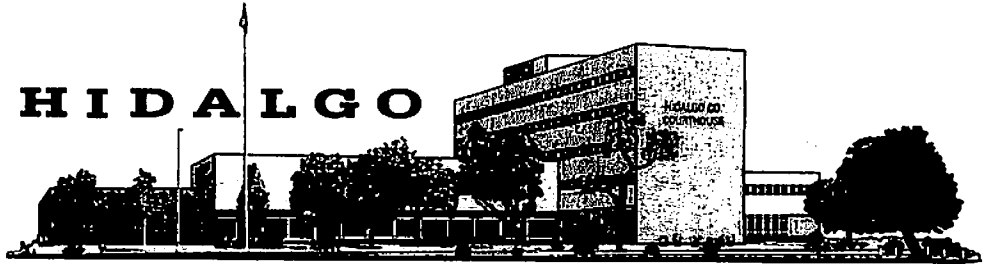


COUNTY *of* HIDALGO



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July 6, 2007

Marty Salazar
Purchasing Department
Hidalgo County
100 E. Cano
Edinburg, TX 78539

RE: Emergency Declaration for Precinct 1

Dear Marty Salazar:

This letter is in regards to flooding issues that the precinct has had due to torrential rains on July 3-5, 2007 and has led to health and safety issues that need to be remedied. Listed below are the areas that need immediate attention. I have included pictures as well for your review and consideration.

Colonia Salinas (South Old River Rd.)
Colonia La Estancia (Ruben Navarro Street)
West Highway 88 North of Mile 12 ½
Colonia Encinal (Dove St)
Intersection of FM 493 and El Chapparal

Thank you for your time and consideration. If I may be of any assistance with this request, please feel free to contact me at (956) 968-8733 or on my cell (956) 522-0785.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Joseph Palacios'. The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joseph Palacios
Chief Administrator, Pct. 1
Hidalgo County, Texas




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Eduardo Olivarez
Chief Administrative Officer

To: Mr. J.D. Salinas, III, Hidalgo County Judge Ms. Silvia Handy, Commissioner Pct. 1 Mr. Hector "Tito" Palacios, Commissioner Pct. 2
Mr. Joe M. Flores, Commissioner Pct. 3 Mr. Oscar Garza, Commissioner Pct. 4

From: Eduardo Olivarez, Chief Administrative Officer
Hidalgo County Health and Human Services 

Date: July 5, 2007

Re: Potential Public Health Hazards due to Flooding

Please accept this as a formal request for assistance in dealing with a potential public health hazard. The situation was caused by the recent rains and flooding in several areas within each of the precincts in Hidalgo County, which resulted in the septic and sewer systems to back flow in the neighborhood. The raw sewage and waste is considered a public health hazard and action must be taken to assist with remediation.

In the past Precincts have requested assistance from the private sector for similar situations, I know that "Mud Trucks" from various oil field services companies have been contracted to provide such waste removal services. Due to the current circumstances, I would encourage such consideration in contracting these services to assist these neighborhoods.

I would like to state the importance of taking care of this public health situation as soon as possible, if you have any questions please call.

Cc: Mr. Valde Guerra, Administrator of Budget Office
Hidalgo County Budget Office

Ms. Martha Salazar, Purchasing Agent
Hidalgo County Purchasing Department