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Dr. Nina Pierpont

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Dear Dr. Pierpont,

I would like to thank you, for making time to read this. Also, for your excellent work on WTS. It is so similar to VAD Vibroacoustic Disease caused by Low Frequency Noise. Initially identified in the aeronautical field, by military pilots and aircrew. I am sure you are aware of Vieques, Puerto Rico studies, the Navy bought the end of this small island, for shelling practice. Poor people lived at the other end of the island. They have since suffered high cancer rates, heart problems, internal problems, and low birth weights. I live in Texas, the state with the most gas wells (95,000+). The gas from the wells, are piped to compressor stations. Our county has 130 or more compressor stations. The low frequency noise travels up to 5 miles radius, thereby overlapping.

Our director, Charles Morgan has been diagnosed With VAD by a Dr. Wright in Indiana. Feel so bad for him sometimes he drives 150 miles just to sleep, his eardrums have burst twice. He has very bad headaches, and burning in his veins.

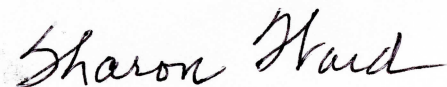
We have tried all means to get to get Noise Law (1982) given to states re-enacted, to no avail. We have tried to get school districts to have a noise assessment. We have been to

Austin, to see Representatives, and Senators. We are not trying to stop big Oil & Gas just get them to give up some of those BILLIONS in profit, and do the responsible thing by enclosing , or using noise abatement on these compressor stations, yes even the rural ones, to protect us, and the wildlife.

Could I be so bold to ask if you could do a paper, or write something on this subject you know so much about. Please help us, I wear earphones, and take [REDACTED] medicine. And can't afford to move away.

Enclosed please find our brochure. Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sharon Ward, secretary

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(regardless of age), ruptured ear drums, nervousness and nausea.

The LFN causes adrenaline to be released that in turn causes blood veins to constrict, thus causing most of the above symptoms. More symptoms of this disease are, (but not limited to), mood swings, indigestion & heartburn, mouth/throat infections and bronchitis. In later stages the individual tends to recognize the existence of memory lapses, neurological disorders (which include epilepsy, balance disorders and a marked increase in cognitive impairment).

Studies show only about 12 percent of people can hear the LFN. **However, since the LFN can travel at least 5 miles (in all directions) from these 69-compressor stations in Freestone County**, more people than ever before are being exposed to the dangers of LFN.

Most industrialized countries of the world, such as the United Kingdom, Canada, The Netherlands, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Germany, France and many



We and our children deserve a safe, Low-Frequency, noise-free environment.

others, recognize the effects of Low Frequency Noise. Most have rules governing LFN to control it's effect on people.

The EPA developed some noise rules, but did not include LFN controls. Authority given EPA by the 1972 Noise Control Act has been delegated by the EPA to state & local governments. However, only five states have implemented their own laws and rules based on the EPA guidelines. Texas did not! We Texans are in dire need of a state law on noise control, especially LFN.

If you want to help, we need signatures on our petition, or write Senator Steven Ogden at Capitol Building, P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2068 and/or Congressman Byron Cook at Capitol Building, P.O. Box 2910, Austin, Texas 78768 - 2910 and attach this document.

We also need donations to spread the word about this insidious disease. Please mail contributions with checks made out to:

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VAD

Vibroacoustic Disease

Vibroacoustic Disease (VAD)

Is caused by

Low Frequency Noise (LFN)

It is a whole-body noise-induced pathology, that is not particularly related to the ear.

Vibro-Acoustic Disease (VAD) is a whole-body pathology caused by excessive exposure to Low Frequency Noise (LFN).

It was initially identified among aeronautical technicians. VAD has also been observed in military and commercial pilots and aircrew. Now millions of people world wide are suffering from VAD.

Noises with a dominant content of frequencies in the range of 20 to 500 hertz (Hz), (low frequency noise), are emitted by a large range of sources in our society.

With the natural gas drilling boom in Texas we have an ever increasing source of low frequency noise from GAS COMPRESSOR STATIONS. There are ¹³⁰⁺ such stations in Freestone County that are causing this insidious VAD. Only two doctors in the U.S. acknowledge this disease.

When driving around on the country roads, you might notice some large structures that have large fans on the ends. These are Compressor Stations.

Many of these large Compressor Stations are built on property set back off the road so people can not see them.

You can hear a loud annoying hum when near them. However, they also emit a harmful **Low Frequency Noise, (LFN)** which can travel at least 5 miles.



Photo of a gas compressor station.

(Some are larger.)

Not everyone can hear the **LFN** at their residence. One member of a household may hear it and another may not. The noise has its affect on all persons, only to varying degrees. The ill health affects can be immediate, but can also accumulate with time, depending on the person and the intensity of the noise. The longer one is exposed, the more damage it can cause.

Many people have health problems and don't realize they are due to this exposure. Some people are more susceptible to have problems than others. Pregnant women and children are especially

susceptible. The learning ability in children is affected. Some local children who live near a compressor station are having headaches and

others ruptured ear drums. One local lady suffered vertigo for two weeks so badly she could not get out of bed and stand up.

One gentleman in Freestone County has a host of severe health problems due to the compressor station 0.9 miles of his property. He lived there for 21 years in near perfect health prior to the installation of the compressor station.

Now he suffers heart damage, brain damage, constriction of blood vessels, ruptured ear drum (twice), and permanent hearing loss.

When his head hurts too badly, he is regularly forced to leave his home in an effort to escape the ill effects of the **LFN**. When he gets out of range of the **LFN**, about five miles, his head stops hurting and the burning in his blood vessels cease.

Some symptoms of Vibro-Acoustic Disease (VAD), due to exposure to

Low Frequency Noise include: Head hurting, numbness in fingers and toes, back pain deep inside the back, enlarged aorta of the heart, brain damage, fibrosis of the lungs, sharp pain in various parts of the body, restless leg syndrome, incontinence,