



March 10, 2025

To the City of McGregor, Texas
Mayor and City Council Members

During the week of February 24th, the SpaceX team needed to run several urgent high-powered tests in preparation for last week's flight of Starship. Though SpaceX abided by the curfew and sound level requirements of our lease, we understand these tests may have seemed unusually louder than normal to some members of the community.

As such, we wanted to share SpaceX's plans to reduce noise. SpaceX made the decision to invest significant time and money to build four new test stands that are in the vertical orientation with underground flame diverters which drastically reduce the noise that is heard in the community. Construction of one of the stands is complete. SpaceX is on track to complete the three remaining test stands in the second half of the year, after which we will no longer need to use the horizontal test stands.

We appreciate the continued support from the local community as we build on our 20+ year partnership to keep such important and impactful work happening here in Central Texas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ryne Barry".

Ryne Barry
Director, Texas Test Operations
SpaceX McGregor