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Mr. Owen,

Let me first start off by saying that I do not envy the position that you are in at all. Although I am not local to your area, I am a resident of Northwest Florida and we deal with a lot of weather related issues as well. I understand that flooding is a danger to your community, as it is to mine. I don't claim to be as in the know as some of the locals there, but I feel I do have a pretty good grasp on what is going on. I have been traveling to Coconut Beach to play volleyball for a few years now, and I know several of my friends have been traveling over there for many years, just to play volleyball at Coconut Beach. Volleyball has been a part of my life for over 10 years now, and although some people don't understand the obsession, I can assure you it is more than just a sport. We play volleyball on a daily basis here in Fort Walton Beach, FL. It is like a second family, and we as a group travel to New Orleans to play several times a year. We have really gotten to know Bruce, and the regular players in New Orleans, and I know how much this facility means to them. I don't even live there, and this facility is important to me and the rest of the group from Florida. We have so many great memories from our trips there, and would be crushed if we were unable to create more. Coconut Beach Volleyball is a lifestyle, and a second home to many of the locals there that I have been so fortunate to meet. All I can ask is that if there is any other option that will allow such a positive place as Coconut Beach to coexist with your pumping station, consider the lives that this complex has touched, not just those that live there, but those that look forward to our next trip to New Orleans.

Thank you for listening,
Meaghan Hoepfl
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