

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND A PROPOSED RENEWAL WITH AMENDMENT OF A GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) proposes to renew and amend the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Number TXR050000, authorizing the discharge of stormwater and certain non-stormwater discharges from industrial activities into surface water in the state. The proposed general permit applies to the entire state of Texas. General permits are authorized by Texas Water Code, §26.040.

**PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT.** The executive director has prepared a proposed general permit with amendments to the existing general permit authorizing the discharge of stormwater and certain types of non-stormwater from industrial activities that are grouped into 30 similar sectors based on Standard Industrial Classification Codes and Industrial Activity Codes. The proposed changes to the general permit are included in the proposed general permit and described in the fact sheet.

The proposed general permit specifies which facilities must obtain permit coverage, which are eligible for a conditional exclusion based on no exposure of industrial activity to stormwater, which are designated as eligible for coverage without submitting a notice of intent, and which must obtain individual permit coverage. Non-stormwater discharges that are not specifically listed in the general permit are not authorized by the general permit. No significant degradation of high quality waters is expected and existing water uses will be maintained and protected.

The executive director has reviewed this action for consistency with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP), according to General Land Office regulations, and has determined that the action is consistent with applicable CMP goals and policies.

A copy of the proposed general permit and fact sheet are available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk located at the Austin office, at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F. These documents are also available at the TCEQ's 16 regional offices and on the TCEQ website at- [http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/sw\\_permits.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/sw_permits.html).

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments about this general permit in writing or orally at the public meeting held by the TCEQ. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the general permit. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

The public meeting will be held at **1:30 p.m., November 16, 2015**, in TCEQ's complex at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, Room 201S, Austin.

Written public comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on **November 16, 2015**. Written comments may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html>.

**APPROVAL PROCESS.** After the comment period, the executive director will consider all the public comments and prepare a written response. The response will be filed with the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at least ten days before the scheduled commission's agenda meeting when the commission will consider approval of the general permit. The commission will consider all public comments in making its decision and will either adopt the executive director's response or prepare its own response to the comments. The commission will issue its written response on the general permit at the same time the commission issues or denies the general permit. A copy of any issued general permit and response to comments will be made available to the public for inspection at the agency's Austin and regional offices. A notice of the commissioners' action on the proposed general permit and a copy of its response to comments will be mailed to each person who made a comment. Also, a notice of the commission's action on the proposed general permit and the text of its response to comments will be published in the *Texas Register*.

**MAILING LISTS.** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: 1) the mailing list for this specific general permit; 2) the permanent mailing list for a specific county; or 3) both. Clearly specify the mailing lists to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address previously mentioned. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific general permit.

**INFORMATION.** If you need more information about the proposed general permit or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>.

Further information may also be obtained by calling the TCEQ's Water Quality Division, Stormwater and Pretreatment Team, at (512) 239-4671.

*Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040.*