TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING BENEFICIAL LAND MANAGEMENT, L.L.C. SOAH Docket No. 582-16-5474 TCEQ Docket No. 2016-0665-IWD Permit No. WQ0004666000

APPLICATION.

Beneficial Land Management, L.L.C., P.O. Box 6870, San Antonio, Texas 78209, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal with changes of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0004666000, which authorizes the land application of Class B sewage sludge from a domestic wastewater treatment plant for beneficial use on 726.1 acres. The draft permit does not include an authorization for land application of sewage sludge mixed with grease and grit trap **waste** as requested by the applicant. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on December 5, 2011.

The sewage sludge land application site is located ten miles northwest of the City of Inez, on Farm-to-Market Road 444 and 2.5 miles northeast of the intersection of Karnes Road and Farm-to-Market Road 444, in Victoria County, Texas 77968. The sewage sludge land application site is located within the drainage basin of Lavaca Bay and Chocolate Bay in Segment No. 2453 of the Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin.

The TCEQ Executive Director has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Victoria County Courthouse, **County** Clerk's Office, 115 North Bridge, Victoria, Texas. As a public courtesy, we have provided the following Web page to an online map of the site or the facility's general location. The online map is not part of the application or the notice: http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=28.9875&lng=-96.843055&zoom=13&type=r. For the exact location, refer to the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a formal contested case hearing at:

10:00 a.m. – September 27, 2016 Victoria County Courthouse Commissioner's Courtroom – 2nd Floor 115 North Bridge Street Victoria, Texas 77901

The contested case hearing will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will address the disputed issues of fact identified in the TCEQ order concerning this application issued on July 13, 2016. In addition to these issues, the judge may consider additional issues if certain factors are met.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 26, Texas Water Code; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. The hearing will be held unless all timely hearing requests have been withdrawn or denied.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be adversely affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/.

Further information may also be obtained from Beneficial Land Management, L.L.C.at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Carter Mayfield at **210-828-0525**.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-3445, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: August 12, 2016

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