

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Combined Notice of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application And Notice of Public Meeting For General Permit Authorization No. TXG921447

Application. Caviness Packing Company, Inc, P.O. Box 790, Hereford, Texas 79045 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new beef cattle facility at 3,000 head in Deaf Smith County, Texas. The notice of intent and the nutrient management plan for “no planned application” were received by TCEQ on May 10, 2016 and May 11, 2016, respectively.

No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All manure and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The facility is located on the west side of County Road Hh, 1/2 mile south of US Highway 60. County Road Hh is 3.5 miles west of the intersection of US Highway 60 and US Highway 385, in Deaf Smith County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility’s general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=34.7762&lng=-102.4443&zoom=13&type=r>. For exact location, refer to application.

A copy of the notice of intent, the nutrient management plan, the Executive Director’s technical summary, and the concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Deaf Smith County Public Library, 211 East 4th Street, Hereford, Texas 79045.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments about this application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting on this application due to significant public interest. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application.

The public meeting will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the Applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit. If the authorization is issued, a copy of the authorization and final technical summary will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requests to be on the mailing list for this authorization and provides a mailing address.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Hereford Community Center
100 Avenue C
Hereford, Texas 79045**

Citizens are encouraged to submit written public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice or by the date of the public meeting, whichever is later.

Information. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Public Education Program at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting.

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