

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Public Meeting for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation Application General Permit Authorization No. TXG921475

Application. Bowers Land and Cattle Family Limited Partnership, 220 East Foster, Pampa, Texas 79065 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy cattle facility at 10,000 head, of which 6,500 head are milking cows in Carson County, Texas. The notice of intent and the nutrient management plan were received by TCEQ on December 19, 2016.

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 will be located approximately 1/2 mile north of County Road J and Highway 60, and 3 1/2 miles southwest of Panhandle, in Carson County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of McClellan Creek in Segment No. 0224A 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=35.32279&lng=-101.45918&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 Carson County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 501 Main Street, Panhandle, Texas 79068.

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 legislative requests and 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. Please note, this notice was delivered by USPS mail only to those persons that provided a complete mailing address (city, state, zip code) on the

petition received by the commission.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:
Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 6:00 PM
Panhandle High School Auditorium
106 West 11th
Panhandle, Texas 79068**

Citizens are encouraged to submit written public comments and public meeting requests 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 <http://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. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information about 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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