

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND RENEWAL OF A GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF WASTEWATER

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is proposing to reissue Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) General Permit TXG340000, which authorizes the discharge of facility wastewater, contact storm water, and storm water associated with industrial activities into or adjacent to water in the state from petroleum bulk stations and terminals (PBSTs). The proposed general permit applies to the entire state of Texas. General permits are authorized by Section 26.040 of the Texas Water Code.

PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT. The executive director has prepared a draft renewal with amendments of an existing general permit that authorizes the discharge of facility wastewater, contact storm water, and storm water associated with industrial activities into or adjacent to water in the state from PBSTs. No significant degradation of high quality waters is expected and existing uses will be maintained and protected. The executive director proposes to require regulated dischargers to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain authorization for discharges.

The executive director has reviewed this action for consistency with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) according to Coastal Coordination Council (CCC) 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 TCEQ's Austin office, at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F. These documents are also available at the TCEQ's sixteen (16) regional offices and on the TCEQ website at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/general/index.html>.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this proposed general permit. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the proposed general permit. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the proposed general permit or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 30 days from the date this notice is published in the Texas Register.

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 10 days before the scheduled Commission meeting when the commission will consider approval of the general permit. The commission will consider all public comment in making its decision and will either adopt the executive director's response or prepare

its own response. 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 applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. 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 above. 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 this 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 web site at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>.

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

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

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