

# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER NEW PERMIT NO. WQ0015381001

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Nantucket Housing, LLC, 9219 Katy Freeway, Suite 264, Houston, Texas 77024, a land developer, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015381001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 55,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on May 7, 2015.

The facility will be located at 12321 Huffmeister Road, Cypress, in Harris County, Texas 77429. The treated effluent will be discharged to an enclosed stormwater pipe; thence to Cypress Creek in Segment No. 1009 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1009 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and primary contact recreation. In accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ implementation procedures (June 2010) for the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected Cypress Creek, which has been identified as having high aquatic life use. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, 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 Harris County Public Library, Northwest Branch, 11355 Regency Green Drive, Cypress, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.952777&lng=-95.634444&zoom=13&type=r>

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING.** You may submit public comments about this application. The TCEQ will hold a public meeting on this application because a local legislator requested the meeting and the Executive Director of the TCEQ has determined that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

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 is encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the application and the Executive Director's preliminary decision, but these informal comments made during the informal period will not be considered by the Commissioners before reaching a decision on the permit and no formal response will be made. During the Formal Comment Period, members of the public may state their formal comments into the official record. A written response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant formal comments will be prepared by the Executive Director and considered by the Commissioners before they reach a decision on the permit. A copy of the response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the formal comment period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:  
Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM  
Spillane Middle School  
13403 Woods-Spillane Boulevard  
Cypress, Texas 77429**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST:** your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the

**group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.** Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the public meeting or by mail before the meeting 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](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html). 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](http://www.TCEQ.texas.gov). All written public comments must be received by the Office of the Chief Clerk at the noted address within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice or by the date of the public meeting, whichever is later.

Further information may also be obtained from Nantucket Housing, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Katherine Hallaway, P.E., Brown & Gay Engineers, Inc., at 713-488-8251.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the meeting should call the Office of Public Assistance at the number above or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting.

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