

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR LAND APPLICATION PERMIT OF SEWAGE SLUDGE RENEWAL

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 sewage sludge from a domestic wastewater treatment plant for beneficial use. The current permit authorizes land application of sewage sludge for beneficial use on 726.1 acres. The Applicant has also requested an experimental use authorization under 30 TAC §312.3(k) to authorize land application of sewage sludge mixed with grease and grit trap waste. The experimental use will expire on October 31, 2016 or one year from the date of permit issuance, whichever occurs first. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state.

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. This link to an electronic map of the facility's location is provided as a public courtesy and 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=28.9875&lng=-96.843055&zoom=13&type=r>

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. A public meeting will be held and 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. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application and no formal response will be made. 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. A written response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant comments will be prepared by the Executive Director. All formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached

on the permit application. A copy of the written response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit 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 on this permit application.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:
Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Victoria Community Center Annex 1-2
2905 E. North Street
Victoria, Texas 77901**

INFORMATION. Citizens are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html. If you need more information about the 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 1-800-687-4040.* General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

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. 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 210-422-4249.

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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