

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER AMENDMENT

Permit No. WQ0004086000

**APPLICATION.** Clean Harbors San Leon, Inc., 2700 Avenue S, San Leon, Texas 77539, which operates the Clean Harbors Recycling Facility, a recycling and storage facility that handles oily waste from the petroleum refining and petrochemical industries, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004086000 to authorize the discharge of treated process wastewater and treated contaminated stormwater at a daily average flow not to exceed 105,000 gallons per day via proposed internal Outfall 101. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity and previously monitored effluent (from internal Outfall 101) on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfall 001.

The facility is located at 2700 Avenue S, near the intersection of 27th Street and Avenue S, approximately 3/4 mile east of State Highway 146 at Dickinson Bayou, in San Leon, Galveston County, Texas 77539. The effluent is discharged to a drainage ditch; thence to an unnamed tidal tributary of Dickinson Bayou Tidal; thence to Dickinson Bayou Tidal in Segment No. 1103 of the San Jacinto-Brazos Coastal Basin. The unclassified receiving waters have minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed ditch and high aquatic life use for the unnamed tidal tributary. The designated uses for Segment No. 1103 are high aquatic life use 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 in the unnamed tidal tributary or Dickinson Bayou, which have been identified as having high aquatic life uses. 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 reviewed this action for consistency with the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) goals and policies in accordance with the regulations of the General Land Office and has determined that the action is consistent with the applicable CMP goals and policies. 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=29.469722&lng=-94.966666&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:  
Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 PM  
Johnson Community Center  
4102 Main Street  
La Marque, Texas 77568**

**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](http://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](http://www.tceq.texas.gov).

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Dickinson Public Library, 4411 Highway 3, Dickinson, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from Clean Harbors San Leon, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Bruce Riffel, Senior Compliance Manager, at (281) 930-2412.

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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