

# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER MAJOR AMENDMENT

**PERMIT NO. WQ0010287001**

**APPLICATION.** City of South Houston, P.O. Box 238, South Houston, Texas 77587, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ00102870001 to authorize the removal of the total mercury effluent limits. TCEQ received this application on November 7, 2017.

The facility is located at 206 Michigan Street, in the City of South Houston, Harris County, Texas 77587. The treated effluent is discharged to Berry Bayou; thence to Sims Bayou; thence to Houston Ship Channel/Buffalo Bayou Tidal in Segment No. 1007 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is limited aquatic life use for Berry Bayou (above tidal). The designated uses for Segment No. 1007 are industrial water supply and navigation. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (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 is not required since no exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life use water bodies have been identified in the discharge route. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. 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=29.669743&lng=-95.236186&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:**

**Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 PM**  
**South Houston Community Center**  
**1007 State Street**  
**South Houston, Texas 77587**

**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 <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. 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 City of South Houston City Hall, City Secretary's Office, 1018 Dallas Street, South Houston, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from City of South Houston at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Fred Gonzales at (713) 944-2027.

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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