

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING

Draft Permit No.: O1381

This is a notice for a notice and comment hearing on Federal Operating Permit Number O1381. During the notice and comment hearing, informal questions on the Federal Operating Permit will be answered and formal comments will be received. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has scheduled the notice and comment hearing regarding this application and draft permit as follows:

Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Hartman Park Community Center
9311 East Avenue P
Houston, Texas 77012
Phone: (713) 928-4803

Application and Draft Permit. Valero Refining-Texas, L.P., 9701 Manchester St, Houston, TX 77012-2408, has applied to the TCEQ for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O1381, Application No. 24377, to authorize operation of the Houston Refinery, a Petroleum Refineries facility. The area addressed by the application is located at 9701 Manchester Avenue in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77012. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=29.72222&lng=-95.255&zoom=13&type=r>.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas 78753; the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk St Ste H, Houston, Texas 77023-1452; and the Park Place Regional Library, 8145 Park Place Blvd, Houston, Texas 77017-3032. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website:

www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-2900.

Notice and Comment Hearing. A public hearing will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public hearing 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. At the conclusion of the comment period, all formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A written response to all formal comments will be prepared by the executive director and 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. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive formal public comment which the TCEQ will consider in determining whether to revise and/or issue the permit and in determining the accuracy and completeness of the permit. Any person may attend this hearing and submit written or oral comments. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.0561, as codified in the Texas Health and Safety Code, and 30 TAC § 122.340.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD), at least one week prior to the hearing.

Any person may also submit written comments before the hearing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at <http://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>. Written comments should include (1) your name, address, and daytime telephone number, and (2) the draft permit number found at the top of this notice.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Valero Refining-Texas, L.P. by calling Mr. Matthew Lindquist at (713) 923-3300.

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