

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF HEARING
FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 143
SOAH Docket No. 582-20-1161
TCEQ Docket No. 2019-1049-MWD
Permit No. WQ0015241001

APPLICATION.

Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 143, c/o Allen Boone Humphries Robinson LLP, 3200 Southwest Freeway, Phoenix Tower, Suite 2600, Houston, Texas 77027, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015241001 to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated domestic wastewater from a daily average flow not to exceed 200,000 gallons per day (gpd) to a daily average flow not to exceed 500,000 gpd. TCEQ received this application on June 13, 2018.

The facility is located approximately 0.25 mile north of the intersection of Brandt Road and McCrary Road, on the east side of McCrary Road, in Fort Bend County, Texas 77406. The treated effluent is discharged via a 1,530 foot pipeline to an unnamed tributary; thence to Jones Creek; thence to Brazos River below Navasota River in Segment No. 1202 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are limited aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary and high aquatic life use for Jones Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1202 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and primary contact recreation. As a public courtesy, we have provided the following Web page to an online map of the site or the facility's general location. The online map is not part of the application or the notice:

<<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-95.769166%2C29.646388&level=12>>. For the exact location, refer to the application.

In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), 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 Jones Creek, which has 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 prepared a draft permit which, 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 Cinco Ranch Branch Library, 2620 Commercial Center Boulevard, Katy, Texas.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing at:

**10:00 a.m. – February 5, 2020
William P. Clements Building
300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor
Austin, Texas 78701**

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary hearing phase of the proceeding, which will occur at a later date, will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will address the disputed issues of fact identified in the TCEQ order concerning this application issued on October 25, 2019. In addition to these issues, the judge may consider additional issues if certain factors are met.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 26, Texas Water Code; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155. The hearing will be held unless all timely hearing requests have been withdrawn or denied.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be adversely affected by the application in a way not common to members of the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, “Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.”

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 143 at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Steve Barry, P.E., Jones|Carter, at 281-363- 4039.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-3445, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: December 5, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget C. Bohac". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality