

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING
DTB INVESTMENTS, L.P.
SOAH Docket No. 582-20-4067
TCEQ Docket No. 2019-1640-MWD
Permit No. WQ0015092001**

APPLICATION.

DTB Investments, L.P., 28615 Interstate Highway 10 West, Boerne, Texas 78006, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to change the method of disposal from land application to discharge to waters in the state via Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015092001 and to increase the discharge from a daily average flow not to exceed 180,000 gallons per day (gpd) to a daily average flow not to exceed 300,000 gpd. The current permit authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater via subsurface drip irrigation of 41.32 acres. TCEQ received this application on February 27, 2018.

The facility will be located 0.42 mile west of the intersection of East Ammann Road and Persimmon Road and 0.13 mile north of East Ammann Road, in Comal County, Texas 78163. The treated effluent will be discharged to an unnamed tributary; thence to Indian Creek; thence to Upper Cibolo Creek in Segment No. 1908 of the San Antonio River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary and Indian Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1908 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, aquifer protection, 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=-98.477222%2C29.761111&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. This review has preliminarily determined that no water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses are present within the stream reach assessed; therefore, no Tier 2 degradation determination is required. No significant degradation of water quality is expected in water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses downstream, and 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 South Texas Wastewater Treatment, 227 Commerce Avenue, Boerne, Texas 78006.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

Considering directives to protect public health, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing via Zoom videoconference. A Zoom meeting is a secure, free meeting held over the internet that allows video, audio, or audio/video conferencing.

9:00 a.m. – September 16, 2020

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[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/agendas/comm/backup/SOAH/DTB_Investments, L.P./ZoomInfo.pdf](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/agendas/comm/backup/SOAH/DTB_Investments,_L.P./ZoomInfo.pdf)

**Visit the SOAH website for registration at: <http://www.soah.texas.gov/>
or call SOAH at 512-475-4993.**

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 April 13, 2020. 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 DTB Investments, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Aaron Laughlin, P.E., Steger & Bizzell Engineering, at 512-930-9412.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-4993, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: August 10, 2020



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