

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING  
QUAIL RUN SERVICES, LLC  
SOAH Docket No. 582-20-4375  
TCEQ Docket No. 2019-1472-MWD  
Proposed Permit No. WQ0015711001**

**APPLICATION.**

Quail Run Services, LLC, P.O. Box 570177, Houston, Texas 77257, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015711001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 50,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on July 17, 2018.

The facility will be located on the east side of State Highway 80, approximately 1.0 mile south of the intersection of County Road 488 and State Highway 80, in Karnes County, Texas 78116. The treated effluent will be discharged to a man-made ditch; thence to a pond; thence to a man-made ditch; thence to Shockley Creek; thence to Elm Creek; thence to Sandies Creek; thence to Guadalupe River Below San Marcos River in Segment No. 1803 of the Guadalupe River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the man-made ditches and Shockley Creek, limited aquatic life use for the pond and Elm Creek (Karnes County downstream to 0.6 miles into Gonzales County), and high aquatic life use for Elm Creek (0.6 mi downstream of the Gonzales County boundary). The designated uses for Segment No. 1803 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. 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 Elm Creek (Gonzales County), 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. 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=-97.746388%2C29.200833&level=12>>. For the exact location, refer to the application.

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 Karnes City Public Library, 302 South Panna Maria Avenue, Karnes City, Texas.

### **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.

**10:00 a.m. – September 30, 2020**

To join the Zoom meeting via computer:

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**Meeting ID:** 160 978 9274

**Password:** 406407

or

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**Meeting ID:** 160 978 9274

**Password:** Jg6eEx

Additional details and methods for joining the Zoom meeting are available online at:  
[https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm\\_exec/agendas/comm/backup/SOAH/QuailRun/ZoomInfo.pdf](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/agendas/comm/backup/SOAH/QuailRun/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 June 16, 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](http://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](http://www.tceq.texas.gov).

Further information may also be obtained from Quail Run Services, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jeff Goebel, at 713-783-6611.

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 17, 2020



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