

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



## **Notice of Public Meeting for Hazardous Industrial Waste Permit/Compliance Plan Renewal with Major Amendment**

Permit/Compliance Plan No. 50343

**APPLICATION.** Union Pacific Railroad Company, owner of the Houston Wood Preserving Works located at 4910 Liberty Road, Houston, Texas, 77026 in Harris County, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal and major amendment of Hazardous Waste Permit/Compliance Plan No. 50343 to authorize: the continued post-closure care and corrective action at the facility; the addition of solid waste management units and areas of concern subject to corrective action; updates to on-site and off-site plume management zones; the addition of a Response Action Plan to address soil and groundwater contamination; the addition of alternate point of exposure wells; a facility name change from Union Pacific Railroad Company, Houston Tie Plant to Union Pacific Railroad Company, Houston Wood Preserving Works; changes in the facility legal description, financial assurance, and to the facility boundary; typographical corrections; and administrative changes. TCEQ received the application on December 10, 2014. The following link to an electronic map of the facility or the facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: <https://arcgis.com/arcgis/arcgis/rest/services/50343/MapServer/0>. For exact location, refer to application.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION.** The TCEQ Executive Director has completed a technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit/compliance plan that if granted, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that the draft permit/compliance plan, if granted, would meet all statutory and regulatory requirements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING.** The purpose of the public meeting is for the public to provide input for consideration by the commission and for the applicant and the commission staff to provide information to the public. 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. Response will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Discussion Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. The Executive Director will prepare a written response to all relevant and material or significant formal comments received before the close of the public comment period. A copy of the written response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or a request to be added to the mailing list for this permit application and provide a mailing address. The executive director will consider all timely public comments received including public comments received in writing or spoken during the Formal Comment Period of the public meeting before a

decision is reached on the permit application. If a contested case hearing is granted for this application The Commission may only consider relevant and material issues raised before the close of all applicable public comment periods. The public comment period for this application has been extended until the close of the public meeting.

**The Public Meeting is to be held:**

**Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 PM**

**Members of the public who would like to ask questions or provide comments during the meeting may access the meeting via webcast by following this link: <https://www.gotomeeting.com/webinar/join-webinar> and entering Webinar ID 671-777-035. It is recommended that you join the webinar and register for the public meeting at least 15 minutes before the meeting begins. You will be given the option to use your computer audio or to use your phone for participating in the webinar.**

**Those without internet access may call (512) 239-1201 at least one day prior to the meeting for assistance in accessing the meeting and participating telephonically. Members of the public who wish to only listen to the meeting may call, toll free, (415) 930-5321 and enter access code 358-549-912.**

**Additional information will be available on the agency calendar of events at the following link:**

**<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/hearings/calendar.html>.**

**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, Texas 78711-3087 or electronically at [www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/](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. General information can be found at our website at [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov). *Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.*

The permit application, the Executive Director's preliminary decision, and the draft permit/compliance plan are available for viewing and copying at Tuttle Branch Library 702 Kress, Houston, Texas 77020. Additional technical information may be obtained from Mr. Kevin Peterburs, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Senior Manager Environmental Site Remediation, by calling 414-267-4164. Information requests associated with general public inquiries may be obtained from Mr. Richard Zientek, Union Pacific Railroad Company, Senior Director Public Affairs, by calling 281-350-7178.

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 five business days prior to the meeting.

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