

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR AIR QUALITY PERMITS

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBERS 22052, PSDTX1578, N286, GHGPSDTX201, 46307, PSDTX1580, N288, GHGPSDTX202, 46426, PSDTX999M1, N290, GHGPSDTX203, 19806 AND PSDTX1586

APPLICATION. TPC Group LLC, 8600 Park Place Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77017-2513, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to State Air Quality Permits 22052, 46307, 46426, and 19806, issuance of Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permits PSDTX1578, PSDTX1580, PSDTX999M1, and PSDTX1586, issuance of Nonattainment Permit Numbers N290, N286, and N288, and issuance of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) PSD Air Quality Permits GHGPSDTX201, GHGPSDTX202, and GHGPSDTX203 for emissions of GHGs, which would authorize modification of the Houston Plant located at 8600 Park Place Boulevard, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77017. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount to require a Nonattainment Review: organic compounds. The facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less. In addition, the facility will emit: carbon monoxide, organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, hazardous air pollutants, and sulfur dioxide. No other pollutant emission increase will result from this facility.

The De Minimis analysis modeling results indicate that all pollutants and averaging times do not exceed the respective de minimis concentrations and do not require PSD increment analyses.

The executive director has determined that the emissions of air contaminants from the existing facility which are subject to PSD review will not violate any state or federal air quality regulations and will not have any significant adverse impact on soils, vegetation, or visibility. All air contaminants have been evaluated, and "best available control technology" will be used for the control of these contaminants.

Harris County has been designated nonattainment for ozone because Continuous Ambient Air Monitoring Stations have shown that ambient concentrations of ozone exceed the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Ground-level ozone is not emitted directly into the air, but is created by chemical reactions between nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC). The Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requires that new major stationary sources and major modifications at sources in designated nonattainment areas must satisfy nonattainment new source review prior to commencement of construction.

As required by the nonattainment review, all air contaminants have been evaluated and the "lowest achievable emission rate" has been addressed for the control of these contaminants. The emission increases from this project will be offset with emission reductions by a ratio of 1.2 to 1. Furthermore, the applicant has demonstrated that the benefits of the existing facility significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed as a result of its location, construction, or modification. Finally,

the applicant has certified that all major stationary sources owned or operated by the applicant in the state are in compliance or on a schedule for compliance with all applicable state and federal emission limitations and standards. The executive director, therefore, has made the preliminary determination to issue this permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. 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. 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. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

The Public Meeting is to be held:

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 7:00 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 735-229-883. 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 must call (512) 239-1201 **at least one day prior** to the meeting to register for the meeting and to obtain information for participating telephonically. Members of the public who wish to **only listen** to the meeting may call, toll free, (562) 247-8422 and enter access code 924-417-974.

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 public 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 <https://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 Web site at www.tceq.texas.gov. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.*

The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, draft permit, and the executive director's preliminary determination summary and executive director's air quality analysis, will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Houston regional office, and online at <https://www.publicnotice.live/TPC%20DH2%20Amendment%20Application%20Public%20Notice.pdf>.

The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Street Suite H, Houston, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from TPC Group LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jason Sanders, EHSS Environmental Manager at (713) 475-7409.

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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