TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



(To change applicant representative information.) CITY OF LIBERTY HILL SOAH Docket No. 582-22-1222 TCEQ Docket No. 2021-0999-MWD Permit No. WQ0014477001

APPLICATION.

City of Liberty Hill, 926 Loop 332, Liberty Hill, Texas 78642, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0014477001, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at an annual average flow not to exceed 4,000,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 5, 2018.

The facility is located approximately 8,800 feet southeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 29 and U.S. Highway 183, in Williamson County, Texas 78641. The treated effluent is discharged to South Fork San Gabriel River in Segment No. 1250 of the Brazos River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1250 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, aquifer protection, and high aquatic life use. 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: <<u>https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of8168250f&marker=-97.861666%2C30.631944&level=12</u>>. 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 City of Liberty Hill City Hall, 926 Loop 332, Liberty Hill, 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. - March 28, 2022

To join the Zoom meeting via computer: <u>https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/</u>

Meeting ID: 160 661 7368 Password: TCEQ32822 or To join the Zoom meeting via telephone: (669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666 Meeting ID: 160 661 7368 Password: 516463718

Visit the SOAH website for registration at: <u>http://www.soah.texas.gov/</u> 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 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 19, 2021. 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 Texas Administrative Code (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 <u>www.soah.texas.gov</u>, 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 <u>www.tceq.texas.gov</u>.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Liberty Hill at the address stated above or by calling **Mr. Jay Holmes, Public Works Manager**, City of Liberty Hill, at 512-778-5449.

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.

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality