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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

July 31, 2014

Dear Potential Stakeholder:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is soliciting your input on development of screening procedures for thermal discharges in Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permits. A stakeholder meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCEQ offices in Austin, Building F, Room 2210.

In 2010, the TCEQ began receiving Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) objections to TPDES permits regarding temperature limits that exceeded the segment criteria. At that time, TCEQ began negotiations with the EPA to develop a strategy to address thermal discharges in Texas. Recently, the TCEQ and the EPA reached an agreement that the TCEQ will develop screening procedures to address this issue. Concurrently, and over a more extended time frame, the TCEQ will evaluate existing temperature criteria.

Please go to the website below for additional information including the meeting agenda and one possible screening approach that will be discussed at the meeting.

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/standards/WQ_stds

We look forward to your participation in development of a resolution to this issue. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Lynda Clayton of my staff at 512-239-4591 or via email at lynda.clayton@tceq.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David W. Galindo".

David W. Galindo, Director
Water Quality Division

From: [OutReach](#)
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Good Morning,

Meeting Announcement:

Wednesday, August 20, 2014, 9:00, TCEQ, Building F, Room 2210
Meeting to discuss thermal discharges in TPDES permits

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The TCEQ is seeking your participation in developing screening procedures for addressing thermal discharges in TPDES permits where thermal discharges may be an issue in the receiving waters.

Attached are the tentative meeting agenda and one possible approach to thermal discharge screening. Please be prepared to provide comments on this approach and please bring any and all ideas you may have for addressing this issue. If you already have thoughts/ideas and are willing to share them with us prior to the meeting, please email them to Lynda.Clayton@tceq.texas.gov

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