

TCEQ Public Meeting Form
November 10, 2025

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MPH Bastrop Peakers, LLC
Permit Nos.
178585, PSDTX1658, and GHGPSDTX247

Application for an Air Quality Permit

PLEASE PRINT

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City/State: Austin, TX Zip: 78741

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- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? Yes No

If yes, which one? Public Citizen

- Please add me to the mailing list.
- I wish to provide formal **ORAL COMMENTS** at tonight's public meeting.
- I wish to provide formal **WRITTEN COMMENTS** at tonight's public meeting.

(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)
Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.



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0.081	0.069	0.048	0.068	1	275	242	88	0.095	0.077	0	0	275	236	4	None	1	4845B020	12300 Little Creek Rd	Leander	Travis	TX	06

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0.076	0.075	0.073	0.07	3	275	219	80	0.083	0.082	0	0	275	224	10	None	1	484530020	12200 Lime Creek Rd	Leander	Travis	TX	06

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Concerns regarding the ‘new’ turbines

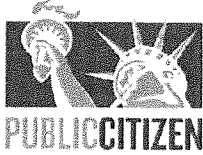
We also have concerns regarding the emissions coming from these turbines and whether or not these are using Best Available Control Technologies. In the workbooks submitted to the TCEQ in January of 2025, the proposed Carbon Monoxide emissions were 326.25 tons per year.⁴ In the revised permit submitted to the TCEQ in September of this year, the emissions increases to 613.26 tons per year.⁵

Similar increases were seen for SO2 (12.61 tpy to 30.75 tpy) and H2SO4 (1.93 tpy to 5.22 tpy). What is the reason for these significant increases in proposed emissions? The permit sent to the

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⁴ 20241216-01_Revised NSR Workbook

⁵ AIR NSR_AirPermits-386107_Permits_Public_20250926_Agency Review_7927753_



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TCEQ does not clarify what the best available technology is to limit the SO₂ other than describing the quality of the natural gas that is being delivered. If this is the same natural gas as there was one year ago, why is there an increase in SO₂? Additionally, these updated metrics are not reflected in the plain language summary on the TCEQ website.⁶

Conclusion

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Respectfully,

Kamil Cook

⁶ <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/permitting/air/bilingual/pending-permit-notices/178585-pls-english.pdf>

Tammy Johnson

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 3:37 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number 178585
Attachments: 2025-2-10 Public Citizen Bastrop Comments pdf.pdf

PM

From: kcook@citizen.org <kcook@citizen.org>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 7:04 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: 178585

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Kamil Cook

EMAIL: kcook@citizen.org

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PHONE: 5124771155

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From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2025 3:19 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Subject: FW: Spanish Translation Request
Attachments: EJScreen Community Report maps and data.pdf; EJScreen ACS Summary Report.pdf

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From: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 4:33 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
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Laurie Gharis
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To: Laurie Gharis <Laurie.Gharis@tceq.texas.gov>
Cc: Adrian Shelley <ashelley@citizen.org>
Subject: Spanish Translation Request

Hello Ms. Gharis,

I hope you've been staying warm in this weather! I'm reaching out to request Spanish translators at public meetings and materials that are disseminated to the community to be translated into Spanish regarding the expansion of the Bastrop Energy Center (permit #178585) at 125 Old Bastrop Road, Cedar Creek, TX 78612.

Please see the attached two documents which break down the socioeconomic information of people who live within a 2-mile radius of the Bastrop Energy Center. As you can see, 75% of the people who live within two miles of the plant speak Spanish at home. Without Spanish translators at public meetings and materials being translated

into Spanish for this community, people in the community would have a difficult time understanding their rights in the permit request process. Thank you.

Warmly,
Kamil Cook

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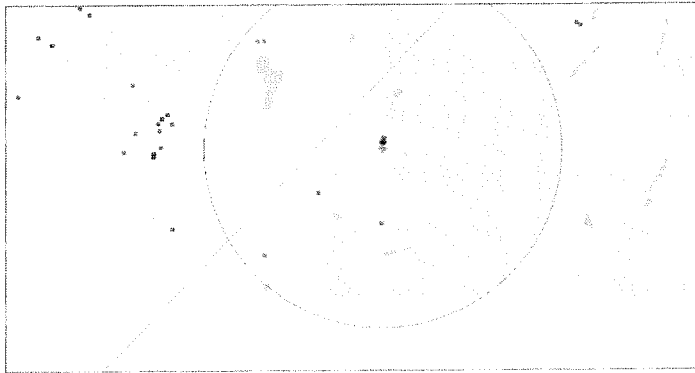


EJScreen Community Report

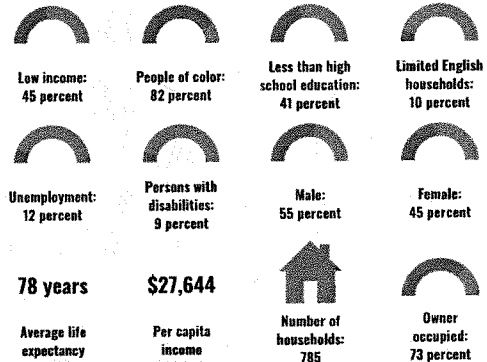
This report provides environmental and socioeconomic information for user-defined areas, and combines that data into environmental justice and supplemental indexes.

Bastrop Energy Center

2 miles Ring Centered at 30.146688,-97.549535
 Population: 2,602
 Area in square miles: 12.56



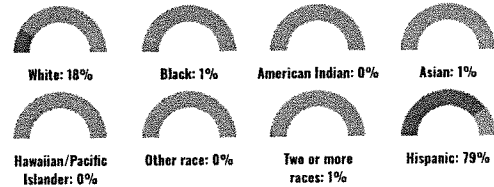
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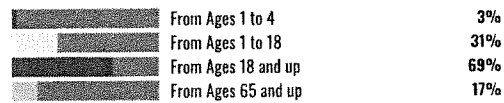
LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME

LANGUAGE	PERCENT
English	25%
Spanish	75%
Total Non-English	75%

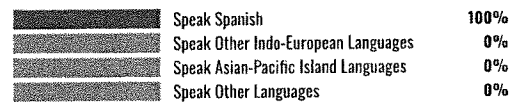
BREAKDOWN BY RACE



BREAKDOWN BY AGE



LIMITED ENGLISH SPEAKING BREAKDOWN



Notes: Numbers may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race. Source: U.S. Census Bureau; American Community Survey (ACS) 2018-2022. Life expectancy data comes from the Centers for Disease Control.

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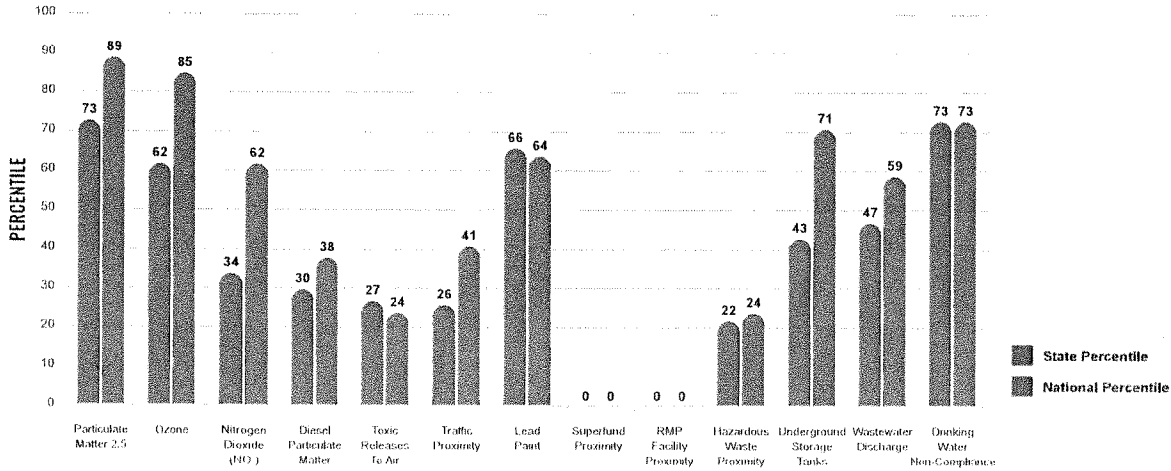
Environmental Justice & Supplemental Indexes

The environmental justice and supplemental indexes are a combination of environmental and socioeconomic information. There are thirteen EJ indexes and supplemental indexes in EJScreen reflecting the 13 environmental indicators. The indexes for a selected area are compared to those for all other locations in the state or nation. For more information and calculation details on the EJ and supplemental indexes, please visit the [EJScreen website](#).

EJ INDEXES

The EJ indexes help users screen for potential EJ concerns. To do this, the EJ Index combines data on low income and people of color populations with a single environmental indicator.

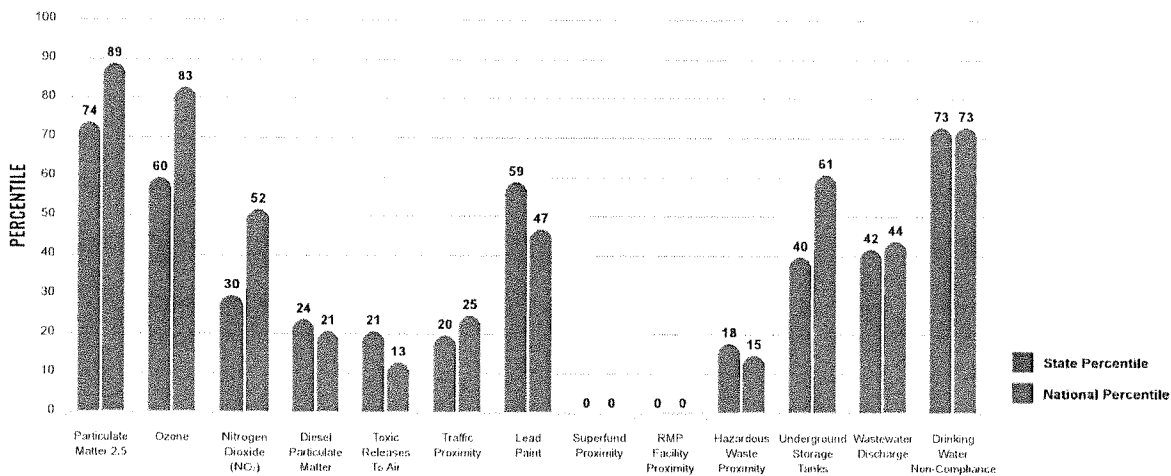
EJ INDEXES FOR THE SELECTED LOCATION



SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES

The supplemental indexes offer a different perspective on community-level vulnerability. They combine data on percent low income, percent persons with disabilities, percent less than high school education, percent limited English speaking, and percent low life expectancy with a single environmental indicator.

SUPPLEMENTAL INDEXES FOR THE SELECTED LOCATION



Report for 2 miles Ring Centered at 30.146688,-97.549535

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EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data

SELECTED VARIABLES	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN STATE	USA AVERAGE	PERCENTILE IN USA
ENVIRONMENTAL BURDEN INDICATORS					
Particulate Matter 2.5 (µg/m ³)	8.88	8.86	52	8.45	71
Ozone (ppb)	62.2	63	37	61.8	59
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) (ppbv)	5.7	9.5	17	7.8	30
Diesel Particulate Matter (µg/m ³)	0.0648	0.151	16	0.191	14
Toxic Releases to Air (toxicity-weighted concentration)	8.2	12,000	13	4,600	8
Traffic Proximity (daily traffic count/distance to road)	87,000	1,000,000	14	1,700,000	16
Lead Paint (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.09	0.16	57	0.3	34
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0	0.11	0	0.39	0
RMP Facility Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0	0.95	0	0.57	0
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.057	1.5	18	3.5	15
Underground Storage Tanks (count/km ²)	0.25	2.3	24	3.6	38
Wastewater Discharge (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	4	3800	30	700000	29
Drinking Water Non-Compliance (points)	0.065	2.3	75	2.2	74
SOCIOECONOMIC INDICATORS					
Demographic Index USA	2.36	N/A	N/A	1.34	85
Supplemental Demographic Index USA	2.27	N/A	N/A	1.64	83
Demographic Index State	2.37	1.72	73	N/A	N/A
Supplemental Demographic Index State	1.84	1.49	71	N/A	N/A
People of Color	82%	58%	70	40%	84
Low Income	45%	34%	69	30%	76
Unemployment Rate	12%	5%	88	6%	87
Limited English Speaking Households	10%	8%	75	5%	85
Less Than High School Education	41%	16%	91	11%	96
Under Age 5	3%	6%	29	5%	34
Over Age 64	17%	15%	65	18%	52

*Diesel particulate matter index is from the EPA's Air Toxics Data Update, which is the Agency's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. This effort aims to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that the air toxics data presented here provide broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the Air Toxics Data Update can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/toxics/air-toxics-data-update>.

Sites reporting to EPA within defined area:

Superfund	0
Hazardous Waste, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities	0
Water Dischargers	8
Air Pollution	1
Brownfields	0
Toxic Release Inventory	0

Other community features within defined area:

Schools	0
Hospitals	0
Places of Worship	1

Other environmental data:

Air Non-attainment	No
Impaired Waters	Yes

Selected location contains American Indian Reservation Lands*	No
Selected location contains a "Justice40 (CEJST)" disadvantaged community	Yes
Selected location contains an EPA IRA disadvantaged community	Yes

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EJScreen Environmental and Socioeconomic Indicators Data

HEALTH INDICATORS					
INDICATOR	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE
Low Life Expectancy	20%	20%	45	20%	51
Heart Disease	5.4	5.4	49	5.8	44
Asthma	9.9	9.8	60	10.3	42
Cancer	5	5.5	42	6.4	22
Persons with Disabilities	9.2%	12.6%	31	13.7%	24

CLIMATE INDICATORS					
INDICATOR	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE
Flood Risk	8%	10%	67	12%	57
Wildfire Risk	98%	30%	89	14%	94

CRITICAL SERVICE GAPS					
INDICATOR	VALUE	STATE AVERAGE	STATE PERCENTILE	US AVERAGE	US PERCENTILE
Broadband Internet	17%	13%	68	13%	72
Lack of Health Insurance	28%	18%	82	9%	97
Housing Burden	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Transportation Access Burden	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Food Desert	No	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Report for 2 miles Ring Centered at 30 146688, -97.549535

Report produced January 22, 2025 using EJScreen Version 2.3



EJScreen ACS Summary Report



Location: 2 miles Ring Centered at 30.146688,-97.549535

Description: Bastrop Energy Center

Summary of ACS Estimates		2018 - 2022		
Population				2,602
Population Density (per sq. mile)				167
People of Color Population				2,133
% People of Color Population				82%
Households				785
Housing Units				797
Housing Units Built Before 1950				72
Per Capita Income				27,644
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)				15.63
% Land Area				100%
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)				0.03
% Water Area				0%
		2018 - 2022 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Race				
Total		2,602	100%	966
Population Reporting One Race		2,423	93%	2,074
White		1,345	52%	810
Black		67	3%	124
American Indian		0	0%	15
Asian		20	1%	187
Pacific Islander		0	0%	15
Some Other Race		991	38%	923
Population Reporting Two or More Races		179	7%	431
Total Hispanic Population		2,059	79%	971
Total Non-Hispanic Population		543		
White Alone		469	18%	370
Black Alone		28	1%	103
American Indian Alone		0	0%	15
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone		20	1%	187
Pacific Islander Alone		0	0%	15
Other Race Alone		0	0%	15
Two or More Races Alone		26	1%	75
Population by Sex				
Male		1,425	55%	703
Females		1,177	45%	708
Population by Age				
Age 0-4		81	3%	185
Age 0-17		800	31%	455
Age 18+		1,802	69%	473
Age 65+		431	17%	204

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be any race. N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community (ACS) 2018 - 2022



EJScreen ACS Summary Report



Location: 2 miles Ring Centered at 30.146688,-97.549535

Description: Bastrop Energy Center

	2018 - 2022 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population 25+ by Educational Attainment			
Total	1,555	100%	549
Less than 9th Grade	387	25%	305
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	248	16%	169
High School Graduate	327	21%	260
Some College, No Degree	390	25%	344
Associate Degree	55	4%	145
Bachelor's Degree or more	147	9%	146
Population Age 5+ by Ability to Speak English			
Total	2,521	100%	953
Speak only English	964	38%	485
Non-English at Home ¹⁺²⁺³⁺⁴	1,558	62%	697
¹ Speak English "very well"	1,001	40%	527
² Speak English "well"	328	13%	236
³ Speak English "not well"	222	9%	224
⁴ Speak English "not at all"	6	0%	67
³⁺⁴ Speak English "less than well"	229	9%	232
²⁺³⁺⁴ Speak English "less than very well"	556	22%	330
Limited English Speaking Households*			
Total	77	100%	98
Speak Spanish	77	100%	94
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0	0%	15
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	0	0%	15
Speak Other Languages	0	0%	15
Households by Household Income			
Household Income Base	785	100%	275
< \$15,000	218	28%	176
\$15,000 - \$25,000	24	3%	68
\$25,000 - \$50,000	94	12%	119
\$50,000 - \$75,000	82	10%	160
\$75,000	367	47%	256
Occupied Housing Units by Tenure			
Total	785	100%	275
Owner Occupied	574	73%	212
Renter Occupied	211	27%	208
Employed Population Age 16+ Years			
Total	1,890	100%	669
In Labor Force	1,162	61%	490
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	137	12%	188
Not In Labor Force	728	39%	289

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be any race.
 N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2018 - 2022.
 *Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.



EJScreen ACS Summary Report



Location: 2 miles Ring Centered at 30.146688,-97.549535

Description: Bastrop Energy Center

	2018 - 2022 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Languages Spoken at Home*			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	2,500	100%	731
English	629	25%	364
Spanish	1,871	75%	783
French, Haitian, or Cajun	0	0%	15
German, or other Western Germanic	0	0%	15
Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic	0	0%	15
Other Indo-European	0	0%	15
Korean	0	0%	15
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	0	0%	15
Vietnamese	0	0%	15
Tagalog (including Filipino)	0	0%	15
Other Asian and Pacific Island	0	0%	15
Arabic	0	0%	15
Other and Unspecified	0	0%	15
Total Non-English	1,871	75%	817

Data Note: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be any race. N/A means not available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community (ACS) 2018 - 2022.

*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

TCEQ Public Meeting Form
November 10, 2025

MPH Bastrop Peakers, LLC
Permit Nos.
178585, PSDTX1658, and GHGPSDTX247

Application for an Air Quality Permit

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Phil Cook

Mailing Address: 1192 Shiloh Rd

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Cedar Creek Zip: 78612

****This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act****

Email: philcookz@yahoo

Phone Number: 512 321 4964

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

- Please add me to the mailing list.
- I wish to provide formal **ORAL COMMENTS** at tonight's public meeting.
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(Written comments may be submitted at any time during the meeting)
Please give this form to the person at the information table. Thank you.

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 11:14 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number GHGPSDTX247

From: contact@livtx.org <contact@livtx.org>
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2025 4:08 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number GHGPSDTX247

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: GHGPSDTX247

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Linda Curtis

EMAIL: contact@livtx.org

COMPANY: League of Independent Voters of Texas

ADDRESS: PO Box 651
Bastrop, TX 78602

PHONE: 5126572089

FAX:

COMMENTS: The area surrounding the existing Bastrop Energy Center is quickly becoming heavily urbanized, with several new housing subdivisions and apartment complexes presently being planned and developed. That TCEQ would permit the addition of six additional power turbines (the Bastrop Peaking Center) to the existing facility at southeast of Wolf Lane and Highway 71 close to the Travis County line, with its accompanying new sources of pollution is unacceptable. The resulting air pollutants

will affect the health of the thousands of people who are and will be living near the plants. The thousands of tons of additional carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, sulfur dioxide, and heavy metals that the plants will emit have been well documented elsewhere. The effects of additional light and noise pollution have not been addressed and require attention. The power plants are located on high ground: the light from the existing plants can be seen for many miles around, and are a significant source of light pollution. The noise from the two existing turbines is described by a nearby resident as constant: like a jet plane passing low overhead. The tripling of the generating capacity being considered by TCEQ will greatly increase both light and noise pollution. If the additional plants are permitted, the permit must include effective noise and sound mitigation. The area is becoming heavily urbanized; residents must not be subjected to the detriments caused by pollution from the power plants. The permit must require only focused, low intensity lighting. Operating lights that are needed only at times of inspection and maintenance must be switched off when not needed. Perimeter and security lighting must be kept to a minimum and allowed only where crucially needed. To mitigate the noise pollution emitted by the eight turbines, cooling systems, and other sources of noise, extensive sound barriers must be required that will effectively protect residents. The additional light and noise mitigations that are needed are relatively inexpensive and should not prove an excessive financial burden on Milepost Power: They are simply good business. There is no reason why such mitigation should not be required. Even with the additional light and noise mitigation, the Plants' expansion is inappropriate for this area and should not be permitted: it is simply too urbanized. We believe there are issues with nonattainment of air quality with this plant so close to the Travis County line, but this is beyond the scope of what we can argue and take the time to argue when TCEQ is so unresponsive to millions of people across Texas who are suffering from the effects of a captured agency. TCEQ staff are good people working in a bad system, so we do not fault them. It is the Legislature that has allowed for what is happening to Texas, our land, our people and our wildlife.

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 4:54 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

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From: jeffhop06@gmail.com <jeffhop06@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2025 9:51 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: 178585

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Jeffrey Dakin Hopkins

EMAIL: jeffhop06@gmail.com

COMPANY: CLC Ranch

ADDRESS: 4206 Aqua Verde Drive
Austin, TX 78746-1015, TX 78746

PHONE: 5128096943

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am writing to express my support for the permit application submitted by Milepost Power Holdings (MPH) to operate a natural gas peaking facility at the existing Bastrop Energy Center. The new project will meet a critical need for electricity in one of the fastest growing regions of the state. By providing energy at times of peak energy demand, this facility will also enhance the reliability of the statewide grid, which benefits all Texans. We let in Tesla, now lets ensure we don't get blackouts!

TCEQ Public Meeting Form
November 10, 2025

MPH Bastrop Peakers, LLC
Permit Nos.
178585, PSDTX1658, and GHGPSDTX247

Application for an Air Quality Permit

PLEASE PRINT

Name: Melissa Pate

Mailing Address: 148 Side Saddle

Physical Address (if different): _____

City/State: Cedar Creek Zip: 78612

****This information is subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act****

Email: melissa777@protonmail.com

Phone Number: 512 629 3707

- Are you here today representing a municipality, legislator, agency, or group? Yes No

If yes, which one? _____

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Tammy Johnson

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 8:00 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

From: Yvop920@gmail.com <Yvop920@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 3:26 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: 178585

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Yvonne Preciado

EMAIL: Yvop920@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 112 hummingbird ct
Cedar creek, TX 78612

PHONE: 7373488752

FAX:

COMMENTS: I am not for this expansion at all. This is going to affect me, my family, and neighbors to have lifelong issues. This is not good for the environment either. Have some humanity. Capitalism isn't going to save us when the world starts falling apart(more than it already is). Why do you need so much money? Who are you leaving it to once you are gone? This will only help destroy any future we might have a chance at.

Tammy Johnson

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 1:56 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

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From: Charleensauceda1@gmail.com <Charleensauceda1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 1:32 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: 178585

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Charleen Saucedo

EMAIL: Charleensauceda1@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 112 Hummingbird Ct
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

PHONE: 5126622867

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of the cedar creek area, I don't not approve of this expansion. This expansion threatens the most vulnerable people in our community along with children. How dare the city of bastrop try to poison our community by releasing MORE toxic pollutants. Shame on the city!

Tammy Johnson

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Wednesday, February 5, 2025 7:58 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-APD; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

From: Charleensauceda1@gmail.com <Charleensauceda1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 4, 2025 11:34 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: 178585

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Charleen Saucedo

EMAIL: Charleensauceda1@gmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 112 Hummingbird Ct
Cedar Creek, TX 78612

PHONE: 5126622867

FAX:

COMMENTS: As a resident of the cedar creek area, I don't not approve of this expansion. This expansion threatens the most vulnerable people in our community along with children. How dare the city of bastrop try to poison our community by releasing MORE toxic pollutants. Shame on the city!

Tammy Washington

From: PUBCOMMENT-OCC
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:25 AM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC2; PUBCOMMENT-OPIC; PUBCOMMENT-ELD; PUBCOMMENT-APD
Subject: FW: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

From: lisaswint@hotmail.com <lisaswint@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 28, 2025 4:41 PM
To: PUBCOMMENT-OCC <PUBCOMMENT-OCC@tceq.texas.gov>
Subject: Public comment on Permit Number 178585

REGULATED ENTY NAME BASTROP ENERGY CENTER

RN NUMBER: RN101056851

PERMIT NUMBER: 178585

DOCKET NUMBER:

COUNTY: BASTROP

PRINCIPAL NAME: MPH BASTROP PEAKERS LLC

CN NUMBER: CN606334142

NAME: Lisa Swint

EMAIL: lisaswint@hotmail.com

COMPANY:

ADDRESS: 19810 Wild Hollow
Garden Ridge, TX 78266

PHONE: 2817405694

FAX:

COMMENTS: To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to express my support for the permit application submitted by Milepost Power Holdings (MPH) to operate a natural gas peaking facility at the existing Bastrop Energy Center. The new Bastrop Peaking Center will meet a critical need for electricity in one of the fastest growing regions of the state. By providing energy at times of peak energy demand, this facility will also enhance the reliability of the statewide grid, which benefits all Texans. MPH is an experienced

operator of natural gas power plants across the United States, including two in Texas. The Bastrop Peaking Center will incorporate the latest ultra-low emissions technology, incorporate state-of-the art pollution controls on all equipment and meets TCEQ's Best Available Control Technology (BACT) requirements. Importantly, as a peaker facility, the Bastrop Peaking Center would operate primarily during high-demand periods, such as hot summer days and cold winter nights. The application seeks approval to operate a maximum of 40% of the year, minimizing environmental impact while providing critical grid reliability. I urge TCEQ to approve MPS's application. The Bastrop Peaking Center is an environmentally responsible answer to the call of Texans, the Legislature and Gov. Greg Abbott for more dispatchable power to support the growth and continued economic prosperity of Texas.