Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0015032001

APPLICATION. Grimes Co. Water Reclamation, LLC, 7063 Clark Road, Plantersville, Texas 77363, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015032001, which authorizes changing the method of disposal of treated wastewater effluent from land disposal to discharge into the waters of the State and an increase in the daily average flow from 80,000 gallons per day to 120,000 gallons per day. The current permit authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 80,000 gallons per day via surface irrigation of 57 acres of non-public access agricultural land. TCEQ received this application on October 13, 2021.

The facility is located at 7063 Clark Road, in the City of Plantersville, Grimes County, Texas 77363. The treated effluent will be discharged to an unnamed drainage ditch, thence to an unnamed tributary of Walnut Creek, thence to Walnut Creek, thence to Spring Creek in Segment No. 1008 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed drainage ditch, the unnamed tributary of Walnut Creek, and Walnut Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1008 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and the TCEQ's Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. This review has preliminarily determined that no water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses are present within the stream reach assessed; therefore, no Tier 2 degradation determination is required. No significant degradation of water quality is expected in water bodies with exceptional, high, or intermediate aquatic life uses downstream, and existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f 8168250f&marker=-95.892777%2C30.252222&level=12

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. 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 or ally into the official record. A written response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant comments will be prepared by the Executive Director, All formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A copy of the written response 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:

Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM Whitehall Community Center 14536 FM 362 Navasota, Texas 77868

INFORMATION. Members of the public 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, TX 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. *Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040*. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at https://www.tceq.texas.gov.

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Navasota Public Library, 1411 East Washington Avenue, Navasota, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from Grimes Co. Water Reclamation, LLC by calling Ms. Shelley Young, P.E., WaterEngineers, Inc., at 281-373-0500.

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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