

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING
EXFLUOR RESEARCH CORPORATION
SOAH Docket No. 582-23-11659
TCEQ Docket No. 2022-1552-AIR
Permit No. 165848**

APPLICATION.

Exflur Research Corporation, 2350 Double Creek Drive, Round Rock, Texas 78664-3801, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Proposed Air Quality Permit Number 165848, which would authorize construction of the Exflur Research facility located at 1100 County Road 236, Florence, Williamson County, Texas 76527. This application was processed in an expedited manner, as allowed by the commission's rules in 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 101, Subchapter J. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 9, 2021. The proposed facility will emit the following contaminants: carbon monoxide, hydrogen fluorides, hazardous air pollutants, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, and particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less.

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 executive director has made a preliminary decision to issue the permit because it meets all rules and regulations. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Austin Regional Office, and at the Eula Hunt Beck Florence Public Library, 207 East Main Street, Williamson County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Austin Regional Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle Building A, Room 179, Austin, 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. – May 30, 2023

To join the Zoom meeting via computer:

<https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/>

Meeting ID: 161 544 2433

Password: TCE59A

or

To join the Zoom meeting via telephone:

(669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 161 544 2433

Password: 998431

**Visit the SOAH website for registration at: <http://www.soah.texas.gov/>
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 December 20, 2022. In addition to these issues, the judge may consider additional issues if certain factors are met.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 382, Texas Health and Safety Code; TCEQ rules including 30 TAC Chapter 116, Subchapters A and B; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 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 affected by the application in a way not common to 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.

MAILING LIST.

You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.

Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/comments.html, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application, the permitting process, or the contested case hearing process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at (800) 687-4040. Si desea

información en Español, puede llamar al (800) 687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ may be obtained electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov

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 www.soah.texas.gov, 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 regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.texas.gov.

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.

Further information may also be obtained from Exflour Research Corporation at the address stated above or by calling Dr. Thomas Bierschenk, PhD, Vice President at (512) 310-9044.

Issued: April 14, 2023



Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality