

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF HEARING
Stephen Richard Selinger
SOAH Docket No. 582-24-08875
TCEQ Docket No. 2023-1667-MWD
TPDES Permit No. WQ0016103001

APPLICATION.

Stephen Richard Selinger, 620 Truelove Trail, Southlake, Texas 76092, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016103001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 500,000 gallons per day.

The facility will be located at 1008 Shankle Road, Palmer, in Ellis County, Texas 75152. The treated effluent will be discharged to an unnamed tributary, thence to Fourmile Creek thence to Village Creek, thence to Upper Trinity River in Segment No. 0805 of the Trinity River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary and limited aquatic life use for Fourmile Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 0805 are primary contact recreation 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=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of816825of&marker=-96.606006%2C32.41229&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. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Ennis Public Library, Front Desk, 501 West Ennis Avenue, Ennis, Texas.

DIRECT REFERRAL.

The Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision was published in English on August 17, 2022. On December 1, 2023, the Applicant filed a request for direct referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). Therefore, the chief clerk has referred this application directly to SOAH for a hearing on whether the application complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

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 5, 2024

To join the Zoom meeting via computer:

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

Meeting ID: 160 090 2843

Password: CEQ875

or

To join the Zoom meeting via telephone:

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

Meeting ID: 160 090 2843

Password: 262829

**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 be conducted in accordance with Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 26, Texas Water Code; TCEQ rules including 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 305; 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 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 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 about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Stephen Richard Selinger at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Stephen Selinger at (817) 421-0731.

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.

Issued: January 19, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Gharis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality