



TCEQ GENERAL INFORMATION

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Public Meetings on Air Permit Applications

Purpose of this Meeting

This public meeting provides information about an air quality permit application and allows members of the public to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ and provide formal comments on the application.

What Air Permits Cover

The Texas Clean Air Act (TCAA) gives TCEQ the authority to issue air quality authorizations, generally in the form of an air quality permit. The TCAA requires TCEQ to consider the control of emissions of air contaminants into the atmosphere for the protection of the environment, public health, and physical property. As provided by the TCAA, this authorization only addresses the emission of air contaminants into the atmosphere.

How TCEQ Reviews Air Permit Applications

TCEQ reviews air quality applications to ensure that all rules and regulations are met. As part of this, TCEQ completes administrative and technical reviews that include, but are not limited to, emission rate calculations, best-available control technology and an off-property impacts evaluation.

Issues TCEQ Cannot Consider for Air Quality Permit Applications

The TCAA establishes TCEQ's authority under the statute. For example, the definition of "facility"—a discrete, identifiable stationary source of air contaminants—specifically excludes mines and quarries. As a result, TCEQ does not have direct jurisdiction to regulate mines, quarries, or any associated blasting.

Under the TCAA, the definition of facility specifically applies to stationary sources. Therefore, mobile sources, such as trucks, are not regulated by TCEQ. Authority over traffic, noise, dust, and safety on public roads—including any load-bearing restrictions, access rights, and speed limits—is typically the responsibility of local, county, or other state agencies, such as the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Concerns regarding roads should be addressed to appropriate state or local officials. Any traffic concerns should be directed to local officials.

TCEQ does not have the authority to consider potential effects on *property values*, *future use plans*, or *zoning* when determining whether to approve or deny an air quality permit application. Applicants must comply with local government requirements for zoning. **Traffic patterns, roadway design, and traffic safety** are regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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Other TCEQ Permits the Facility is Required to Obtain

In addition to obtaining an air quality authorization, facilities may also have to obtain an authorization for the discharge of stormwater due to construction or operations. Such facilities may be required to register for a Construction General Permit or a Multi-Sector General Permit.

If a facility has process wastewater that is managed in a way that would result in a discharge to state waters, an individual industrial Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) wastewater permit is required.

For More Information

For questions about the permitting process, call or email our Public Education Program at 800-687-4040 or pep@tceq.texas.gov.

You can also view pending permit applications, find information on public meetings and contested case hearings, provide comments, request accommodations, and more on our website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/participation.