TCEQ GENERAL INFORMATION
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Public Meetings on Industrial Hazardous Waste Facilities

Purpose of this Meeting

This public meeting provides information about a pending permit or renewal application for a hazardous waste facility and allows members of the public to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ and provide formal comments on the application.

Contents of a Hazardous Waste Permit or Renewal Application

Facilities that store, treat, or dispose of hazardous waste must have a permit to do so. TCEQ reviews a permit or renewal application to determine whether it satisfies state and federal rule requirements and to ensure the proposed facility is designed, constructed, and operated in a manner that prevents nuisance conditions or impacts to the surrounding environment. The application contains detailed information about the proposed facility's design, activities, and operations.

Below is a brief description of typical hazardous waste facility components that you may hear about at this public meeting:

- **Closure processes** – Hazardous waste facilities must close in a way that maintains the integrity of any structural components.
- **Contingency plan** – A detailed plan describing procedures and protocols for responding to emergencies, spills, and releases of hazardous waste.
- **Engineering designs** – The proposed layout of the facility, including buildings, roads, and waste units, and the technical design of the waste units.
- **Financial assurance** – Applicant provided funding for environmental protection and maintenance during and after unit closure.
- **Groundwater monitoring system** – Groundwater monitoring wells are installed around waste units. Sampling occurs at the wells to determine whether waste constituents have escaped from a unit.
- **Operational practices** – Operational procedures that a facility operator must follow, including, but are not limited to, frequent inspections by site personnel, training, and site security.
- **Stormwater management** – A system of engineered structures, like swales, pipes, and berms, that direct stormwater away from waste units. Any water that makes contact with waste cannot be discharged without a separate TCEQ water quality permit.
- **Waste acceptance and analysis plan** – A detailed description of the types of hazardous waste that can be accepted at a facility and the procedures for inspecting and verifying incoming waste.

Issues TCEQ Cannot Consider

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 application. Applicants must

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comply with local government requirements for zoning. **Traffic patterns, roadway design,** and **traffic safety** are regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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.