



## TCEQ GENERAL INFORMATION

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# Public Meetings on IHW Coal Combustion Residual Facilities

## Purpose of this Meeting

This public meeting provides information about a pending application for a Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) facility registration and allows members of the public to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ and provide formal comments on the application.

## Contents of a CCR Registration

A CCR registration is required at a coal-fired power plant that disposes of or manages CCR onsite. CCR must be disposed of in CCR units: CCR landfills or surface impoundments. TCEQ reviews a registration application to determine if it satisfies state and federal rule requirements and to ensure that the facilities are designed, constructed, and operated in a manner that prevents nuisance conditions and does not impact the surrounding environment. The registration application contains detailed information about the facility's design, activities, and operations. Pending CCR applications are available online at the facility's website.

Here are brief descriptions of typical CCR components that you may hear about at this public meeting:

- **Closure processes** - CCR facilities must close in a way that maintains the integrity of any structural components.
- **Engineering designs** - The proposed layout of the facility, including buildings, roads, and CCR units, and the technical designs of the CCR units.
- **Groundwater monitoring system** - Wells installed around CCR units to monitor groundwater and determine if waste constituents have escaped from a unit.
- **Operational practices** - Operational procedures that an operator must follow, including, but not limited to, dust suppression, waste handling, and CCR unit inspections.
- **Stormwater management** - A system of engineered structures, like swales, pipes, and berms, that direct stormwater away from any waste areas. Any water that makes contact with waste cannot be discharged without a separate TCEQ water quality permit.

## 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 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](mailto:pep@tceq.texas.gov).

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