

Plain Language Summary of Non-Rule Air Quality Standard Permit for Natural Gas Electric Generating Units

Introduction

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) is proposing the issuance of a new non-rule air quality standard permit for natural gas fired electric generating units (EGUs) under the Texas Clean Air Act, Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.05195, Standard Permit; 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 116, Subchapter F, Standard Permits; and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed standard permit would provide applicants with more flexibility when seeking authorization of natural gas fired EGUs at a site and would serve as an alternative option to the existing Non-Rule Air Quality Standard Permit for EGUs.

Public Comment and Public Meeting Information

TCEQ will offer a hybrid in-person and virtual formal public meeting on the proposed permit. The meeting will be offered in Austin on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in Building F, Room 2210, at TCEQ's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle.

Individuals who plan to attend the meeting virtually and want to provide oral comments must register by Friday, July 26, 2024. To register, please email Rules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your email address, your phone number, and whether or not you plan to provide oral comments during the meeting. Instructions for participating in the meeting will be sent on Monday, July 29, 2024, to those who register for the meeting.

Members of the public who do not wish to provide oral comments but would like to view the meeting virtually may do so at no cost at:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmUwYzJmZTgtNjhiNi00ODA3LWJhZDItYjcwZDY1Yzg0ZTU0%40tHread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e74a40ea-69d4-469d-a8ef-06f2c9ac2a80%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3a%22true%7d

The meeting will be offered to receive public comments on the proposed new non-rule air quality standard permit. Spanish language interpretation services will be provided if requested. For accommodation needs, contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) as far in advance as possible.

The comment period for this proposed action closes at midnight on July 30, 2024. Submit written comments through the TCEQ Public Comments System at tceq.commentinput.com/ or by mail to Ms. Gwen Ricco, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Comments may also be faxed to fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Comments must reference Rule Project No. 2024-005-OTH-NR.

For more information about the proposal or to get help with submitting written comments, contact Ms. Suzanne Alexander, Rule Project Manager, at (512) 239-2134 or suzanne.alexander@tceq.texas.gov.