

Air Quality Standard Permit for Permanent Rock and Concrete Crushers
Effective Date July 31, 2008

This air quality standard permit authorizes rock and concrete crushing facilities that meet all of the conditions listed in sections (1), (2), and (3) of this standard permit. It is the permit holder's responsibility to demonstrate compliance with all conditions of this permit upon request by the executive director or any air pollution control agency having jurisdiction.

(1) General Requirements:

(A) For the purposes of this standard permit, the following definitions apply.

- (i) A site is one or more contiguous or adjacent properties which are under common control of the same person (or persons under common control).
- (ii) Associated sources are sources of air emissions that are related to the rock or concrete crushing operation, that are not "facilities" as defined under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) § 116.10, General Definitions. Associated sources include, but are not limited to, stockpiles and outdoor work areas. Screens, belt conveyors, generator sets, and material storage or feed bins are considered to be facilities and are not associated sources.
- (iii) A residence is a structure primarily used as a permanent dwelling.

(B) Except as provided in subsections (C) and (D) of this section, when crushing concrete, the concrete crushing facility shall be operated at least 440 yards from any building which was in use as a single or multi-family residence, school, or place of worship at the time an application was filed. The measurement of distance shall be taken from the point on the concrete crushing facility that is nearest to the residence, school, or place of worship toward the point on the building in use as a residence, school, or place of worship that is nearest the concrete crushing facility.

(C) Subsection (B) does not apply to:

- (i) a concrete crushing facility at a location for which the distance requirements of subsection (B) were satisfied at the time an application was filed with the commission, provided that the authorization was granted and maintained, regardless of whether a single or multi-family residence, school, or place of worship is subsequently built or put to use within 440 yards of the facility; or
- (ii) structures occupied or used solely by the owner of the facility or the owner of the property upon which the facility is located.

(D) Subsection (B) does not apply to a concrete crushing facility that:

- (i) is engaged in crushing concrete and other materials resulting from the demolition of a structure on that site and the concrete and other materials are being crushed primarily for use at that site;
- (ii) operates at that site during one period of no more than 180 calendar days;

- (iii) complies with all applicable conditions stated in commission rules, including operating conditions; and
 - (iv) is not located in a county with a population of 2.4 million or more persons, or in a county adjacent to such a county.
- (E) For any owner or operator with a facility authorized by this standard permit, the TCEQ will not accept an application for authorization of a crushing facility under Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) § 382.0518, Preconstruction Permit, located at the same site for a period of 12 months from the date of authorization.
- (F) An applicant for authorization of a rock crusher under THSC § 382.0518, is not eligible for this standard permit at the same site until 12 months after the application for authorization under § 382.0518 is withdrawn. Facilities already authorized by a permit under § 382.0518 are not eligible for this standard permit.
- (G) Applications for this standard permit shall be registered in accordance with 30 TAC § 116.611, Registration to Use a Standard Permit (including a current Form PI-1S, Crushing Plant Standard Permit Checklist and Table 17). A compliance history review shall be performed by the executive director in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 60, Compliance History. If a facility is determined to be a poor performer, as defined in 30 TAC Chapter 60, a standard permit registration shall not be issued.
- (H) No owner or operator of a crushing facility shall begin construction and/or operation without obtaining written approval from the executive director (except for crushers in non operational storage for which construction has not commenced as considered under the Texas Clean Air Act). Start of construction of any facility registered under this standard permit shall be no later than 18 months from the date of authorization. Construction progress and startup notification shall be made in accordance with 30 TAC § 116.115(b)(2), General and Special Conditions.
- (I) Applications for registration under this standard permit shall comply with 30 TAC § 116.614, Standard Permit Fees.
- (J) All affected facilities authorized by this standard permit must meet all applicable conditions of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Part 60, Subpart A, General Provisions, and OOO, Standards of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants.
- (K) Only crushing facilities that are processing nonmetallic minerals or a combination of nonmetallic minerals that are described in 40 (CFR) Part 60, Subpart OOO, shall be authorized by this standard permit.
- (L) This standard permit does not supersede the requirements of any other commission rule, including 30 TAC Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 3, Mass Emissions Cap and Trade Program; and 30 TAC Chapter 117, Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds.
- (M) Written records shall be kept for a rolling 24-month period and shall always remain on site. These records shall be made available at the request of any personnel from the TCEQ or any air pollution control program having jurisdiction. These written records shall contain the following:

- (i) daily hours of operation;
 - (ii) the throughput per hour;
 - (iii) road and work area cleaning and dust suppression logs; and
 - (iv) stockpile dust suppression logs.
- (N) Crushing operations and related activities shall comply with applicable requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 101, Subchapter F, Emission Events and Scheduled Maintenance, Startup, and Shutdown Activities.
- (O) Facilities which meet the conditions of this standard permit do not have to meet the emissions and distance limitations listed in 30 TAC § 116.610(a)(1), Applicability.
- (P) Maintenance emissions are not included in this permit and must be approved under separate authorization. Startup and shutdown emissions that exceed those expected during production operations must be approved under separate authorization.
- (Q) Owners or operators of facilities authorized by this standard permit are not eligible for any authorization in 30 TAC Chapter 106, Subchapter E, Aggregate and Pavement or 30 TAC § 106.512, Stationary Engines and Turbines, for a facility located at the same site as a rock crusher authorized by this standard permit.
- (R) Upon issuance of this standard permit, the TCEQ will no longer accept a registration for § 106.142, Rock Crushers.
- (2) Public Notice Requirements:
- (A) An application for authorization to construct and operate a rock crusher under this standard permit is not subject to the public notice requirements in 30 TAC Chapter 39 Subchapter H, Applicability and General Provisions, and Subchapter K, Public Notice of Air Quality Applications.
- (B) For authorization to use this standard permit, an applicant must publish notice under this section not later than the earlier of:
- (i) the 30th day after the date the applicant receives written notice from the executive director that the application is technically complete; or
 - (ii) the 75th day after the date the executive director receives the application.
- (C) The applicant must publish notice at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality in which the plant is proposed to be located or in the municipality nearest to the proposed location of the crusher. If the elementary or middle school nearest to the proposed plant provides a bilingual education program as required by Subchapter B, Chapter 29, Texas Education Code, the applicant must also publish the notice at least once in an additional publication of general circulation in the municipality or county in which the plant is proposed to be located that is published in the language taught in the bilingual education program. This requirement is waived if such a publication does not exist or if the publisher refuses to publish the notice.

- (D) The notice must include:
- (i) a brief description of the proposed location and nature of the proposed crusher;
 - (ii) a description, including a telephone number, of the manner in which the executive director may be contacted for further information;
 - (iii) a description, including a telephone number, of the manner in which the applicant may be contacted for further information;
 - (iv) the location and hours of operation of the commission's regional office at which a copy of the application is available for review and copying; and
 - (v) a brief description of the public comment process, including the mailing address and deadline for filing written comments.
- (E) At the applicant's expense, a sign or signs shall be placed at the site of the proposed facility declaring the filing of an application for a permit and stating the manner in which the commission may be contacted for further information. Such signs shall be provided by the applicant and shall meet the following requirements:
- (i) signs shall consist of dark lettering on a white background and shall be no smaller than 18 inches by 28 inches;
 - (ii) signs shall be headed by the words "PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT" in no less than two-inch boldface block-printed capital lettering;
 - (iii) signs shall include the words "APPLICATION NUMBER" and the number of the permit application in no less than one-inch boldface block-printed capital lettering (more than one number may be included on the signs if the respective public comment periods coincide);
 - (iv) signs shall include the words "for further information contact" in no less than 1/2-inch lettering;
 - (v) signs shall include the words "Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," and the address of the appropriate commission regional office in no less than one-inch boldface capital lettering and 3/4-inch boldface lower case lettering; and
 - (vi) signs shall include the phone number of the appropriate commission office in no less than two-inch boldface numbers.
- (F) The sign or signs must be in place by the date of publication of the newspaper notice required by subsection (2)(C) of this section and must remain in place and legible throughout the period of public comment provided for in subsection (2)(I) of this section.
- (G) Each sign placed at the site must be located within ten feet (ft.) of each (every) property line paralleling a street or other public thoroughfare. Signs must be completely visible from the street and spaced at not more than 1,500-ft. intervals. A minimum of one sign, but no more than three signs shall be required along any property line paralleling a public thoroughfare.

The commission may approve variations from these requirements if it is determined that alternative sign posting plans proposed by the applicant are more effective in providing notice to the public.

- (H) The alternate language sign posting requirements of this subsection are applicable whenever either the elementary school or the middle school located nearest to the facility or proposed facility provides a bilingual education program as required by Texas Education Code, Chapter 29, Subchapter B, and 19 TAC § 89.1205(a) or if either school has waived out of such a required bilingual education program under the provisions of 19 TAC § 89.1205(g). Schools not governed by the provisions of 19 TAC § 89.1205(a) shall not be considered in determining applicability of the requirements of this subsection. Each affected facility shall meet the following requirements.
 - (i) The applicant shall post an additional sign in each alternate language in which the bilingual education program is taught. If the nearest elementary or middle school has waived out of the requirements of 19 TAC § 89.1205(a) under 19 TAC § 89.1205(g), the alternate language signs shall be published in the alternate languages in which the bilingual education program would have been taught had the school not waived out of the bilingual education program.
 - (ii) The alternate language signs shall be posted adjacent to each English language sign required in this section.
 - (iii) The alternate language sign posting requirements of this subsection shall be satisfied without regard to whether alternate language notice is required under subsection (C) of this section.
 - (iv) The alternate language signs shall meet all other requirements of this section.
- (I) The public comment period begins on the first date notice is published under subsection (2)(B) and extends no less than 30 days from the publication date.
- (J) Not later than the 30th day after the end of the public comment period, the executive director will approve or deny the application for authorization to use the standard permit. The executive director must base the decision on whether the application meets the requirements of this standard permit. The executive director must consider all comments received during the public comment period in determining whether to approve the application. If the executive director denies the application, the executive director must state the reasons for the denial and any modifications to the application necessary for the proposed plant to qualify for the authorization.
- (K) The executive director will issue a written response to any public comments received related to the issuance of an authorization to use the standard permit at the same time as or as soon as practicable after the executive director grants or denies the application. Issuance of the response after the granting or denial of the application does not affect the validity of the executive director's decision to grant or deny the application. The executive director will:
 - (i) mail the response to each person who filed a comment; and
 - (ii) make the response available to the public.

(3) Operational Requirements:

- (A) The primary crusher throughput shall not exceed 200 tons per hour.
- (B) The crusher and all associated facilities, including engines and/or generator sets, but not including associated sources, shall be located no less than 200 ft. from the nearest property line, as measured from the point on the facility nearest the property line.
- (C) The crusher and all associated facilities, including engines and/or generator sets, but not including associated sources, shall be located no less than 440 yards from any building which was in use as a single or multi-family residence, school, or place of worship, at the time an application was filed, as measured from the point on the facility nearest the residence, school, or place of worship to the point on the residence, school, or place of worship nearest the facility.
- (D) The crushing facilities (not including associated sources) operating under this standard permit shall be located at least 550 ft. from any other rock crusher, concrete crusher, concrete batch plant, or hot mix asphalt plant. If this distance cannot be met, then the crusher shall not operate at the same time as the other rock crusher, concrete crusher, concrete batch plant, or hot mix asphalt plant. Measurement shall be from the closest point on the rock crushing facility to the closest point on any other facility.
- (E) All associated sources, including but not limited to, roads (except for incidental traffic and the entrance and exit to the site), work areas, and stockpiles, shall be located at least 100 ft. from the property line.
- (F) The facilities (as defined in 30 TAC § 116.10(4)) authorized under this standard permit shall be limited to one primary crusher, one secondary crusher, one vibrating grizzly, two screens, any conveyors, and one internal combustion engine (or combination of engines) of no more than 1,000 total horsepower. Equipment that is not a source of emissions does not require authorization.
- (G) All crushers, associated facilities, and associated sources (excluding stockpiles) shall not operate for more than an aggregate of 2,640 hours at the authorized site in any rolling 12 month period. Once the operating hours (2,640 hours) for the site have been exhausted, the owner or operator shall not use a standard permit to operate another rock crusher on the site.
- (H) The rock crusher and associated facilities shall not operate from one hour after official sunset to one hour before official sunrise.
- (I) Each crusher shall be equipped with a runtime meter, which will be operating during crushing during crushing operations.
- (J) Permanently mounted spray bars shall be installed at the inlet and outlet of all crushers, at all shaker screens, and at all material transfer points and used as necessary to maintain compliance with all TCEQ rules and regulations.
- (K) Opacity of emissions from any transfer point on belt conveyors or any screen shall not exceed 10 percent and from any crusher shall not exceed 15 percent, averaged over a six-minute period, and according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Test Method (TM) 9.

- (L) Visible emissions from the crusher, associated facilities, associated sources, and in-plant roads associated with the plant shall not leave the property for a period exceeding 30 seconds in duration in any six-minute period as determined using EPA TM 22.
- (M) Dust emissions from all in-plant roads and active work areas that are associated with the operation of the crusher, associated facilities, and associated sources shall be minimized at all times by at least one of the following methods:
 - (i) covered with a material such as, but not limited to, roofing shingles or tire chips (when used in combination with (ii) or (iii) of this subsection);
 - (ii) treated with dust-suppressant chemicals;
 - (iii) watered; or
 - (iv) paved with a cohesive hard surface that is maintained intact and cleaned.
- (N) All stockpiles shall be sprinkled with water, dust-suppressant chemicals, or covered, as necessary, to minimize dust emissions.
- (O) Raw material and product stockpile heights shall not exceed 45 ft.
- (P) The crusher shall be equipped with a weigh hopper or scale belt to accurately determine the mass of material being crushed.
- (Q) The crusher may relocate on the site for which it has been authorized without reauthorization as long as it remains at least 440 yards from any residence, school, or place of worship that was in existence at the time of the move.