

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Plain Language Summary of Proposed Renewal and Revision of Municipal Solid Waste Landfill General Operating Permit Number 517; Project Number: 2023-134-OTH-NR

Introduction

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, commission) is proposing renewal and revision of the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill (MSWL) General Operating Permit (GOP) Number 517.

Summary

GOPs are a type of authorization for certain stationary sources that must obtain a Federal Operating Permit (FOP). FOPs are required for major stationary sources and some minor stationary sources to operate their facilities. Information about the FOP program is available on the TCEQ website at: [Air Operating Permits \(Title V\)](#). GOPs identify uniform permit conditions that specify all applicable requirements for a defined class of stationary source. If a stationary source meets the applicability criteria identified in the GOP, it can apply for authorization to operate under the GOP. If not, it must apply for a source-specific Site Operating Permit. Requirements for the FOP program are located in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Chapter 122; requirements for GOPs are located in 30 TAC Chapter 122, Subchapter F.

The proposed renewal to GOP 517 includes revisions resulting from new and amended federal and state rules, as well as other changes, which are applicable requirements under the FOP program. Specific information about the changes is available by reviewing the draft GOP, which is available on the TCEQ website at: [General Operating Permits](#). This proposal fulfills the obligation to renew the corresponding MSWL GOP Number 517 every five years as required by 30 TAC §122.501 (General Operating Permits).

Public Comment and Hearing Information

Before the issuance of a renewal or significant revision to a GOP by TCEQ, the GOP must comply with 30 TAC Chapter 122, Subchapter F, procedural requirements, including a 30-day public comment period with an opportunity to request a notice and comment hearing, an affected states review, and a 45-day United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review. Once issued, the GOP is subject to a 60-day public petition period during which the public may petition EPA to object to the GOP. Petitions shall be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period, unless the petitioner demonstrates in the petition to EPA that it was not possible to raise the objections within the public comment period, or that the grounds for the objection arose after the public comment period. The petition shall identify all objections.

No stakeholder meetings are planned for this project.

TCEQ will hold a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing in Austin, Texas on September 16, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in Building F, room 2210, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing will be structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the draft GOP 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Individuals who plan to attend the hearing virtually and want to provide oral comments and/or want their attendance on record must register by Friday, September 13, 2024. To register for the hearing, please email Rules@tceq.texas.gov and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your email address, your phone number, and whether you plan to provide oral comments during the hearing. Instructions for participating in the hearing will be sent on Monday, September 16, 2024, to those who register for the hearing.

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

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ODIxNTg2M2U4MTQ4Yy00OGY1LWJiOTgtN2U4YzYzMmQ0ODc1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e74a40ea-69d4-469d-a8ef-06f2c9ac2a80%22%7d

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Gwen Ricco, Office of Legal Services, MC 205, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to fax4808@tceq.texas.gov.

Electronic comments may be submitted at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All comments should reference Non-Rule Project Number 2023-134-OTH-NR.

The comment period closes September 16, 2024.

Copies of the draft GOP may be obtained from the commission website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/nav/air_genoppermits.html

For further information, please contact Mr. David Munzenmaier, at (512) 239-6092. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.