

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
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Plain Language Summary of Renewal/Revision of Air General Operating Permits Numbers 511, 512, 513, and 514; Project No. 2024-021-OTH-NR

Introduction

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) is issuing the renewal and revision of Air General Operating Permits (GOPs) Nos. 511, 512, 513, and 514 under Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 122, Subchapter F (General Operating Permits), effective October 15, 2025.

The GOPs contain revisions based on recent federal and state rule changes, which include updates to the Statement of Basis, updates to Periodic Monitoring, updates to the requirements tables, the addition of new requirements tables, and updates to the terms. This renewal also corrects typographical errors and updates language for administrative preferences.

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: www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/titlev/air_oppermits_v.html. 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 in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Chapter 122; requirements for GOPs are in 30 TAC Chapter 122, Subchapter F.

GOP Nos. 511, 512, 513, and 514 are developed to authorize major source crude petroleum and natural gas, natural gas liquids, natural gas transmission, and natural gas transmission and distribution industry sites that are similar in operation and are primarily engaged in operating oil and gas field properties, production of liquid hydrocarbons from oil and gas field gases, and the transmission, storage and/or distribution of natural gas for sale.

Oil and gas sites are considered a major source if they meet the criteria defined in 30 TAC Chapter 122, Subchapter A. Different thresholds apply to different sites, based on the attainment status of the county in which the site is located.

The renewals to GOPs 511, 512, 513, and 514 include 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 applicable Statement of Basis for each GOP, which are available on the TCEQ website at: www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/titlev/generalpermits/air-gop. This renewal fulfills the obligation to renew the corresponding GOPs Nos. 511, 512, 513, and 514 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 GOPs by TCEQ, the GOPs 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 GOPs are subject to a 60-day public petition period during which the public may petition EPA

to object to the GOPs. 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.

Simultaneous with the public comment period, affected states (Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Oklahoma) had the opportunity to comment on the draft GOPs. No comments were received from affected states.

The EPA 45-day review period began on April 21, 2025, and ended on June 5, 2025, during which time EPA had the opportunity to comment on and object to the GOP's issuance. No comments or objections were received from EPA.

No stakeholder meetings were planned or held for this project.

TCEQ held a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing in Austin, Texas on March 31, 2025, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing was structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Open discussion was not permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members were available to discuss the draft GOPs 30 minutes prior to the hearing. No attendees made formal comments during the hearing. One positive public comment was received and is responded to in the Response to Comments sections of each Statement of Basis.

The comment period closed March 31, 2025.

Copies of the GOPs may be obtained from the commission website at www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/titlev/generalpermits/air-gop

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