



What You Need to Know About the 2026 Multi-Sector General Permit Renewal

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MSGP, TXR050000

- Effective - August 14, 2021
 - *Amendment without Renewal* - May 7, 2025
- Expires - August 14, 2026
- Authorizes point source discharges of:
 - stormwater associated with industrial activity and
 - certain non-stormwater discharges to surface waters in the state
- Stormwater discharges directly related to manufacturing, processing, or raw materials storage areas at an industrial facility.
- TCEQ is in the process of renewing the general permit upon its expiration in 2026.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

under provisions of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act
and Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code

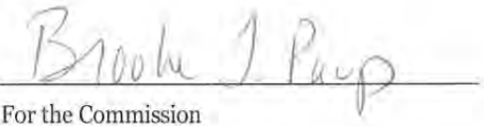
This permit supersedes and replaces
TPDES General Permit No. TXR050000, issued August 14, 2021.

Facilities that discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity located in the state of Texas may discharge to surface water in the state only according to effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in this general permit, as well as the rules of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission), the laws of the State of Texas, and other orders of the Commission. The issuance of this general permit does not grant to the permittee(s) the right to use private or public property for conveyance of wastewater along the discharge route. This includes property belonging to but not limited to any individual, partnership, corporation or other entity. Neither does this general permit authorize any invasion of personal rights nor any violation of federal, state, or local laws or regulations. It is the responsibility of the permittee(s) to acquire property rights as may be necessary to use the discharge route.

This permit and the authorization contained herein shall expire at midnight on August 14, 2026.

EFFECTIVE DATE: 5/7/25

ISSUED DATE: 5/7/25


For the Commission

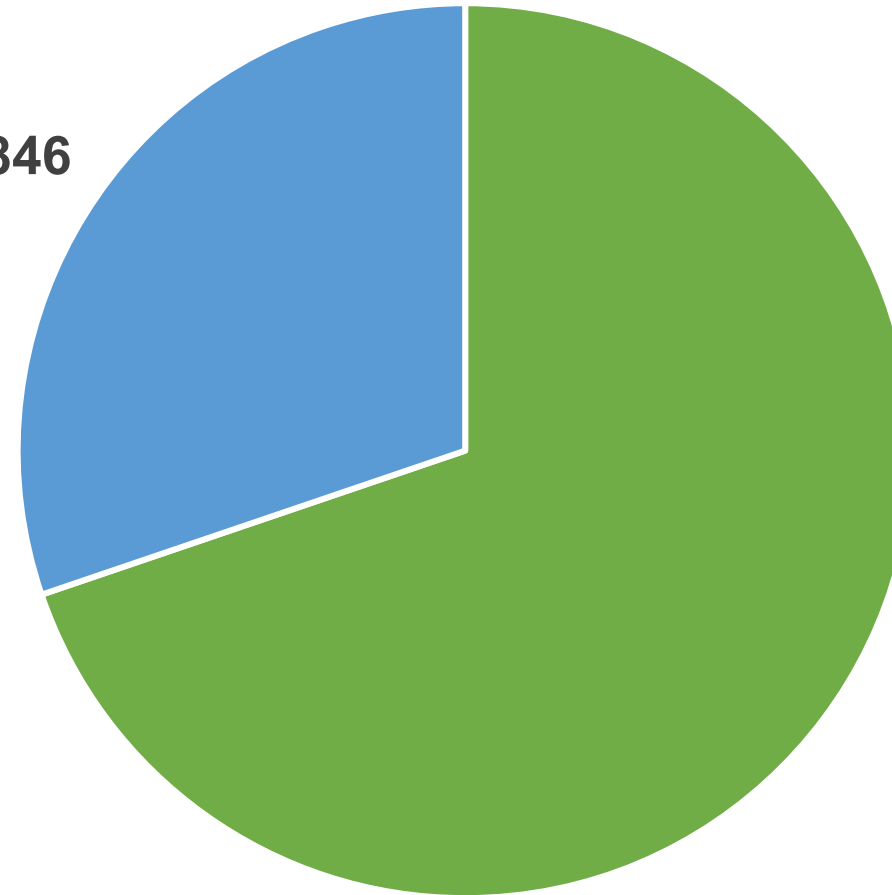
MSGP Universe

Number of Authorizations as of October 2025

Authorizations are effective from the approval date of the application until:

- Expiration of the master statewide MSGP; or
- Submittal of a Notice of Termination (NOT), whichever comes first.

NECs – 3,846



NOIs – 8,847

■ NOI ■ NEC

Applicability Overview

What Discharges Require MSGP Authorization?

- Stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity as defined in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §122.26(b)(14)(i) - (xi)
- Coverage is based upon:
 - Standard Industrial Classification Codes (SIC) and Activity Codes
 - Discharges subject to federal effluent guidelines under 40 CFR Parts 400 - 471
- Divided into 30 Sectors: A to AD



Regulated Industrial Activities

SIC Codes

- Four digits in length
- Based on revenue produced by the regulated activity
- Neither TCEQ nor EPA assign SIC codes

NAICS Codes

- Can be used to determine the SIC code for a facility
- Cross-walk table provided in the permit.

Activity Codes

Sector	Activity Code
K	HZ- Hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal
L	LF- Landfill
O	SE- Steam electric power plants
T	TW- Treatment Works

SIC Code	SIC Code Description	2017 NAICS Code	NAICS Code Description
2085	Distilled and Blended Liquors	312130	Wineries
		312140	Distilleries

Primary and Secondary SIC Codes

- Primary SIC Codes

- Describes the principal product or group of products produced or distributed at a facility, or that describes services rendered
- The operation that generates the most revenue or employs the most personnel is the operation in which the facility is primarily engaged

- Secondary SIC Codes

- Describes an industrial activity that is performed at a regulated facility or site that is in addition to the primary SIC code

- Co-located activities

- The operator must comply with all of the sector-specific requirements in the MSGP for all activities

EXAMPLE

“Handy Metal Works LLC produces metal cans and pressure tanks. Their greatest revenue comes from metal cans.”

Primary: 3411 – Metal Can Manufacturing

Secondary: 3443 – Fabricated Plate Work (Boiler Shop)

2025 MSGP Amendment

2025 MSGP Amendment

- Adoption - May 5, 2025
- Effective - May 7, 2025
- TCEQ completed an amendment without renewal to the 2021 MSGP.
 - Expiration date remains the same
- Amendment was limited to implement two legislative bills from past sessions.



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House Bill 1688, 88th Regular Legislative Session

- Effective September 1, 2023
- *Prohibits* quarries located in a water protection area in the new **Coke Stevenson Scenic Riverway** from obtaining stormwater coverage under the MSGP
 - Area in the South Llano River in Kimble County, located upstream of the river's confluence with the North Llano River at the City of Junction
- *Amended* Watershed Protection Rules under 30 TAC Chapter 311, Subchapter H
 - Effective July 18, 2024

Amendment Changes

- Added a prohibition for quarries located in the new Coke Stevenson Scenic Riverway from obtaining permit coverage under the MSGP.
- Replaced reference to the “John Graves Scenic Riverway” to “Water Quality Protection Areas”.

House Bill 2771, 86th Regular Legislative Session

- Initiated transfer of state and federal authority to TCEQ *for discharges associated with crude oil and natural gas exploration, development, and production facilities.*
 - Effective Sept. 1, 2019
- U.S. EPA approved the transfer of NPDES authority to TCEQ from the Texas Railroad Commission on Jan. 15, 2021.
- Expands permit applicability to include certain *non-exempt oil and gas activities.*

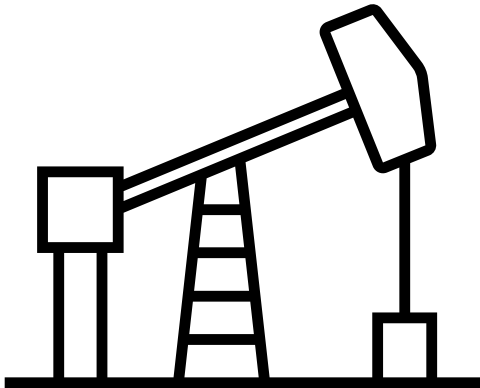
Amendment Changes

- Replaced the prohibition for stormwater discharges associated with certain oil and gas activities.
 - Expanded applicability includes non-exempt stormwater discharges from industrial activities associated with oil and gas exploration, production, processing, or treatment, or transmission facilities.
 - Added requirement for these facilities to obtain coverage under the TCEQ MSGP.
- Replaced and superseded the EPA-issued NPDES MSGP TXR05F000, modified September 29, 2021, and expires February 28, 2026.

Which O&G activities will now require permit coverage?

SECTOR I: OIL AND GAS EXTRACTION FACILITIES

SIC Code	SIC Code Description	2017 NAICS Code	NAICS Code Description
1311	Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	211120	Crude Petroleum Extraction
1321	Natural Gas Liquids	211130	Natural Gas Extraction
1381	Drilling Oil and Gas Wells	213111	Drilling Oil and Gas Wells
1382	Oil and Gas Field Exploration Services	213112	Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations
1389	Oil and Gas Field Services, Not Elsewhere Classified	213112	Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations
		237120	Oil and Gas Pipeline and Related Structures Construction
		238910	Site Preparation Contractors



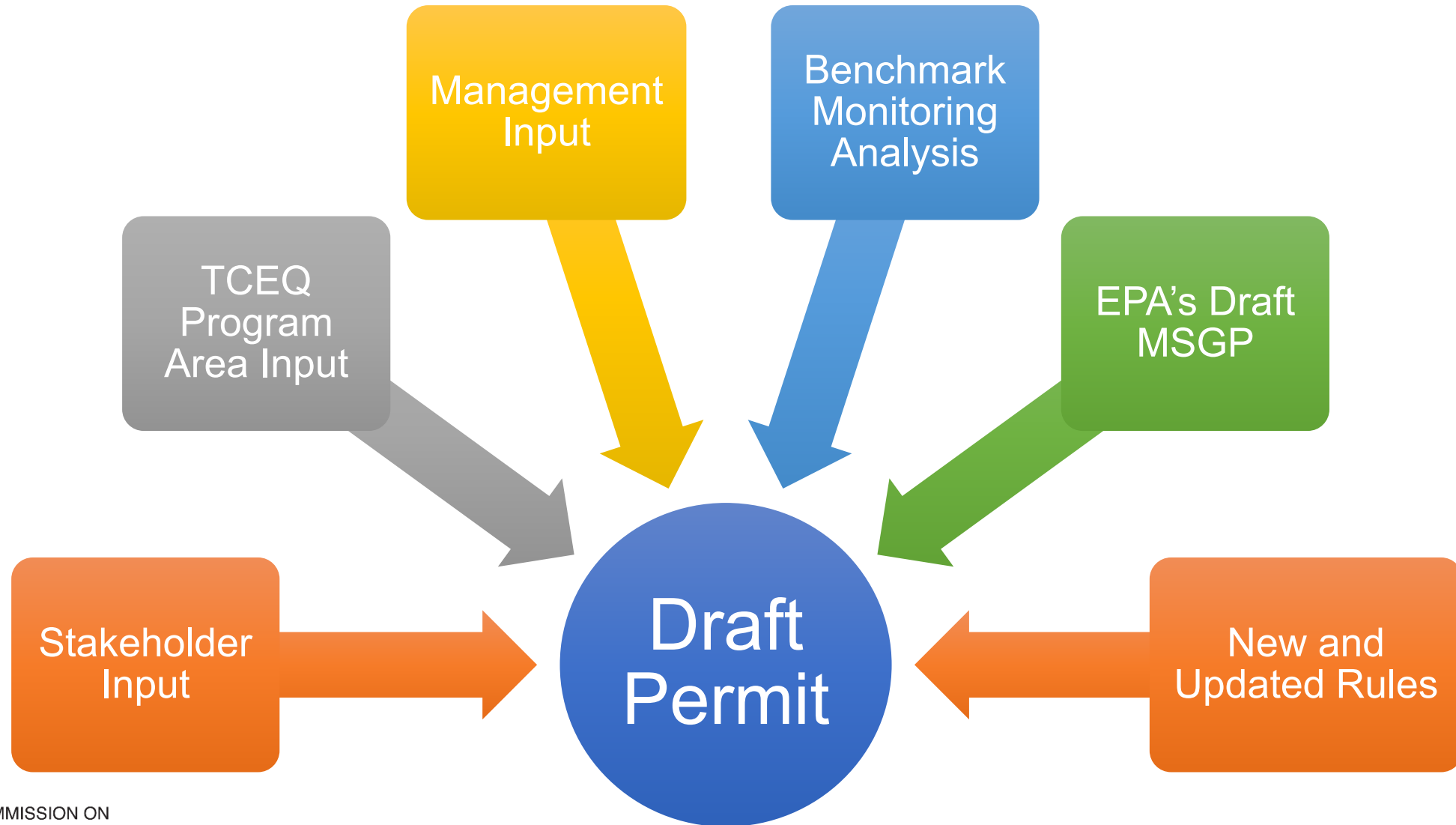
Which O&G activities are eligible for the exemption from stormwater permit coverage?

- Discharges of stormwater from field activities or operations associated with oil and gas exploration, production, processing, or treatment operations or transmission facilities.
- Generally defined in the following NAICS codes and titles
- A general, non-exhaustive, list of exempt sites/activities and non-exempt sites/activities can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/oil-and-gas-stormwater-permitting>

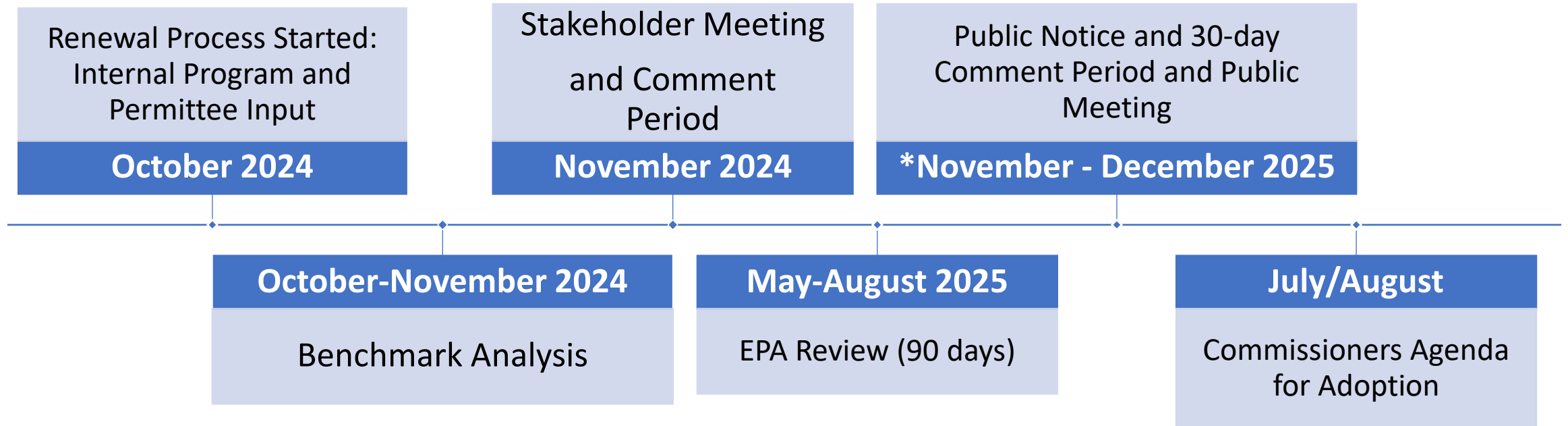
NAICS Code	Title
211	Oil and Gas Extraction
213111	Drilling Oil and Gas Wells
213112	Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations
486110	Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil
486210	Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas

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How are Changes Determined?



2026 Renewal TPDES MSGP TXR050000



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Stakeholder input

- Email notifications were sent to regulated facilities on October 9, 2024.
- TCEQ held a Stakeholder Meeting on November 6, 2024 to provide an opportunity for input in the drafting of the permit renewal.
 - An additional two weeks was given, following the stakeholder meeting to submit comments to TCEQ.
- Many of the comments requested clarifications or suggested modifications of existing permit requirements.

EPA Review

- On May 21, 2025, TCEQ sent the Draft Permit and Fact Sheet for EPA's 90-Day review
- On August 18, 2025, TCEQ received an approval letter from EPA stating there were **no comments or recommendations** for the Draft Permit documents.
- TCEQ did not make any additional changes as a result of EPA's review.

Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

Editorial Changes

- Move SIC/NAICS codes tables to new Appendix A
- Sector Table typos
 - Sector AB and AC
- Update file to meet TCEQ accessibility standards
- Formatting issues and miscellaneous typos



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit *SIC and NAICS Codes*

- Removal of SIC Code 1231 - Anthracite Mining
 - OSHA *SIC Manual* specifies that this code identifies facilities located in Pennsylvania
- Update 2017 NAICS codes
 - Include changes made by the NAICS Association to the NAICS codes in 2022



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit *Miscellaneous Items*

- Add in Part II.D.2(b) that substantially similar outfalls may not be established for Water Quality Monitoring Requirements of Part III.B.4.
- Update references of Texas Health and Safety Code Chapter 361, Solid Waste Disposal
 - To *30 TAC Chapter 330, Municipal Solid Waste and 30 TAC Chapter 335, Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste*

Proposed Changes to Existing Permit *Miscellaneous Items*

- Specify home-rule municipality as established in 'Texas Statute'
 - As opposed to including the direct rule citation
- Update text to reflect up-to-date NetDMR reporting requirements
- Allow facilities to maintain an electronic SWP3
 - Consistent with the requirements of the 2023 CGP
- Clarify that applications must be submitted to **any** MS4 receiving discharges whether the MS4 is regulated by TCEQ or not.

Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

Clarification of Text – Notification to TCEQ

- Part IV.A.2(c) – Background Sampling
 - Specify notification to appropriate TCEQ regional office

(c) the permittee notifies their appropriate TCEQ regional office in writing during the reporting period for the sampling period that the permittee determined the benchmark exceedances are attributable solely to natural background pollutant levels.

Proposed Benchmark Analysis Changes

Pollutant	Current Benchmark Level (mg/L)	Proposed 2026 Benchmark Level (mg/L)	MSGP Sectors
Phosphorus	1.25	0.78	C
Cyanide	0.02	0.01	K
Ammonia Nitrogen	1.7	1.0	K, S
Iron	1.3	1.0	C, E, F, G, H, L, M, N, O, Q, and AA
Nitrate +Nitrite Nitrogen	0.68	0.6	C, G, J, U, and AA
Zinc	0.16	0.12	A, C, F, H, N, Q, Y, and AA



High-Level Radioactive Waste

- House Bill 7, 87th 2nd Called Legislative Session
 - Effective September 9, 2021
- House Bill 4112, 89th Regular Legislative Session
 - Effective September 1, 2025
- Added the new prohibition for facilities licensed by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) for the **disposal** or **storage** of high-level radioactive waste.

Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

Disposal or Storage of High-Level Radioactive Waste

- Added definition of High-Level Radioactive Waste
- Added the prohibition to Part II.B. *Limitations of Permit Coverage*

17. Discharges of stormwater from the operation of a facility that is licensed for the disposal or storage of high-level radioactive waste by the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission under 10 CFR Part 72 are not authorized by this general permit. Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) § 401.0525 prohibits TCEQ from issuing a TPDES permit for the construction or operation of these facilities with limited exceptions.

Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

NOI and NOC

- NOI Changes
 - Provide the site's Longitude and Latitude
 - Confirm that the site is not a facility licensed by the USNRC under 10 CFR Part 72 to dispose or store high-level radioactive waste.
- NOC Changes
 - Include clarification for changes
 - Legal Name Change of same entity
 - Permitted Site Name



Proposed Changes to Existing Permit

Other Potential Changes

- Public Comment
 - TCEQ will review comments and prepare a Response to Comments Document.
 - May result in revisions to the MSGP, if necessary.

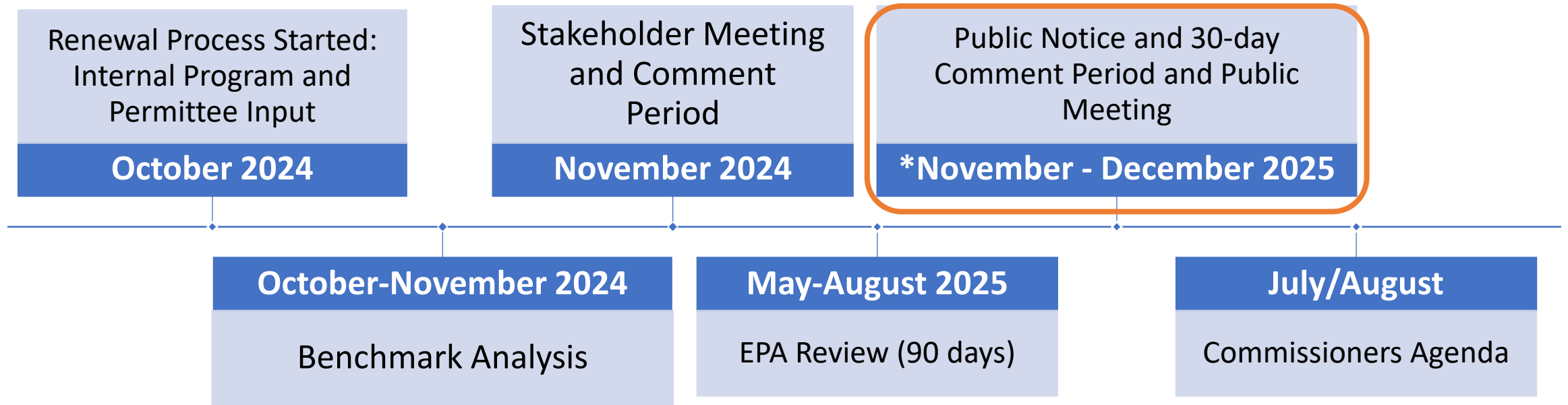


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Next Steps



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Public Comment

Next Steps

- Notice to be published in the *Texas Register* and *Houston Chronicle*
 - **November 15, 2025**
- The draft MSGP and Fact Sheet will be available for a 30-day comment period
 - **November 15 - December 15, 2025**
- The proposed documents will be available at:
 - TCEQ's Austin HQs office and 16 regional offices
 - TCEQ website at
<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/industrial>
- TCEQ has scheduled a Public Meeting for **December 15, 2025**

Adoption – Commissioners' Agenda

Next Steps

- The proposed 2026 MSGP will be presented at the Commissioner's Agenda for adoption
 - Scheduled for **late July or early August 2026**
- Backup Agenda documents
 - Available for public viewing at least **8 days prior** to the scheduled Agenda
 - Proposed 2026 MSGP
 - Fact Sheet
 - Executive Director's Response to Comments
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/agendas>



Authorization Renewal

Next Steps

- Following the adoption and effective date of the 2026 MSGP, existing operators with active authorizations at the time of the expiration of the 2021 MSGP will have 90-days to submit renewal applications.
 - 2021 MSGP Expiration: August 14, 2026
 - Renewal Deadline: November 11, 2026
- Authorizations that are not renewed by the deadline will expire.
 - If MSGP coverage is needed, a new NOI/NEC will need to be submitted.

Useful Tools

- TCEQ Stormwater Permits

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater>

- STEERS

<https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>

- SBLGA Assistance Tools

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assistance/water/stormwater/sw.html>

- Water Quality General Permit Search

https://www2.tceq.texas.gov/wq_dpa/index.cfm

- NetDMR Training

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/netdmr>

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