

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Application and Opportunity to Request a Public Meeting for a New Municipal Solid Waste Facility

Registration Application No. 40334

Application. The City of Houston, 611 Walker Street, Houston, Texas 77002 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Registration No. 40334 to construct and operate a Type IX municipal solid waste landfill mining operation. The proposed facility, Ruffino Road Landfills, will be located at 9610 Ruffino Road, Houston, Texas 77031, east of the intersection of Beltway 8 West and US Highway 59/Interstate Highway 69 in Harris County. The Applicant is requesting authorization to excavate and relocate all buried waste and soil from two closed municipal solid waste landfills for future development of a stormwater detention pond to mitigate flooding of Keegans and Brays Bayous. Excavated materials will be disposed in other authorized facilities or be recovered for recycling or other beneficial use. The registration application is available for viewing and copying at the Henington-Alief Regional Library at 11903 Bellaire Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77072 and may be viewed online at <https://www.engagehouston.org/ruffinohillslandfill>. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: <https://arcg.is/X1yqO>. For exact location, refer to application.

Alternative Language Notice/Aviso de idioma alterativo. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/mswapps. La notificación en otro idioma en español está disponible en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/mswapps.

Public Comment/Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. **Written public comments or written requests for a public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address included in the information section below. If a public meeting is held, comments may be made orally at the meeting or submitted in writing by the close of the public meeting.** A public meeting will be held by the executive director if requested by a member of the legislature who represents the general area where the development is to be located, or if there is a substantial public interest in the proposed development. The purpose of the public meeting is for the public to provide input for consideration by the commission, and for the applicant and the commission staff to provide information to the public. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. The executive director will review and consider public comments and written requests for a public meeting submitted during the comment period. The comment period shall begin on the date this notice is published and end 30 calendar days after this notice is published. The

comment period shall be extended to the close of any public meeting. The executive director is not required to file a response to comments.

Executive Director Action. The executive director shall, after review of an application for registration, determine if the application will be approved or denied in whole or in part. If the executive director acts on an application, the chief clerk shall mail or otherwise transmit notice of the action and an explanation of the opportunity to file a motion to overturn the executive director's decision. The chief clerk shall mail this notice to the owner and operator, the public interest counsel, to adjacent landowners as shown on the required land ownership map and landowners list, and to other persons who timely filed public comment in response to public notice. Not all persons on the mailing list for this notice will receive the notice letter from the Office of the Chief Clerk.

Information Available Online. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database (CID) at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid. Once you have access to the CID using the above link, enter the registration number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

Mailing List. If you submit public comments, you will be added to the mailing list for this application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. To be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

Agency Contacts and Information. All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this registration application or the registration process, please call the TCEQ's Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 800-687-4040 or visit their webpage, www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found on our website at www.tceq.texas.gov/. *Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.*

Further information may also be obtained from the City of Houston at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Jim Norstrom, Senior Project Manager with Tetra Tech at (936) 202-0746.

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