

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Municipal Solid Waste Permit Major Amendment

Permit No. 1614B

Application. Pine Hill Farms Landfill TX, LP has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit major amendment to authorize the expansion of the Royal Oaks Landfill from the existing 54.5 acre waste footprint to 83.1 acres. The existing permit boundary of 144.3 acres will not be changed. The resulting capacity will be increased by 5.32 million cubic yards, resulting in a total capacity of 10.5 million cubic yards. The landfill expansion will provide for long-term disposal needs for Cherokee County and the surrounding areas. The facility is located 0.5 miles East of intersection of Heath Lane and U.S. Highway 69, Jacksonville, 75766, in Cherokee County, Texas. TCEQ received this application on June 5, 2024. 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/0iP0rL0>. For the exact location, refer to the application. The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Jacksonville Public Library, 526 East Commerce Street, Jacksonville, Texas, 75766, in Cherokee County. The application, including any updates and notices, is available electronically at the following webpage: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/wasteapps.

Alternative Language Notice / Aviso en idioma alternativo. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/wasteapps. El aviso en idioma alternativo en español está disponible en www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/wasteapps.

Additional Notice. TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

Public Comment / Public Meeting. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Opportunity for a Contested Case Hearing. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments and the Executive Director's decision on the application will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A person who may be affected by the facility is entitled to request a contested case hearing from the commission.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

To Request a Contested Case Hearing, You Must Include the Following Items in Your Request: Your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.

If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application submitted during the comment period.

Mailing List. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing, or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, 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.

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 permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

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 permit application or the permitting process, please call TCEQ's Public Education Program, toll-free, at 800-687-4040, or visit their website at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained by writing to Pine Hill Farms Landfill TX, LP at P.O. Box 440, Jacksonville, Texas, 75766 or by calling Austin Sparks, P.E., at (903) 539-7986.

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