



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Public Involvement Plan Form for Permit and Registration Applications

The Public Involvement Plan is intended to provide applicants and the agency with information about how public outreach will be accomplished for certain types of applications in certain geographical areas of the state. It is intended to apply to new activities; major changes at existing plants, facilities, and processes; and to activities which are likely to have significant interest from the public. This preliminary screening is designed to identify applications that will benefit from an initial assessment of the need for enhanced public outreach.

All applicable sections of this form should be completed and submitted with the permit or registration application. For instructions on how to complete this form, see TCEQ-20960-inst.

Section 1. Preliminary Screening

- ☒ New Permit or Registration Application
☐ New Activity - modification, registration, amendment, facility, etc. (see instructions)

If neither of the above boxes are checked, completion of the form is not required and does not need to be submitted.

Section 2. Secondary Screening

- ☒ Requires public notice,
☐ Considered to have significant public interest, **and**
☐ Located within any of the following geographical locations:

- Austin
- Dallas
- Fort Worth
- Houston
- San Antonio
- West Texas
- Texas Panhandle
- Along the Texas/Mexico Border
- Other geographical locations should be decided on a case-by-case basis

**If all the above boxes are not checked, a Public Involvement Plan is not necessary.
Stop after Section 2 and submit the form.**

- ☐ Public Involvement Plan not applicable to this application. Provide **brief** explanation.

Section 3. Application Information

Type of Application (check all that apply):

Air ☐ Initial ☐ Federal ☐ Amendment ☐ Standard Permit ☐ Title V
Waste ☒ Municipal Solid Waste ☐ Industrial and Hazardous Waste ☐ Scrap Tire
☐ Radioactive Material Licensing ☐ Underground Injection Control

Water Quality

☐ Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES)
☐ Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP)
☐ State Only Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO)
☐ Water Treatment Plant Residuals Disposal Permit
☐ Class B Biosolids Land Application Permit
☐ Domestic Septage Land Application Registration

Water Rights New Permit

☐ New Appropriation of Water
☐ New or existing reservoir

Amendment to an Existing Water Right

☐ Add a New Appropriation of Water
☐ Add a New or Existing Reservoir
☐ Major Amendment that could affect other water rights or the environment

Section 4. Plain Language Summary

Provide a brief description of planned activities.

The proposed project is an expansion of a Registered Type V Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Station (TS) that will collect waste from collection vehicles and consolidate that waste into larger vehicles to be sent to a permitted landfill. The TS facility will include a 135' x 103' building, paved roads, fencing, utilities, and stormwater management facilities. The proposed project also includes the construction of a Recycling Center, Office Building, and additional infrastructure.

Section 5. Community and Demographic Information

Community information can be found using EPA's EJ Screen, U.S. Census Bureau information, or generally available demographic tools.

Information gathered in this section can assist with the determination of whether alternative language notice is necessary. Please provide the following information.

Copperas Cove

(City)

Coryell

(County)

108.03

(Census Tract)

Please indicate which of these three is the level used for gathering the following information.

☐

City

☒

County

☐

Census Tract

(a) Percent of people over 25 years of age who at least graduated from high school

☐ According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the percentage of people over 25 years of age who at least graduated from high school in Coryell County, Texas was 90% from 2018-2022.

(b) Per capita income for population near the specified location

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, The per capita income for the population in Coryell County, Texas was \$26,699 between 2018-2022.

(c) Percent of minority population and percent of population by race within the specified location

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, White: 56.2%, Hispanic or Latino: 20.3%, Black or African American: 17.7%, American Indian and Alaska Native: 1.3%, Asian: 2.4%, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander: 1.0%, Two or more races: 4.5%

(d) Percent of Linguistically Isolated Households by language within the specified location

Per the 2022 Census, Spanish: 10.8%, Other Indo-European languages: 2.2%, Asian and Pacific Island languages: 1.7%, Other languages: 0.3%

(e) Languages commonly spoken in area by percentage

Per the 2022 Census, English: 85.0%, Spanish: 10.8%, Other Indo-European languages: 2.2%, Asian and Pacific Island languages: 1.7%, Other languages: 0.3%

(f) Community and/or Stakeholder Groups

Chamber of Commerce, Keep Copperas Cove Beautiful Commission.

(g) Historic public interest or involvement

None at this site

Section 6. Planned Public Outreach Activities

(a) Is this application subject to the public participation requirements of Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) Chapter 39?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(b) If yes, do you intend at this time to provide public outreach other than what is required by rule?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please describe.

If you answered "yes" that this application is subject to 30 TAC Chapter 39, answering the remaining questions in Section 6 is not required.

(c) Will you provide notice of this application in alternative languages?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please refer to Section 5. If more than 5% of the population potentially affected by your application is Limited English Proficient, then you are required to provide notice in the alternative language.

If yes, how will you provide notice in alternative languages?

- ☒ Publish in alternative language newspaper
- ☐ Posted on Commissioner's Integrated Database Website
- ☐ Mailed by TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk
- ☐ Other (specify)

(d) Is there an opportunity for some type of public meeting, including after notice?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(e) If a public meeting is held, will a translator be provided if requested?

☒ Yes ☐ No

(f) Hard copies of the application will be available at the following (check all that apply):

- ☐ TCEQ Regional Office ☐ TCEQ Central Office
- ☒ Public Place (specify) Copperas Cove Public Library

Section 7. Voluntary Submittal

For applicants voluntarily providing this Public Involvement Plan, who are not subject to formal public participation requirements.

Will you provide notice of this application, including notice in alternative languages?

☐ Yes ☐ No

What types of notice will be provided?

- ☐ Publish in alternative language newspaper
- ☐ Posted on Commissioner's Integrated Database Website
- ☐ Mailed by TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk
- ☐ Other (specify)