



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.

The facility is not located within any of the listed geographical areas. The TCEQ's Instructions for Completing a Public Involvement Plan Form for Permit and Registration Applications (TCEQ-20960) defines West Texas as the Midland-Odessa MSA and the San Angelo MSA, and the Texas Panhandle as the Amarillo-Pampa-Borger MSA.

Although a Public Involvement Plan is not required, a completed Form has been provided.

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 following activities have already occurred:

A public town hall meeting was held on September 12, 2023 at Frenship Alcove Trails Middle School (7510 63rd St, Lubbock, Texas, 79407). This was a 3 hour general information meeting introducing the project, project scope, and timing. Attendees were allowed to provide verbal comments.

In accordance with the City of Lubbock zoning requirements, to re-zone the facility from low density single family housing to light industrial zoning, three public meetings were held. The first meeting was held at a regularly scheduled City Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on February 1, 2024. This was an open public meeting and the public was allowed to provide comments. Following approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission, the proposed zoning change was read aloud at two City Council meetings (February 13, 2024 and February 27, 2024). Both meetings were open public meetings, and the public was allowed to provide comments.

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.

Lubbock

(City)

Lubbock

(County)

104.19

(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

94.6%

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

\$52,011

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

Non-white Population (26.16%)

White (73.84%), Black/African American (3.36%), Asian (4.25%), Other (17.95%)
American Indian/Alaska Native (0.57%), Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander (0.03%)



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

2.8%

(e) Languages commonly spoken in area by percentage

Spanish - 11.6%

Asian and Pacific Island Languages - 4.6%

(f) Community and/or Stakeholder Groups

(g) Historic public interest or involvement

The permittee held a community meeting in September 2023 to discuss the project. Public comments were heard at a Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting in January 2024.



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)

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)