



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.

This is a grease/grit trap, lint and septic waste processing facility. The proposed facility is an enclosed 7800 sq ft building with roll-up doors. Trucks full of grease, lint, grit and human waste from septic tanks and municipal sewage water will be offloaded by hose at a receiving station inside the building and surrounded by a curb to contain small spills. The liquid and biosolid waste will be processed for brown grease removal to recycle, and the remaining liquid and biosolid waste will be pumped through a series of storage tanks to a mixing tank where the waste will be mixed with lime for pH adjustment and then pumped into one of two dewatering boxes where a polymer will be added that works to separate the liquid from the solids. The liquid will drain off into a sump pump pit and be pumped to a holding tank for inspection and necessary testing and then drain into the City of Houston sanitary sewer system via underground lines. The biosolids will remain in the filter box container until it is full of the separated solids and then it will be transported to an approved domestic solid waste disposal site landfill or composting site in the Houston area.

## 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.**

**Houston**

(City)

**Harris**

(County)

**5206.01**

(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

**33%**

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

**\$49,144**

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

**White-9%, Hispanic-80%, Black-1%, Non-Hispanic Asian-8%, Two or more races alone-2%**

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

**Non-English at Home(Spanish) - 37%**

(e) Languages commonly spoken in area by percentage

**English-50%**

**Spanish-40%**



(f) Community and/or Stakeholder Groups

**Houston General Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group and Public Engagement Strategy**

(g) Historic public interest or involvement

**Depends upon the issue and location**

**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) Everett Collier Regional Library, 62200 Pinemont Dr., Houston, TX

**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)