



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 City of Houston's Northwest Transfer Station has operated at 14421 Sommermeyer Street, Houston, TX 77041 for over 20 years. To improve the facility, the City plans to demolish the current building and associated facilities and build a new building and associated facilities. This TCEQ Type V Registration Application is required to obtain TCEQ approval to construct and operate the new transfer station.

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)

Census Tract 5216 Population = 3,531

(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

Population over 25 = 2,074. HS graduates = 1,296 = 62.5%

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

\$71,645

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

Hispanic = 73.2%, Black = 11.8%, Asian/Hawaiian/Pacific Islander = 2.2%, American Indian = 0.3%.2

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

Data not available.

(e) Languages commonly spoken in area by percentage

English
Spanish

(f) Community and/or Stakeholder Groups

Data not available.

(g) Historic public interest or involvement

Data not available.

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) Signs in English & Spanish at the Site.

(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) Harris County Public Library - Fairbanks Branch, 7122 Gessner

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) NA