

Plain Language Summary Template and Instructions for Beneficial Land Use of Biosolids Permit Applications

This template is intended as a guide to assist applicant's in developing a plain language summary as required by [30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 39](#). Applicant's may modify the template as necessary to accurately describe their facility as long as the summary includes the following information: (1) the function of the proposed land application unit; (2) the expected proposed land application acreage; (3) the expected pollutants that may be land applied; and (4) how the applicant will control those pollutants, so that the proposed land application site will not have an adverse impact on human health or the environment.

Fill in the blanks below to describe your land application unit and application. Instructions or examples are provided below. Make any other edits necessary to improve readability or grammar and to comply with the rule requirements.

If you are subject to the alternative language notice requirements in [30 Texas Administrative Code §39.426](#), **you must provide a translated copy of the completed plain language summary in the appropriate alternative language as part of your application package.** For your convenience, a Spanish template has been provided below.



ENGLISH TEMPLATE FOR BIOSOLIDS BENEFICIAL LAND USE NEW/RENEWAL/AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS

The following summary is provided for this pending water quality permit application being reviewed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as required by 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 39. The information provided in this summary may change during the technical review of the application and are not federal enforceable representations of the permit application.

City of Gatesville (CN600702633) operates Carothers Site, RN 106132715,. a Class B Biosolids and Water Treatment Plant Residuals beneficial land application site. The facility is located 700 County Road 128, in Gatesville, Coryell County, Texas 76528.

The City of Gatesville applies Class B wastewater treatment plant biosolids and water treatment plant sludge for beneficial use at a maximum rate of 12 dry tons per acre per year on a 328.52-acre site. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state.

Land application of Biosolids is expected to contain Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Molybdenum, Nickel, Selenium and Zinc. Examples of best management practices implemented by City of Gatesville include but are not limited to: monitoring of metal pollutants, pathogen reduction, vector attraction reduction, applicable land application unit buffer zones, soil monitoring and limiting application at the agronomic rate based on crop needs.