

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

MINOR AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0001595000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP, 9811 Katy Freeway, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77024, which operates Air Liquide - Nederland Air Separation Unit, an air separation facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a minor amendment to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0001595000 to relocate Outfall 002 to the other side of the receiving water body. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of treated cooling tower blowdown, water treatment wastes, floor drain wastewater (i.e., incidental oil/water from equipment within the compressor building and stormwater from the process equipment near the compressor building), and miscellaneous equipment cooling water at a daily average flow not to exceed 175,000 gallons per day via Outfall 002. The TCEQ received this application on February 6, 2023.

The facility is located at 5100 North Twin City Highway, near the City of Nederland, Jefferson County, Texas 77627. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-94.023211%2C30.002586&level=12>

The effluent is discharged from the plant site via pipe directly to Neches River Tidal in Segment No. 0601 of the Neches River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 0601 are primary contact recreation and intermediate aquatic life use.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days of the date this notice is mailed.

After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.**

MAILING LISTS. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid/>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/participation/permitting-participation>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Aswath Kalappa, Senior Environmental Specialist, at 832-236-0523.

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