

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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

### MINOR MODIFICATION

### PERMIT NO. WQ0002179000

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** CEMEX Construction Materials South, LLC, 2580 Wald Road, New Braunfels, Texas 78132, which operates Balcones Cement Plant, a portland and masonry cement manufacturing facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a minor modification to Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002179000 to add a new stormwater pond with a storage capacity of 3.16 acre-feet that receives the stormwater in the rail loop area. The draft permit authorizes which authorizes the discharge of wash water (from plant process areas, truck wash areas at the plant and at the quarry, and the railcar loading area), utility wastewater (non-contact cooling water and cooling tower blowdown), previously monitored effluent (treated domestic wastewater via internal Outfall 101), and stormwater (from the plant, material and product storage areas, and the railcar loading area) on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfall 001. The TCEQ received this application on November 2, 2023.

The facility is located at 2580 Wald Road, near the City of New Braunfels, in Comal County, Texas 78132. 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://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-98.182777,29.675&level=18>

The effluent is discharged via a concrete pipe to Dry Comal Creek, thence to Comal River in Segment No. 1811 of the Guadalupe River Basin. The unclassified receiving water use is limited aquatic life use for Dry Comal Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1811 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, high aquatic life use, and aquifer protection for the transition zone of the Edwards Aquifer.

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.** You may submit public comments about this application. All written public comments must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, and P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 10 days from the date this notice is mailed.

**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 CEMEX Construction Materials South, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. James Robin, Consultant, at (726) 842-9715.

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