

# Plain Language Summary Template and Instructions for Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) and Texas Land Application (TLAP) Permit Applications

This template is a guide to assist applicant's in developing a plain language summary as required by [30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 39 Subchapter H](#). 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 plant or facility; (2) the expected output of the proposed plant or facility; (3) the expected pollutants that may be emitted or discharged by the proposed plant or facility; and (4) how the applicant will control those pollutants, so that the proposed plant will not have an adverse impact on human health or the environment.

Fill in the blanks below to describe your facility and application. Instructions and 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 TPDES or TLAP NEW/RENEWAL/AMENDMENT APPLICATIONS

### DOMESTIC WASTEWATER

*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.*

Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 36 (CN600736524 ) operates Harris County MUD 36 WWTP ,RN103123246, a wastewater treatment plant to serve HCMUD No. 36. The facility is located 20650 Northridge Park Drive in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77073.

Renewal to discharge 400,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater into Harris County Flood Control District Unit K111-07-00<<*For TLAP applications include the following sentence, otherwise delete:>>* This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state.

Discharges from the facility are expected to contain Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 10 mg/L, Total Suspended Solids, 15 mg/L, Ammonia Nitrogen, 3 mg/L, Dissolved Oxygen, 4 mg/L. Domestic wastewater is treated by *a single stage nitrification process, wastewater will pass through screening, into aeration, then to clarification, after this process effluent will be disinfected with chlorine and discharged ultimately to the HCFCD Unit K111-07-00 then Turkey Creek then Cypress Creek.*

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Enter the name of applicant in this section. The applicant name should match the name associated with the customer number.
2. Enter the Customer Number in this section. Each Individual or Organization is issued a unique 11-digit identification number called a CN (e.g. CN123456789).
3. Choose “operates” in this section for existing facility applications or choose “proposes to operate” for new facility applications.
4. Enter the name of the facility in this section. The facility name should match the name associated with the regulated entity number.
5. Enter the Regulated Entity number in this section. Each site location is issued a unique 11-digit identification number called an RN (e.g. RN123456789).
6. Choose the appropriate article (a or an) to complete the sentence.
7. Enter a description of the facility in this section. For example, a domestic permit might specify: city ISD, MUD, etc.
8. Choose “is” for an existing facility or “will be” for a new facility.
9. Enter the location of the facility in this section.
10. Enter the City nearest the facility in this section.
11. Enter the County nearest the facility in this section.
12. Enter the zip code for the facility address in this section.
13. Enter a summary of the application request in this section. For example: renewal to discharge 25,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater, new application to discharge process wastewater and stormwater on an intermittent and flow-variable basis, major amendment to reduce monitoring frequency for pH, etc. If more than one outfall is included in the application, provide applicable information for each individual outfall.
14. List all pollutants expected in the discharge from this facility in this section. If applicable, refer to the pollutants from any federal numeric effluent limitations that apply to your facility.
15. Enter the discharge types from your facility in this section (e.g., domestic wastewater.)
16. Choose the appropriate verb tense to complete the sentence.
17. Enter a description of the wastewater treatment used at your facility. Include a description of each process, starting with initial treatment and finishing with

the outfall/point of disposal. Use additional lines for individual discharge types if necessary.

## **Examples**

### **Example 1: Domestic Wastewater TPDES Renewal application**

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The City of Texas (CN000000000) operates the City of Texas wastewater treatment plant (RN000000000), an activated sludge process plant operated in the complete mix mode. The facility is located at 123 Texas Street, near the City of More Texas, Texas County, Texas 71234.

This application is for a renewal to discharge at an annual average flow of 1,200,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater via Outfalls 001 and 002.

Discharges from the facility are expected to contain five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), ammonia nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N), and *Escherichia coli*. Additional potential pollutants are included in the Domestic Technical Report 1.0, Section 7. Pollutant Analysis of Treated Effluent and Domestic Worksheet 4.0 in the permit application package. Domestic wastewater is treated by an activated sludge process plant and the treatment units include a bar screen, a grit chamber, aeration basins, final clarifiers, sludge digesters, a belt filter press, chlorine contact chambers and a dechlorination chamber.

### **Example 2: TPDES New Application**

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The City of Texas (CN000000000) proposes to operate the City of Texas wastewater treatment plant (RN000000000), an activated sludge process plant operated in the extended aeration mode. The facility will be located at 123 Texas Street, in the City of More Texas, Texas County, Texas 71234.

This application is for a new application to discharge at a daily average flow of 200,000 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater.

Discharges from the facility are expected to contain five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), ammonia nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N), and *Escherichia coli*. Additional potential pollutants are included in the Domestic Technical Report 1.0, Section 7. Pollutant Analysis of Treated Effluent in the permit application package. Domestic wastewater will be treated by an activated sludge process plant and the treatment units will include a bar screen, a grit chamber, aeration basins, final clarifiers, sludge digesters, a belt filter press, chlorine contact chambers and a dechlorination chamber.

### **Example 3: TLAP Renewal application**

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The City of Texas (CN000000000) operates the City of Texas wastewater treatment plant (RN000000000), an activated sludge process plant operated in the complete mix mode. The facility is located at 123 Texas Street, near the City of More Texas, Texas County, Texas 71234.

This application is for a renewal to dispose a daily average flow not to exceed 76,500 gallons per day of treated domestic wastewater via public access subsurface drip irrigation system with a minimum area of 32 acres. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state.

Land application of domestic wastewater from the facility are expected to contain five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>), total suspended solids (TSS), and *Escherichia coli*. Additional potential pollutants are included in the Domestic Technical Report 1.0, Section 7. Pollutant Analysis of Treated Effluent in the permit application package. Domestic wastewater is treated by an activated sludge process plant and the treatment units include a bar screen, an equalization basin, an aeration basin, a final clarifier, an aerobic sludge digester, tertiary filters, and a chlorine contact chamber. In addition, the facility includes a temporary storage that equals to at least three days of the daily average flow.