## 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](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac%24ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=4&ti=30&pt=1&ch=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 in plain language. 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](https://texreg.sos.state.tx.us/public/readtac%24ext.TacPage?sl=T&app=9&p_dir=N&p_rloc=66532&p_tloc=&p_ploc=1&pg=17&p_tac=&ti=30&pt=1&ch=39&rl=351), **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**

**INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER/STORMWATER**

*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*.

**1503 Haden Road LLC (CNNEW) and Reterra Corporation (CN605421692 ) operates Reterra Corporation (RN100673136), a polyethylene terephthalate (PET) recycling facility. The facility is located at 1503 Haden Road, in Houston, Harris County, Texas 77015. The application requests the renewal of TPDES Permit WQ0000662000 for the discharge of 0.10 million gallons per day of** stormwater, process wastewater, utility wastewater, fire water from system maintenance, laboratory sinks, process area stormwater and other water, non-contact cooling water **from PET recycling. The application requests the removal of parameters and effluent limitations related to process wastewater subject to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 414 and the removal of conditions related to process wastewater subject to 40 CFR 414. The application also requests the removal of whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing**.

**Discharges from the facility are expected to contain chemical and biological demand (COD and BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), ammonia nitrogen, and zinc from stormwater and wastewater from the manufacturing area. The stormwater and process wastewater is treated by a series of ponds with aerators and fountains. Biological treatment and pH adjustment can be made as necessary in these ponds. The system is designed to provide alternative ways to route water through the treatment system. The stormwater and wastewater are transferred to the final holding pond and subsequently to the final holding tank. After treatment in the WWTP to meet effluent limits in the permit, wastewater is discharged to Greens Bayou through Outfall 001.**

**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: steam electric generating facility, nitrogenous fertilizer manufacturing facility, 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, or 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., stormwater, process wastewater, once through cooling water, etc.)
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.

**Example**

**Individual Industrial Wastewater Application**

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ABC Corporation (CN600000000) operates the Starr Power Station (RN10000000000), a two-unit gas fired electric generating facility. Unit 1 has a generating capacity of 393 megawatts (MWs) and Unit 2 has a generating capacity of 528 MWs. The facility is located at 1356 Starr Street, near the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas 78753.

This application is for a renewal to discharge 870,000,000 gallons per day of once through cooling water, auxiliary cooling water, and also authorizes the following waste streams monitored inside the facility (internal outfalls) before it is mixed with the other wastewaters authorized for discharge via main Outfall 001, referred as “previously monitored effluents” (low volume wastewater, metal cleaning waste, and stormwater (from diked oil storage area yards, and storm drains)) via Outfall 001. Low volume waste sources, metal cleaning waste, and stormwater drains on a continuous and flow-variable basis via internal Outfall 101.

The discharge of once through cooling water via Outfall 001 and low volume waste and metal cleaning waste via Outfall 101 from this facility is subject to federal effluent limitation guidelines at 40 CFR Part 423. The pollutants expected from these discharges based on 40 CFR Part 423 are: free available chlorine, total residual chlorine, total suspended solids, oil and grease, total iron, total copper, and pH. Temperature is also expected from these discharges. Additional potential pollutants are included in the Industrial Wastewater Application Technical Report, Worksheet 2.0.

Cooling water and boiler make-up water are supplied by Lake Starr Reservoir. The City of Austin municipal water plant (CN600000000, PWS 00000) supplies the facility’s potable water and serves as an alternate source of boiler make-up water. Water from the Lake Starr Reservoir is withdrawn at the intake structure and treated with sodium hypochlorite to prevent biofouling and sodium bromide as a chlorine enhancer to improve efficacy and then passed through condensers and auxiliary equipment on a once-through basis to cool equipment and condense exhaust steam. Low volume wastewater from blowdown of boiler Units 1 and 2 and metal cleaning wastes receive no treatment prior to discharge via Outfall 101. Plant floor and equipment drains and stormwater runoff from diked oil storage areas, yards, and storm drains are routed through an oil and water separator prior to discharge via Outfall 101. Domestic wastewater, blowdown, and backwash water from the service water filter, clarifier, and sand filter are routed to the Starr Creek Domestic Sewage Treatment Plant, TPDES Permit No. WQ0010000001, for treatment and disposal. Metal cleaning waste from equipment cleaning is generally disposed of off-site.