**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**



**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND**

**INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT AMENDMENT**

**PERMIT NO.** **WQ0000447000**

**APPLICATION.** Union Carbide Corporation, P.O. Box 186, Port Lavaca, Texas 77979, which owns and operates a chemical facility that manufactures polyethylene, polypropylene, glycols and oxide derivatives, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0000447000 (EPA I.D. No. TX0002844) to authorize to re-label the current flow requirements, which relate to dry weather flow, from “Flow” to Flow (dry weather)” for Outfall 001; to add report requirements for the daily average and daily maximum for total flow at Outfall 001; to label the daily average and daily maximum monitoring flow as “Flow (total)” for Outfall 001; to apply the mass loading effluent limitations and concentration effluent limitations for biochemical oxygen demand, 5-day (BOD5) and total suspended solids (TSS) for the total flow in lieu of only being applicable when flows are less than or equal to 5.8 million gallons per day (MGD) for mass loading effluent limitations and when flows are greater than 5.8 MGD for concentration effluent limitations at Outfall 001; to change the monitoring frequency for BOD5 and TSS from “once per day” to “three per week” at Outfall 001, when flows are greater than 5.8 MGD; to change the Sample Type from “Grab” to “Composite” when flows are greater than 5.8 MGD at Outfall 001; to revise Other Requirement No. 1 so that it will be consistent with requested changes for flow, BOD5, and TSS for Outfall 001; to modify the language for the sampling monitoring point for Enterococci at Outfall 001; to authorize the addition of a new phase for Outfall 002 to discharge cooling tower blowdown, water treatment wastes, boiler blowdown, resin pad wash water, resin container rinse water, steam condensate, stormwater from Union Carbide, hydrostatic test water, firewater, and de minimis quantities of process wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 17 MGD and a daily maximum flow not to exceed 42 MGD; to re-locate the sampling point for Outfall 002; to remove dry-weather flow term for Outfall 002; to authorize an increase in the daily maximum effluent limitation for total residual chlorine from 0.2 mg/L to 2.0 mg/L at Outfall 002; to move compliance point for floating solids and visible foam and oil for Outfalls 001, 002, 006, and 012 to the location where these discharges enter the receiving water (Victoria Barge Canal); to add a provision for alternate monitoring for continuous meters for flow, pH, and temperature for Outfalls 001 and 002; to add minimum analytical level for oil and grease on Item 2 of the Other Requirements; and to change the method for submitting biomonitoring reports. The facility is located at 7501 State Highway 185 North, Seadrift, in Calhoun County, Texas 77983. The discharge route is from the plant site via Outfalls 001, 002, 005, 006, 007, 008, 009, 010, and 012 directly to Victoria Barge Canal Tidal; via Outfall 003 to a ditch, thence to West Coloma Creek, thence to Coloma Creek; via Outfalls 014 and 015 to West Coloma Creek, thence to Coloma Creek, thence to Matagorda Bay/Powderhorn Lake; via Outfall 004 to an unnamed ditch, thence to San Antonio Bay/Hynes Bay/Guadalupe Bay; and via Outfall 016 to West Coloma Creek, thence to Coloma Creek, thence to Matagorda Bay/Powderhorn Lake. TCEQ received this application on December 27, 2022. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at Calhoun County Public Library, 200 West Mahan Street, Port Lavaca, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-96.771388,28.510555&level=18>

The application is subject to the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program and must be consistent with the applicable Coastal Management Program goals and policies.

**ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE.** Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices>.El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/plain-language-summaries-and-public-notices>.

**ADDITIONAL NOTICE.** TCEQ’s Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. **Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this application.** The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. 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.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING.** After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing,** **the response to comments, and the Executive Director’s decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision and for requesting a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

**TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group’s representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member’s location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group’s purpose.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

**MAILING LIST.** If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director’s decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE.** For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners’ Integrated Database at [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid](http://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://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/>, 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 [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pep). Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Union Carbide Corporationat the address stated above or by calling Ms. Cindy Shilinga, Environmental Specialist, at 361-553-2312.

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