



Public Involvement Plans

Water Rights Advisory Workgroup

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Public Involvement Plan Form

Requirement of TCEQ's Public Participation Plan

Provides basic information about the area in which an applicant will be operating

Basic demographic information will assist the applicant in determining if any kind of enhanced public outreach might be necessary during the application process

Including, but not limited too, translation and interpretation efforts to ensure equal access for Limited English Proficient communities and individuals

Purpose of the Public Involvement Plan

Permit applicants have an important role in ensuring effective public participation.

Intended to assist applicants in knowing the communities in which they are operating, and if any type of enhanced public outreach is necessary for equal access.

Host public meetings (when required)

Provide information required by statute and regulations

Applicants may be required to provide simultaneous oral interpretation in alternative languages at public meetings and provide notices in alternative languages.

Plain Language Summary

Public Involvement Plans

[Title VI Compliance at TCEQ - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov)



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Instructions for Completing a Public Involvement Plan Form for Permit and Registration Applications (TCEQ-20960)



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Public Involvement Plan Form for Permit and Registration Applications

The Public Involvement Plan is intended to provide applicants and the agency with information about how public outreach will be accomplished for certain types of applications in certain geographical areas of the state. It is intended to apply to new activities; major changes at existing plants, facilities, and processes; and to activities which are likely to have significant interest from the public. This preliminary screening is designed to identify applications that will benefit from an initial assessment of the need for enhanced public outreach.

All applicable sections of this form should be completed and submitted with the permit or registration application. For instructions on how to complete this form, see TCEQ-20960-inst.

Section 1. Preliminary Screening

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- New Permit or Registration Application
- New Activity - modification, registration, amendment, facility, etc. (see instructions)

**If neither of the above boxes are checked, a Public Involvement Plan is not necessary.
Completion of the remaining sections not required.**

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New Permit

Indicate if this form is being completed for a new water right, such as:

- New Appropriation of Water
- New or existing reservoir

Amendment to an Existing Water Right

Indicate if this form is being completed for a major amendment to a water right:

- Add a New Appropriation of Water
- Add a New or Existing Reservoir
- Major amendments that could affect other water rights or the environment

For all other application types, completion of this form is not necessary.

Who is required to complete the form?

Form Not Required

Applications that only:

- Move a diversion point
- Add a purpose or place of use
- Non-substantive changes to a water right

Form Required

- New appropriations
- New Reservoirs
- Amendments that add new water
- Increase in diversion rate
- Reuse applications

Section 2. Secondary Screening

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- Requires public notice,
- Considered to have significant public interest, **and**
- Located within any of the following geographical locations:
 - Austin
 - Dallas
 - Fort Worth
 - Houston
 - Other geographical locations should be decided on a case-by-case basis
 - San Antonio
 - West Texas
 - Texas Panhandle
 - Along the Texas/Mexico Border

If all of the above boxes are not checked, a Public Involvement Plan is not necessary. Stop after Section 2.

- Public Involvement Plan not applicable to this application. Provide **brief** explanation.

Notice and Significant Public Interest

Public Notice

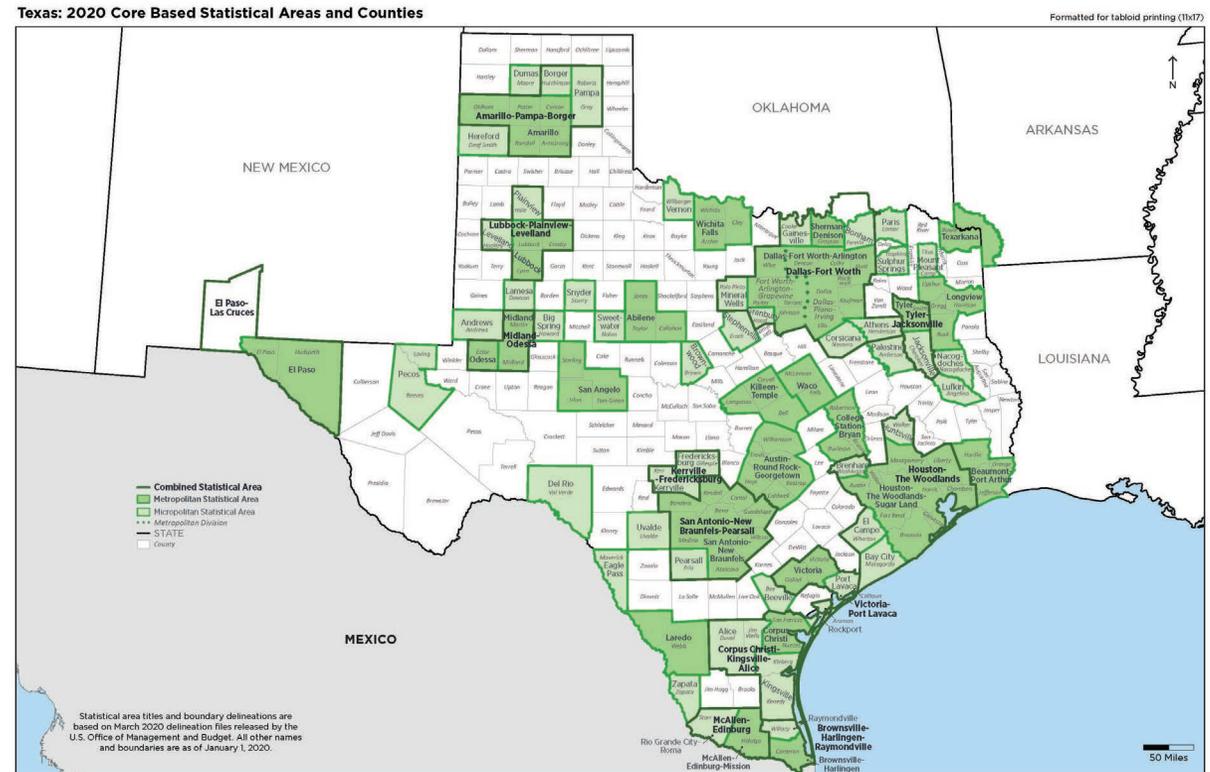
- Check yes if the application requires published notice in a newspaper

Significant Public Interest

- The project typically has public interest in the river basin
- Past permitting actions in the basin had significant public interest
- Discussed during the pre-application meeting

Geographic Area

Location	Location Description
Austin	Austin - Round Rock - Georgetown MSA
San Antonio	San Antonio - New Braunfels - Pearsall MSA
Dallas	Dallas - Fort Worth MSA
West Texas	Midland - Odessa MSA and San Angelo MSA
Fort Worth	Dallas - Fort Worth MSA
Texas Panhandle	Amarillo - Pampa - Borger MSA
Houston	Houston - The Woodlands MSA
Along the Texas/Mexico Border	Including all counties along the Texas/Mexico border
Other geographical areas	TCEQ may designate an area on a case-by-case basis



https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/reference-maps/2020/state-maps/48_Texas_2020.pdf

Sections 4. – 7.

Section 4: Plain
Language
Summary

Section 5:
Community and
Demographic
Information

Section 6:
Planned Public
Outreach
Activities

Section 7:
Voluntary
Submittal



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