

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING  
ON ONE DRAFT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA IN  
POENISCH PARK AND ONE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SEVEN TOTAL  
MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA IN THE CORPUS CHRISTI  
REGION**

**AVISO DE SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA  
SOBRE UN BORRADOR DE UNA CARGA DIARIA MAXIMA TOTAL PARA  
MICROORGANISMOS INDICADORES EN POENISCH PARK Y UN PROYECTO DE PLAN  
DE IMPLEMENTACIÓN PARA SIETE CARGAS DIARIAS MÁXIMAS TOTALES DE  
MICROORGANISMOS INDICADORES EN LA CUENCA HIDROGRÁFICA DE LA REGIÓN  
DE CORPUS CHRISTI**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has made available for public comment one draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for indicator bacteria in Poenisch Park and one draft Implementation Plan (I-Plan) for seven TMDLs for indicator bacteria in the Corpus Christi Region, both of the Bays and Estuaries Basin within Nueces County.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft TMDL in one assessment unit (Poenisch Park 2481CB\_06), and the draft I-Plan for seven assessment units (Blind Oso Bay (2486\_01), Oso Bay (2485\_01, 2485\_02 and 2485\_03), Oso Creek (2485A\_01), Cole Park (2481CB\_03) and Ropes Park (2481CB\_04).

A TMDL is a detailed water quality assessment that provides the scientific foundation to allocate pollutant loads in a certain body of water in order to restore and maintain designated uses. The I-Plan, developed by regional stakeholders, is a flexible tool that the governmental and non-governmental participants involved in TMDL implementation will use to guide their actions and practices. The commission requests comments on each of the major components of the TMDL (problem definition, endpoint identification, source analysis, linkage analysis, margin of safety, pollutant load allocation, seasonal variation, public participation, and implementation and reasonable assurance) and I-Plan (management measures, implementation strategy and tracking, review strategy, and communication strategy).

After the public comment period, TCEQ may revise the draft TMDL and I-Plan, if appropriate. The final TMDL will then be considered by the commission for adoption and the final I-Plan will be considered by the commission for approval. Upon adoption and approval, the final TMDL, I-Plan, and a response to all comments received will be made available on TCEQ's website. The TMDL will then be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 office for final action. Upon approval by EPA, the TMDL will be certified as an update to the State of Texas Water Quality Management Plan.

**Public Meeting and Testimony.** The public meeting for the draft TMDL and I-Plan will be held at the **Dr. Clotilde P. Garcia Public Library, 5930 Brockhampton St, Corpus Christi, TX 78414** on **March 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Please periodically check the project webpage before the meeting date for related**

**updates:** <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/97-corporbeachesbacteria.html>

During this meeting, individuals will have the opportunity to present oral statements. An agency staff member will give a brief presentation at the start of the meeting and will be available to answer questions before and after all oral statements have been received.

**Written Comments.** Please choose one of the methods provided to submit your written comments. Written comments on the draft TMDL and/or I-Plan may be submitted to Wyatt Eason, Water Quality Planning Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC 203, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087 or eFaxed to 512-239-1414. Electronic comments may be submitted to <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments submitted via the TCEQ Public Comments system. All written comments must be received at TCEQ by midnight on March 18, 2025 and should reference *One Total Maximum Daily Load for Indicator Bacteria in Poenisch Park* or *Implementation Plan for Seven Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in the Corpus Christi Region*.

For further information regarding the draft TMDL and I-Plan, please contact Wyatt Eason at [Wyatt.Eason@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Wyatt.Eason@tceq.texas.gov). The draft TMDL and I-Plan can be obtained via TCEQ's website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/97-corporbeachesbacteria.html>.

Persons with disabilities who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to participate in the meeting should contact Wyatt Eason at [Wyatt.Eason@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Wyatt.Eason@tceq.texas.gov). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible. **Para la versión en español de este documento, visite** <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/97-corporbeachesbacteria.html>.