

**NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
ON ONE DRAFT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR INDICATOR BACTERIA IN
COTTON BAYOU TIDAL**

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has made available for public comment one draft Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for indicator bacteria in Cotton Bayou Tidal, of the Trinity River Basin, within Chambers County.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft TMDL in one assessment unit: Cotton Bayou Tidal 0801C_01.

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 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.

After the public comment period, TCEQ may revise the draft TMDL if appropriate. The final TMDL will then be considered by the Commission for adoption. Upon adoption, the final TMDL 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 will be held at the **Sam & Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library, 1 John Hall Dr, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580**, on **November 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

Please periodically check <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/nav/124-cottonbayou-bacteria> before the meeting date for meeting related updates.

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 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 faxed to fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. 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 November 30, 2023 and should reference *One Total Maximum Daily Load for Indicator Bacteria in Cotton Bayou Tidal*.

For further information regarding the draft TMDL, please contact Wyatt Eason at

Wyatt.Eason@tceq.texas.gov. The draft TMDL can be obtained via TCEQ's website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/tmdl/nav/124-cottonbayou-bacteria>.

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*. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.