



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



COMBINED

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN A WATER QUALITY PERMIT (NORI)**

AND

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER**

AMENDMENT

Permit No. WQ0004997000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Cardet Wholesale, Inc., 30602 Goya Road, Brookshire, Texas 77423, which operates Goya Foods, a canned beans and canned tomato sauce processing plant, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004997000 to increase the discharge of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 900,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of process wastewater, utility wastewater, cleaning/wash water, domestic wastewater, and stormwater via Outfall 001 at a daily average flow not to exceed 900,000 gallons per day. The TCEQ received this application on October 28, 2019.

The facility is located at 30602 Goya Road, near the City of Brookshire, in Waller County, Texas 77423. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://tceq.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=db5bac44afbc468bbddd36of8168250f&marker=-95.911388%2C29.7925&level=12>

The effluent is discharged via Outfall 001 to a man-made ditch, thence to a detention pond, thence to Willow Fork Buffalo Bayou, thence to Buffalo Bayou (unclassified), thence to Buffalo Bayou Above Tidal in Segment No. 1014 of the San Jacinto River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the man-made ditch and the detention pond, and intermediate aquatic life use for the Willow Fork Buffalo Bayou. The designated uses for Segment No. 1014 are primary contact recreation and limited aquatic life use.

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for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn.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.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

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 added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/ within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at 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 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. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from Cardet Wholesale, Inc. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Elizabeth Andaverde, Environmental Consultant, at (713) 621-4474.

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