



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



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

Permit No. WQ0002460000

**APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION.** Texas Municipal Power Agency, P.O. Box 7000, Bryan, Texas 77805, which operates Gibbons Creek Lignite Mine, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002460000, which authorizes the discharge of stormwater from sedimentation ponds in post-mining areas on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfalls 002R, 003R, and 004R. The TCEQ received this application on October 3, 2018.

The facility is located on Farm-To-Market Road 3090, 0.5 miles west of of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 244 and Farm-to-Market Road 3090, near the community of Carlos, in Grimes County, Texas 77830. 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://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=30.56253&lng=-96.052889&zoom=13&type=r>

The effluent is discharged via Outfalls 002R, 003R, and 004R to unnamed tributaries, thence to Gibbons Creek, thence to the Navasota River Below Lake Limestone in Segment 1209 of the Brazos River Basin. The unclassified receiving water uses are minimal aquatic life use for the unnamed tributary, and high aquatic life use for Gibbons Creek. The designated uses for Segment No. 1209 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Grimes County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 101 South Main Street, Anderson, Texas.

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