

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER

MINOR AMENDMENT

PERMIT NO. WQ0015443001

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 3B, 9 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1000, Houston, Texas 77046 has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a minor amendment to the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0015443001, to authorize an increase in the Interim II Phase flow from 240,000 gallons per day to 720,000 gallons per day. The existing permit authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 960,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on September 15, 2022.

The facility is located approximately 1.46 miles southeast of the intersection of Interstate Highway 10 and Woods Road, in Waller County, Texas 77423. The treated effluent is discharged to a drainage ditch, thence to detention ponds, thence to a drainage ditch, thence to Willow Fork Buffalo Bayou, thence to Buffalo Bayou, 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 drainage ditch and limited aquatic life use for the detention ponds. The designated uses for Segment No. 1014 are primary contact recreation and limited aquatic life use. 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=db5bac44afbc468bbddd360f8168250f&marker=-95.911944%2C29.756944&level=12>

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.

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.

After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.**

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, 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 placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or 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, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment within 30 days from the date this notice is mailed.

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 www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment, 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. Any personal information you submit to the TCEQ will become part of the agency's record; this includes email addresses. 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 Fulshear Municipal Utility District No. 3B at the address stated above or by calling Mr. John Herzog, P.E., IDS Engineering Group, at 713-462-3178.

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