



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF A PROPOSED AMENDMENT WITHOUT RENEWAL OF GENERAL PERMIT TXR050000 AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) is proposing to amend without renewal Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit TXR050000. This general permit authorizes the discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity and certain non-stormwater discharges into surface water in the state. This general permit applies to the entire state of Texas. General permits are authorized by Texas Water Code §26.040.

PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT. The executive director has prepared a draft general permit amendment of an existing general permit that authorizes the discharges of stormwater and certain non-stormwater discharges from industrial activities into surface water in the state. The amendment would prohibit quarries located in the new Coke Stevenson Scenic Riverway from obtaining stormwater coverage under the general permit, in accordance with House Bill (HB) 1688 from the 88th Regular Legislative Session. The amendment would also implement HB 2771 from the 86th Regular Legislative Session by expanding permit applicability to include non-exempt stormwater discharges into surface water in the state from oil and gas activities associated with oil and gas exploration, production, processing, or treatment, or transmission facilities.

The general permit specifies which facilities must obtain permit coverage, which are eligible for a conditional exclusion based on a certification of no-exposure of the industrial activity to stormwater, which are designated as eligible for coverage without submitting a Notice of Intent, and which must obtain individual permit coverage. Non-stormwater discharges that are not specifically listed in the general permit are not authorized by the general permit. No significant degradation of high-quality waters is expected and existing uses will be maintained and protected.

The executive director has reviewed this action for consistency with the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) according to General Land Office regulations and has determined that the action is consistent with applicable CMP goals and policies.

On the date that this notice is published, a copy of the draft general permit and fact sheet will be available for a minimum of 30 days for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk located at the TCEQ Austin office, at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F. These documents will also be available at the TCEQ's 16 regional offices and on the TCEQ website at

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/industrial>.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments on this proposed general permit in writing or request a public meeting about this proposed