

An Application for a Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Watershed

An application has been made to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) that would discharge to the headwaters of Geronimo Creek. The proposed WWTP would be located approximately 3,800 feet southwest of the intersection of State Highway 123 and FM 758. The discharge route will be from the plant site via force mains to a man-made ditch, then to a tributary of Geronimo Creek. The WWTP is to supply wastewater treatment for a proposed 1,000 home subdivision.

The permit application is available for viewing and copying at the Seguin Public Library, 313 West Nolte Street, Seguin.

For an overview of the public participation process in a WWTP permit application, click [here](#) to be taken to the TCEQ website.

If you would like to become involved, there are several ways. You may submit public comments, request a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing on the application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. 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 submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments, and the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for the application. If public comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting consideration of the Executive Director's decision and for requesting a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

To request a contested case hearing, you must include the following items in your request: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number, the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period and, the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address and individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

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.

If you submit comments or request a contested case hearing, you will be added to the mailing list and will receive future public notices about the application.

All public comments and requests must be submitted electronically at <http://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 click [here](#) to visit their website.

Further information may also be obtained from:

Gram Vikas Partners, Inc.
1141 North Loop 1604 East
Suite 105-114
San Antonio, Texas 78232

or by calling:

South Texas Wastewater Treatment at 830-249-8098

Click [here](#) to track the permit application as it moves through TCEQ. Next, copy the permit application number WQ0015732001 into the box under "Step 2" for the TCEQ ID Number. Next, click both boxes under "Step 3", and then click "Search". Scroll down to view comments submitted to TCEQ and click on "Display all comments" to view all.