



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND A PROPOSED RENEWAL WITH AMENDMENT OF GENERAL PERMIT TXR150000 AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) is proposing to renew and amend the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit TXR150000. This general permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater and certain non-stormwater discharges from construction activities into or adjacent to surface water in the state. The proposed 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 (ED) has prepared a proposed general permit renewal with amendments to the existing general permit that authorizes the discharge of stormwater and certain types of non-stormwater from small construction sites (one acre to less than five acres) and large construction sites (five acres or larger) into or adjacent to surface water in the state. The proposed changes to the general permit are described in the fact sheet. No significant degradation of high-quality waters is expected and existing uses will be maintained and protected.

The ED proposes to require certain dischargers to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain authorization to discharge. The proposed general permit also specifies when permit coverage can be obtained without submitting a NOI, when a waiver from permit coverage may be obtained, and when permit coverage under a separate individual TPDES permit must be obtained. This general permit would also authorize the discharge of stormwater from industrial activities at construction sites that directly support the construction activity and are located at, adjacent to, or in close proximity to the permitted construction site.

The ED 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 proposed 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/wastewater/general/index.html>.