

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON A PROPOSED RENEWAL WITH AMENDMENT OF GENERAL PERMIT TXG870000 AUTHORIZING THE DISCHARGE OF PESTICIDES

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ or commission) is proposing to renew and amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permit TXG870000. This general permit authorizes the application of pesticides (including insecticides, nematocides, rodenticides, fungicides, and herbicides) into or over, including near, waters of the United States. The draft general permit applies to the entire state of Texas. This general permit is authorized by Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code.

The commission will hold a second hybrid in person and virtual public meeting on March 17, 2026, and extend the deadline for receipt of written comments on the proposed general permit due to agency error.

DRAFT GENERAL PERMIT. The executive director has prepared a draft pesticide general permit renewal with amendments and the pesticide use patterns covered under this permit include mosquito and other nuisance insect pests, vegetation and algae, nuisance animal, area-wide and forest canopy pest control. No significant degradation of high quality waters is expected and existing uses will be maintained and protected. The executive director proposes to require certain dischargers to submit a Notice of Intent to obtain authorization to discharge.

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 the original notice was published, January 23, 2026, 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/wastewater/general/index.html>.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments about this general permit. In addition, the TCEQ will hold an additional public meeting on this proposed general permit. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or to ask questions about the draft general permit. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

The second hybrid in-person and virtual public meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., March 17, 2026 in TCEQ's complex at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building F, Room2210, Austin, Texas 78753.

Information for registering and attending the public meeting virtually is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/general/index.html>.

Written public comments must be received by the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/> by March 17, 2026.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE. Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/general/index.html>. El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/general/index.html>.

APPROVAL PROCESS. After the comment period, the executive director will consider all the public comments and prepare a written response. The response will be filed with the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at least ten days before the scheduled commission meeting when the commission will consider approval of the general permit. This commission meeting will be open to the public. The commission will consider all public comments in making its decision and will either adopt the executive director's response or prepare its own response. The commission will issue its written response on the general permit at the same time the commission issues or denies the general permit. A copy of any issued general permit and response to comments will be made available to the public for inspection at the agency's Austin office. A notice of the commissioners' action on the draft general permit and information on how to access the response to comments will be mailed to each person who submitted a comment. Also, a notice of the commission's action on the draft general permit and the text of its response to comments will be published in the *Texas Register*.

MAILING LISTS. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: 1) the mailing list for this specific general permit; 2) the permanent mailing list for a specific county; or 3) both. Clearly specify the mailing lists to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address previously mentioned. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific general permit.

INFORMATION. If you need more information about this general permit or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our website at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov>.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the public meeting should call the Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-3300 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD) at least one week prior to the meeting.

Further information may also be obtained by calling Mike Aplin, TCEQ Water Quality Division, at 512-239-4314.

Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040.

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