

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Instructions for Public Notice for a Water Quality Permit Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain a Permit (NORI)

Your application has been declared administratively complete. You must comply with the following instructions. There are seven (7) steps involved in publishing notice. Complete each step.

1. REVIEW THE NOTICE FOR ACCURACY

Read the enclosed notice carefully and notify the Application Review and Processing Team at 512-239-4671 immediately if it contains any errors or omissions. You are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of all information published. Do not change the text or formatting of the notice or affidavit of publication without prior approval from the TCEQ. Changing the text or formatting of the notice may require new publication at your expense and delay processing of your application.

2. PUBLISH THE NOTICE IN THE NEWSPAPER

You must publish the enclosed notice as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days from the date of administrative completeness. Refer to the cover letter for the date of administrative completeness.

You must publish the enclosed notice at your expense, at least once in the newspaper of largest circulation within each county where the facility and discharge point are located or will be located. If the facility and discharge point are located or will be located in a municipality, the enclosed notice must be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality. These requirements may be satisfied by one publication if the newspaper meets all of the above requirements.

The bold text of the enclosed notice must be printed in the newspaper in a font style or size that distinguishes it from the rest of the notice (i.e., bold, italics). Failure to do so may require re-notice.

3. PUBLISH THE NOTICE IN AN ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE

You must publish notice in an alternative language IF: either the elementary or middle school nearest to the facility or proposed facility is required to provide a "bilingual education program" (BEP) as required by Texas Education Code (TEC), Chapter 29, Subchapter B, and 19 Tex. Admin. Code §89.1205(a) AND one of the following conditions is met:

- students are enrolled in a program at that school;
- students from that school attend a bilingual education program at another location; or
- the school that otherwise would be required to provide a bilingual education program has been granted an exception from the requirements to provide the program as provided for in 19 Tex. Admin. Code §89.1207(a).

A "bilingual education program" is different from an "English as a second language program" (ESL). An ESL program alone, will not require public notice in an alternative language.

If triggered, you must publish the notice in a newspaper or publication primarily published in the alternative language taught in the bilingual education program. Publication in an alternative language section or insert within a large publication which is not printed primarily in that

alternative language does not satisfy these requirements. The newspaper or publication must be of general circulation in the county in which the facility and discharge point are located or proposed to be located. If the facility and discharge point are located or proposed to be located in a municipality, and there exists a newspaper or publication of general circulation in the municipality, you must publish the notice only in the newspaper or publication in the municipality.

You must demonstrate a good faith effort to identify a newspaper or publication in the required language. If there is no general circulation newspaper or publication printed in such language, then publishing in that language is not required. You have the burden to demonstrate compliance with these requirements.

If you are required to publish notice in Spanish, you must translate the site-specific information in the notice that is specific to your application, at your own expense. You may then insert the Spanish translation of your site-specific information into a Spanish template developed by the TCEQ. The Spanish templates are available on the TCEQ website at www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/review/napd/wqspanish_napd.html. If you are required to publish notice in a language other than Spanish, you must translate the entire public notice, at your own expense.

4. PUT THE APPLICATION IN A PUBLIC PLACE

You must put a copy of the administratively complete application in the public place identified in the enclosed notice.

This copy must be accessible to the public for review and copying beginning on the first day of newspaper publication and remain in place for the publication's designated comment period.

During the technical review, you must update the publicly available application so that it includes all application revisions within 10 business days from the date the revision is transmitted to the TCEQ.

For confidential information contained in the application, you must indicate which specific portions of the application cannot be made available to the public. These portions of the application must be accompanied with the following statement: "Any request for portions of this application that are marked as confidential must be submitted in writing, pursuant to the Public Information Act, to the TCEQ Public Information Coordinator, MC 197, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087."

5. PROVIDE PROOF OF PUBLICATION

For each newspaper in which you published, you must submit proof of publication.

Proof of publication must include the following:

- a completed Publisher's Affidavit (enclosed); and
- a copy of the published notice which shows the notice, the date published, and the newspaper name. The copy must be on standard-size 8½ x 11" paper and must show the actual size of the published notice. Do not reduce the image when making copies. Published notices longer than 11" must be copied onto multiple 8½ x 11" pages. Or you can submit the original newspaper clipping.

If you are required to publish notice in an alternative language and are unable to do so, complete and submit the Alternative Language Exemption form (enclosed).

6. PROVIDE PROOF OF APPLICATION VIEWING LOCATION

You must submit a completed Public Notice Verification Form (enclosed), which certifies that the administratively complete application was placed at the public place identified in the enclosed notice.

7. SUBMIT PROOFS TO TCEQ

You must submit the proof of publication documents (Step 5) and the completed Public Notice Verification Form (Step 6) to TCEQ **within 30 days of publication**.

Scan and email to: PROOFS@tceq.texas.gov;

Or Mail to:

TCEQ
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
Attn: Notice Team
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

Additional Information

If you fail to publish the notice or submit proofs within the timeframes noted above, the TCEQ may suspend further processing on your application or take other actions in accordance with 30 Tex. Admin. Code §39.405(a).

If you have any questions regarding publication requirements, please contact the Office of Legal Services at 512-239-0600. If you have any questions regarding the content of the notice, please contact the Application Review and Processing Team at 512-239- 4671. When contacting TCEQ regarding this application, please refer to the permit number at the top of the enclosed notice.

If you wish to obtain an electronic copy of the notice, please visit our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/cc_db.html or www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/eda.html. Please be aware that formatting codes may be lost and that any notices downloaded from these web sites must be reformatted by you so that your downloaded copy looks like the notice document you received from us.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Comisión de Calidad Ambiental del Estado de Texas



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT

AVISO DE RECEPCIÓN DE LA SOLICITUD Y EL INTENTO DE OBTENER PERMISO PARA LA CALIDAD DEL AGUA

PROPOSED PERMIT NO. WQ001117002

PERMISO PROPUESTO NO. WQ001117002

APPLICATION: City of Austwell, 108 Gilder Street, Austwell, Texas 77950, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ001117002 (TPA ID No. 130148741) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 60,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located at 814 Main Street, in the city of Austwell, in Refugio County, Texas 77950. The discharge route is from the plant site directly to San Antonio Bay / Hydas Bay / Guadalupe Bay / Mission Lake. Authorization to discharge was previously permitted by approved Permit No. WQ0001117001. TCEQ received this application on December 19, 2025. The permit application will be available for viewing and copying at City of Austwell - City Community Center, 111 Bay Street, Austwell, Texas prior to the date this notice is published in the newspaper. The application and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage:

SOLICITUD: La Ciudad de Austwell, 108 Gilder Street, Austwell, Texas, 77950, ha solicitado a la Comisión de Calidad Ambiental de Texas (TCEQ) el Permiso propuesto del Sistema de Eliminación de Descargas de Contaminantes de Texas (TPDES) N.º WQ001117002 para autorizar la descarga de aguas residuales tratadas en un volumen que no exceda un flujo promedio diario de 60,000 galones por día. La planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales domésticas está ubicada en 814 Main Street, en la ciudad de Austwell, en el condado de Refugio, Texas 77950. La ruta de descarga es desde el sitio de la planta directamente hacia San Antonio Bay / Hydas Bay / Guadalupe Bay / Mission Lake. La autorización para descargar fue previamente otorgada mediante el Permiso N.º WQ0001117001, ahora vencido. TCEQ recibió esta solicitud el 19 de diciembre de 2025. La solicitud de permiso estará disponible para revisar y copia en el Centro Comunitario de la Ciudad de Austwell, 111 Bay Street, Austwell, Texas, antes de la fecha en que este aviso sea publicado en el periódico. La solicitud y los avisos asociados están disponibles electrónicamente en la siguiente página web:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications>
This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications>
Este enlace a un mapa electrónico de la ubicación general del sitio o instalación se proporciona como cortesía pública y no forma parte de la solicitud ni del aviso. Para la ubicación exacta, consulte la solicitud.

The application is subject to the goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program and must be consistent with the applicable Coastal Management Program goals and policies.

AVISO ADICIONAL: El Director Ejecutivo de la TCEQ ha determinado que la solicitud es administrativamente completa y se recibirá una revisión técnica de la solicitud. Después de completar la revisión técnica, el Director Ejecutivo puede preparar un borrador del permiso y enviar a una Decisión Preliminar sobre la solicitud. El aviso de la **solicitud** y la decisión preliminar serán publicados y enviados a los que están en la lista de correo de las personas a lo largo del condado que se desean recibir los avisos y los que están en la lista de correo que desean recibir avisos de esta solicitud. El aviso dará la fecha límite para someter comentarios públicos.

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE NOTICE: Alternative language notice in Spanish is available at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications>

COMENTARIO PÚBLICO / REUNIÓN PÚBLICA: Usted puede presentar comentarios públicos o pedir una reunión pública sobre esta solicitud. El propósito de una reunión pública es dar la oportunidad de presentar comentarios o hacer preguntas acerca de la solicitud. La TCEQ realiza una reunión pública si el Director Ejecutivo determina que hay un grado de interés público suficiente en la solicitud o si un legislador local lo pide. Una reunión pública no es una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE: TCEQ's Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. After technical review of the application is complete, the Executive Director may prepare a draft permit and will issue a preliminary decision on the application. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the county wide mailing list and to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the deadline for submitting public comments.

OPORTUNIDAD DE UNA AUDIENCIA ADMINISTRATIVA DE LO CONTENCIOSO: Después del plazo para presentar comentarios públicos, el Director Ejecutivo considerará todos los comentarios apropiados y preparará una respuesta a todos los comentarios públicos. Después de preparar la respuesta, si es necesario, a significativos. A menos que la solicitud haya sido retirada directamente a una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso, la respuesta a los comentarios y la decisión del Director Ejecutivo sobre la solicitud serán enviados por correo a todos los que presentaron un comentario público y a las personas que están en la lista para recibir avisos sobre esta solicitud. Si se reciben comentarios, el aviso también presentará instrucciones para pedir una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo y para pedir una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso. Una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso es un procedimiento legal similar a un procedimiento legal civil en un tribunal de distrito del estado.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING: You may submit public comments or request a public meeting on this 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.

PARA SOLICITAR UNA AUDIENCIA DE CASO IMPUGNADO, USTED DEBE INCLUIR EN SU SOLICITUD LOS SIGUIENTES DATOS: su nombre, dirección, y número de teléfono; el nombre del solicitante y número del permiso; la ubicación y distancia de su propiedad con respecto a la instalación; una descripción específica de la forma como usted está siendo afectado adversamente por el sitio de una manera no común al público en general; una lista de todas las cuestiones de hecho en disputa que usted presente durante el período de comentarios; y la declaración: "Yo/ nosotros/ nosotros/ solicitamos una audiencia de caso impugnado." Si presenta la petición para una audiencia de caso impugnado de parte de un grupo o asociación, debe identificar un persona que represente al grupo para recibir correspondencia en el futuro (identificar el nombre y la dirección de un miembro del grupo que sería afectado adversamente por la planta o la actividad propuesta; proveer la información indicada anteriormente con respecto a la ubicación del miembro afectado y su distancia de la planta o actividad propuesta; explicar cómo y por qué el miembro sería afectado; y explicar cómo los intereses que el grupo desea proteger son pertinentes al propósito del grupo.

OPPORTUNITY FOR 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 and 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 this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting reconsideration 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 state district court.

Después del cierre de todos los períodos de comentarios o de petición que aplica, el Director Ejecutivo enviará la solicitud y cualquier petición para reconsideración o para una audiencia de caso impugnado a los Comisionados de la TCEQ para su consideración durante una reunión programada de la Comisión.

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 all 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 a representative for receiving future correspondence, identify by name and physical address an 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.

La Comisión solo puede conceder una solicitud de una audiencia de caso impugnado sobre los temas que el solicitante haya presentado en sus comentarios oportunos que no fueron resueltos posteriormente. Si se concede una audiencia, el tema de la audiencia estará limitado a cuestiones de hecho en disputa o cuestiones mixtas de hecho y de derecho relacionadas a intereses pertinentes y materiales de calidad del agua que se hayan presentado durante el período de comentarios.

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.

LISTA DE CORREO: Si come comentarios públicos un pedido para una audiencia administrativa de lo contencioso o una reconsideración de la decisión del Director Ejecutivo, la Oficina del Secretario Principal enviará por correo los avisos públicos en relación con la solicitud. Además, puede pedir que la TCEQ ponga su nombre en una o más de las listas de correo siguientes: (1) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de la solicitud; (2) la lista de correo permanente para recibir los avisos de la solicitud; (3) la lista de correo de todas las solicitudes en un condado específico; Si desea que se agregue su nombre en una de las listas designe cual lista(s) desea por correo su pedido a la Oficina del Secretario Principal de la TCEQ.

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.

INFORMACIÓN DISPONIBLE EN LÍNEA: Para detalles sobre el estado de la solicitud, favor de visitar la Base de Datos Interactivo de la Comisión de Texas. <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications> Para buscar en la base de datos, utilice el número de permiso para esta solicitud que aparece en la parte superior de este aviso.

MAILING LIST: If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, 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 electronically notified, 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.

CONTACTOS E INFORMACIÓN A LA AGENCIA: Todos los comentarios públicos y solicitudes deben ser presentados electrónicamente via <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications> o por escrito dirigidos a la Comisión de Texas de Calidad Ambiental, Oficina de la Secretaría Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13067, Austin, Texas 78711-3067. Tenga en cuenta que cualquier información personal que usted proporcione, incluyendo su nombre, número de teléfono, dirección de correo electrónico y dirección física pasará a formar parte del registro público de la Agencia. Para obtener más información acerca de esta solicitud de permiso o el proceso de permisos, llame al programa de educación pública de la TCEQ, gratis, al 1-800-687-1040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE: For details about the status of the application, visit the Commission's Interactive Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications>. Search the database using the permit number for the application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

También puede obtener más información de la Ciudad de Austwell en la dirección indicada anteriormente e llamando al Sr. Travis Pruski, Director de Operaciones / Autoridad del Río Nueces, al 210-710-0617.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION: All public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications> or by mailing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13067, Austin, Texas 78711-3067. 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 visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/tpdes/tpdes-permits/index.cfm#applications>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from City of Austwell at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Travis Pruski, Chief Operations Officer / Nueces River Authority, at 210-710-0617.

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Fecha de emisión: 19 de febrero de 2026

9 Papers - 1 Deadline:
NOON - Thursday
to run the following Thursday in the classifieds

Call or email **361-343-5202**
classifieds@SouthTexasNews.com

TCEQ-OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CLERK
MC-105 Attn: Notice Team
P.O. BOX 13087
AUSTIN, TX 78711-3087

APPLICANT NAME: City of Austwell, Texas
PERMIT NO.: WK0011117002
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN WATER QUALITY PERMIT

**PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT
FOR WATER QUALITY PERMITS**

STATE OF TEXAS § Bee §
COUNTY OF _____ §

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared

Dennis Wade, who being by me duly
(name of person representing newspaper)

sworn, deposes and says that (s)he is the Publisher
(title of person representing newspaper)

of the Refugio County Press; that this newspaper is
(name of newspaper)

a newspaper of largest circulation in Refugio County, Texas,
(name of county)

or is a newspaper of general circulation in Austwell Texas,
(name of municipality)

and that the enclosed notice was published in said newspaper on the following date(s):

March 12, 2026
(date or dates, of publication in the newspaper)

Dennis Wade
Newspaper Representative's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 12th day of March,

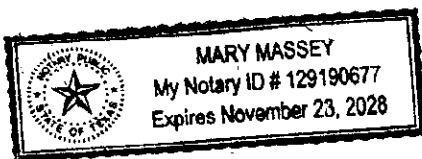
2026, to certify which witness my and seal of office.

(Seal)

Mary Massey
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

MARY MASSEY
Print or Type Name of Notary Public

My Commission Expires 11-23-2028



English & Spanish



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Public Notice Verification Form
Notice of Receipt of Application and
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(NORI)

All applicants must complete this page.

Applicant Name: City of Austwell, Texas
Site or Facility Name: Austwell Wastewater Treatment Plant
Water Quality Permit Number: WQ00 WQ0011117002
Regulated Entity Number: RN 101608347 Customer Number: CN 600342307

PUBLIC VIEWING LOCATION

I certify that a copy of the complete water quality application, and all revisions, were placed at the following public place for public viewing and copying. I understand that the copy will remain available at the public place from the 1st day of publication of the NORI until the end of the designated comment period. I further understand that the copy will be updated with any revisions to the application.

Name of Public Place: City of Austwell, Texas - City Community Center
Address of Public Place: 311 Bay St., Austwell, TX 77950

Applicant or Applicant Representative Signature: _____

Title: Mayor Date: 3/19/2026



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Complete this page only if you are required to publish in an alternative language and are not able to do so.

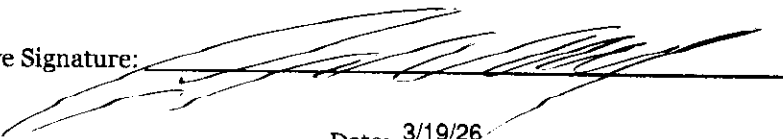
Applicant Name: City of Austwell, Texas
 Site or Facility Name: Austwell Wastewater Treatment Plant
 Water Quality Permit Number: WQ00 WQ001117002
 Regulated Entity Number: RN 101608347 Customer Number: CN 600342307

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE EXEMPTION

I certify that I have conducted a diligent search for a newspaper or publication of general circulation in both the municipality and county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located and was unable to publish the notice in the required alternative language because:

- A newspaper or publication could not be found in any of the alternative languages in which notice is required.
- The publishers of the newspapers listed below refused to publish the notice as requested, and another newspaper or publication in the same language and of general circulation could not be found in the municipality or county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located.

Newspaper Name: _____
 Language: _____

Applicant or Applicant Representative Signature: 
 Title: Mayor Date: 3/19/26