



# TCEQ Low Rainfall Erosivity Waiver for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity under TPDES General Permit (TXR150000)

## IMPORTANT:

- Use the [INSTRUCTIONS](#) to fill out each question in this form.
- Use the [CHECKLIST](#) to make certain all you filled out all required information. Incomplete applications **WILL** delay approval or result in automatic denial.
- Once processed your permit can be viewed at:  
[http://www2.tceq.texas.gov/wq\\_dpa/index.cfm](http://www2.tceq.texas.gov/wq_dpa/index.cfm)

## RENEWAL: Is this Waiver a Renewal of an existing General Permit Authorization? (Note: A Waiver cannot be renewed after June 3, 2013.)

Yes    The Permit number is: TXRCW\_\_\_\_\_

**(If a permit number is not provided, a new number will be assigned.)**

No

### 1) OPERATOR (Applicant)

- a)** If the applicant is currently a customer with TCEQ, what is the Customer Number (CN) issued to this entity? You may search for your CN at:  
<http://www12.tceq.texas.gov/crpub/index.cfm?fuseaction=cust.CustSearch>

CN\_\_\_\_\_

- b)** What is the Legal Name of the entity (applicant) applying for this waiver?

\_\_\_\_\_

(The legal name must be spelled exactly as filed with the Texas Secretary of State, County, or in the legal document forming the entity.)

- c)** What is the name and title of the person signing the application? The person must be an executive official meeting signatory requirements in TAC 305.44(a).

Prefix (Mr. Ms. Miss): \_\_\_\_\_

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credential: \_\_\_\_\_

**d)** What is the Operator Contact's (Responsible Authority) contact information and mailing address as recognized by the US Postal Service (USPS)? You may verify the address at: <http://zip4.usps.com/zip4/welcome.jsp>

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal Routing (Mail Code, Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

If outside USA: Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Country Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**e)** Indicate the type of Customer (The instructions will help determine your customer type):

Individual	Limited Partnership	Sole Proprietorship-DBA
Joint Venture	General Partnership	Corporation
Trust	Estate	Federal Government
State Government	County Government	City Government
Other Government		

**f)** Independent Operator? Yes          No  
(If governmental entity, subsidiary, or part of a larger corporation, check "No".)

**g)** Number of Employees: 0-20; 21-100; 101-250; 251-500; or 501 or higher

**h)** Customer Business Tax and Filing Numbers:  
(REQUIRED for Corporations and Limited Partnerships. Not Required for Individuals, Government, or Sole Proprietors)

State Franchise Tax ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Texas Secretary of State Charter (filing) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS Number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

## 2) APPLICATION CONTACT

If TCEQ needs additional information regarding this application, who should be contacted?

Is the application contact the same as the applicant identified above?

Yes, go to Section 3).          No, complete section below.

Prefix (Mr. Ms. Miss): \_\_\_\_\_

First/Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Credential: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ ext: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Internal Routing (Mail Code, Etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Information if outside USA:

Territory: \_\_\_\_\_ Country Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**3) REGULATED ENTITY (RE) INFORMATION ON PROJECT OR SITE**

If the site of your business is part of a larger business site or if other businesses were located at this site before yours, a Regulated Entity Number (RN) may already be assigned for the larger site. Use the RN assigned for the larger site. Search TCEQ's Central Registry to see if the larger site may already be registered as a regulated site at:

<http://www12.tceq.texas.gov/crpub/index.cfm?fuseaction=regent.RNSearch>.

If the site is found, provide the assigned Regulated Entity Reference Number and provide the information for the site to be authorized through this application below. The site information for this authorization may vary from the larger site information.

a) TCEQ issued RE Reference Number (RN): RN \_\_\_\_\_

b) Name of project or site (the name known by the community where located):  
\_\_\_\_\_

c) In your own words, briefly describe the primary business of the Regulated Entity: (Do not repeat the SIC and NAICS code):  
\_\_\_\_\_

d) County (or counties if > 1) \_\_\_\_\_

e) Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_

f) Does the site have a physical address?  
Yes, complete Section A for a physical address.  
No, complete Section B for site location information.

**Section A:** Enter the physical address for the site.

Verify the address with USPS. If the address is not recognized as a delivery address, provide the address as identified for overnight mail delivery, 911 emergency or other online map tools to confirm an address.

Physical Address of Project or Site:  
Street Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Street Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section B:** Enter the site location information.

If no physical address (Street Number & Street Name), provide a written location access description to the site. (Ex.: located 2 miles west from intersection of Hwy 290 & IH35 accessible on Hwy 290 South)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City where the site is located or, if not in a city, what is the nearest city:

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code where the site is located: \_\_\_\_\_

**4) GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

- a) Is the project/site located on Indian Country Lands?  
Yes - If the answer is Yes, you must obtain authorization through EPA, Region 6.  
No
  
- b) Is your construction activity associated with a facility that, when completed, would be associated with the exploration, development, or production of oil or gas or geothermal resources?  
Yes - If the answer is Yes, you may be under jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas and may need to obtain authorization through EPA, Region 6.  
No
  
- c) What is the Primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code that best describes the construction activity being conducted at the site?  
Primary SIC Code: \_\_\_\_\_
  
- d) If applicable, what is the Secondary SIC Code(s): \_\_\_\_\_
  
- e) What is the Estimated Start Date? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- f) What is the Estimated End Date? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- g) Does the construction site, based on its location and time frame for completion, have an R Factor <5?  
Yes  
No – If the answer is No, this project/site does not qualify for a waiver.
  
- h) Will the construction site disturb an area of five or more acres, or is the construction site part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb an area of five or more acres?  
Yes - If the answer is Yes, this project/site does not qualify for a waiver.  
No
  
- i) What is the total number of acres disturbed? \_\_\_\_\_
  
- j) What is the name of the first water body(s) to receive the stormwater runoff or potential runoff from the site?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
- k) What is the segment number(s) of the classified water body(s) that the discharge will eventually reach?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**l) Is the discharge into an MS4?**

Yes - If the answer is Yes, provide the name of the MS4 operator below.

No

If Yes, provide the name of the MS4 operator:

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Note: The general permit requires you to send a copy of the Waiver to the MS4 operator.

**m) Is the discharge or potential discharge within the Recharge Zone, Contributing Zone, or Contributing Zone within the Transition Zone of the Edwards Aquifer as defined in 30 TAC Chapter 213?**

Yes - If the answer is Yes, complete certification below by checking "Yes."

No

I certify that a copy of the TCEQ approved Plan required by the Edwards Aquifer Rule (30 TAC Chapter 213) is either included or referenced in the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

Yes

**5) CERTIFICATION**

Check Yes to the certifications below. Failure to indicate Yes to **ALL** items may result in denial of coverage under the general permit.

- a) I certify that I have obtained a copy and understand the terms and conditions of the Construction General Permit (TXR150000). Yes
- b) I certify that the full legal name of the entity applying for this permit has been provided and is legally authorized to do business in Texas. Yes
- c) I certify that the activities at this site qualify for coverage under the Construction General Permit (TXR150000). Yes
- d) I understand that construction activities at this site shall occur within a time period in which the erosivity factor (R Factor) is less than 5, and if construction activities continue past the end date provided in this form, a new R factor must be calculated based on the initial start date and a new end date. If the R Factor is greater than or equal to 5, all applicable sections of the general permit must be followed. Yes
- e) I understand that a Notice of Termination (NOT) must be submitted when this authorization is no longer needed. Yes

**Operator Certification:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Typed or printed name

certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

I further certify that I am authorized under 30 Texas Administrative Code 305.44 to sign and submit this document, and can provide documentation in proof of such authorization upon request.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Use blue ink)*

## WAIVER CHECKLIST (TXR150000)

- Did you complete everything? Use this checklist to be sure!
- Are you ready to mail your form to TCEQ? Go to the General Information Section of the Instructions for mailing addresses.

This checklist is for use by the operator to ensure a complete application. Missing information may result in denial of coverage under the general permit. (See Waiver process description in the Instructions)

### PERMIT NUMBER:

Permit number provided – if this application is for renewal of an existing authorization.

### OPERATOR INFORMATION - Confirm each item is complete:

Customer Number (CN) issued by TCEQ Central Registry

Legal name as filed to do business in Texas (Call TX SOS 512/463-5555)

Name and title of responsible authority signing the application

Mailing address is complete & verifiable with USPS. [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

Phone numbers/e-mail address

Type of operator (entity type)

Independent operator

Number of employees

For corporations or limited partnerships – Tax ID and SOS filing numbers

Application contact and address is complete & verifiable with USPS. <http://www.usps.com>

### REGULATED ENTITY (RE) INFORMATION ON PROJECT OR SITE - Confirm each item is complete:

Regulated Entity Reference Number (RN) (if site is already regulated by TCEQ)

Site/project name/regulating entity

Latitude and longitude <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/sqmaview.html>

County

Site/project physical address. Do not use a rural route or post office box.

Business description

### GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS - Confirm each item is complete:

Indian Country Lands –the facility is not on Indian Country Lands

Construction activity related to facility associated with oil, gas, or geothermal resources

Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code [www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html](http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/sicser.html)

Estimated Start and End Dates

R Factor < 5

Acres disturbed for site or common plan of development is < 5 acres and qualifies for coverage through a Waiver

Acres disturbed is provided

Receiving water body(s)

Segment number(s)

MS4 operator

Edwards Aquifer rule

### CERTIFICATION

Certification statements have been checked indicating “Yes”

Signature meets 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 305.44 and is original.

# Waiver for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity under TPDES General Permit (TXR150000)

## General Information and Instructions

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Where to Send the Waiver:

BY REGULAR U.S. MAIL  
Texas Commission on  
Environmental Quality  
Stormwater Processing Center  
(MC228)  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

BY OVERNIGHT/EXPRESS MAIL  
Texas Commission on  
Environmental Quality  
Stormwater Processing Center  
(MC228)  
12100 Park 35 Circle  
Austin, TX 78753

#### TCEQ Contact List:

Application – status and form questions:	512/239-3700, <a href="mailto:swpermit@tceq.texas.gov">swpermit@tceq.texas.gov</a>
Technical questions:	512/239-4671, <a href="mailto:swgp@tceq.texas.gov">swgp@tceq.texas.gov</a>
Environmental Law Division:	512/239-0600
Records Management - obtain copies of forms:	512/239-0900
Reports from databases (as available):	512/239-DATA (3282)
Cashier's office:	512/239-0357 or 512/239-0187

#### Waiver Process:

When your Waiver is received by the program, the form will be processed as follows:

- 1) Administrative Review:** Each item on the form will be reviewed for a complete response. In addition, the operator's legal name must be verified with Texas Secretary of State as valid and active (if applicable). The address(s) on the form must be verified with the US Postal service as receiving regular mail delivery. Never give an overnight/express mailing address.
- 2) Notice of Deficiency:** If an item is incomplete or not verifiable as indicated above, a notice of deficiency (NOD) will be mailed to the operator. The operator will have 30 days to respond to the NOD. The response will be reviewed for completeness.
- 3) Acknowledgment of Coverage:** An Acknowledgment Certificate will be mailed to the operator. This certificate acknowledges coverage under the general permit.  
-or-  
**Denial of Coverage:** If the operator fails to respond to the NOD or the response is inadequate, coverage under the general permit may be denied. If coverage is denied, the operator will be notified.

#### General Permit (Your Permit)

For **paper** Waivers, construction activities are provisionally waived from the otherwise applicable requirements of this general permit **7 days after a completed Waiver is postmarked for delivery** to the TCEQ. Coverage ends on the Estimated End Date as entered in the Waiver form.



You should have a copy of your general permit when submitting your application. You may view and print your permit for which you are seeking coverage, on the TCEQ web site <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>. Search using key word TXR150000.

### **General Permit Forms**

The Notice of Intent (NOI), Notice of Termination (NOT), and Notice of Change (NOC), and Waiver forms (including instructions) are available in Adobe Acrobat PDF format on the TCEQ web site <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>.

### **Change in Operator**

An authorization under the general permit is not transferable. If the operator of the regulated entity changes, the present permittee must submit a Notice of Termination and the new operator must submit a Notice of Intent or Waiver. The NOT and NOI/Waiver must be submitted no later than 10 days prior to the change in Operator status.

### **TCEQ Central Registry Core Data Form**

The Core Data Form has been incorporated into this form. Do not send a Core Data Form to TCEQ. After final acknowledgment of coverage under the general permit, the program will assign a Customer Number and Regulated Entity Number.

You can find the information on the Central Registry web site at <http://www12.tceq.texas.gov/crpub/index.cfm>. You can search by the Regulated Entity (RN), Customer Number (CN) or Name (Permittee), or by your permit number under the search field labeled "Additional ID". Capitalize all letters in the permit number.

The Customer (Permittee) is responsible for providing consistent information to the TCEQ, and for updating all CN and RN data for all authorizations as changes occur. For General Permits, a Notice of Change form must be submitted to the program area.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE WAIVER FORM**

**Renewal of General Permit.** Dischargers holding active authorizations under the expired General Permit are required to submit a Waiver to continue coverage. The existing permit number is required. If the permit number is not provided or has been terminated, expired, or denied a new permit number will be issued.

### **1. Operator (Applicant)**

#### **a) Enter assigned Customer Number (CN)**

TCEQ's Central Registry will assign each customer a number that begins with CN, followed by nine digits. **This is not a permit number, registration number, or license number.** If this customer has not been assigned a CN, leave the space for the CN blank. If this customer has already been assigned this number, enter the permittee's CN.

#### **b) Legal Name**

Provide the current legal name of the permittee, as authorized to do business in Texas. The name must be provided exactly as filed with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS), or on other legal documents forming the entity, that is filed in the county where doing business. You may contact the SOS at 512/463-5555, for more information related to filing in Texas. If filed in the county where doing business, provide a copy of the legal documents showing the legal name.

**c) Person Signing Application**

Provide information about person signing section 5) Certification.

**d) Operator Contact's (Responsible Authority) Contact Information and Mailing Address**

Provide a complete mailing address for receiving mail from the TCEQ. The address must be verifiable with the US Postal Service at [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) for regular mail delivery (not overnight express mail). If you find that the address is not verifiable using the USPS web search, please indicate the address is used by the USPS for regular mail delivery.

The area code and phone number should provide contact to the operator. Leave Extension blank if not applicable.

The fax number and e-mail address are optional and should correspond to the operator.

**e) Type of Customer (Entity Type)**

Check only one box that identifies the type of entity. Use the descriptions below to identify the appropriate entity type. Note that the selected entity type also indicates the name that must be provided as an applicant for a permit, registration or authorization.

**Sole Proprietorship – DBA**

A sole proprietorship is a customer that is owned by only one person and has not been incorporated. This business may:

- be under the person's name
- have its own name (doing business as or d.b.a.)
- have any number of employees

If the customer is a Sole Proprietorship or DBA, the 'legal name' of the individual business 'owner' must be provided. The DBA name is not recognized as the 'legal name' of the entity. The DBA name may be used for the site name (regulated entity).

**Individual**

An individual is a customer who has not established a business, but conducts an activity that needs to be regulated by the TCEQ.

**Partnership**

- A customer that is established as a partnership as defined by the Texas Secretary of State Office (TX SOS). A Limited Partnership or Limited Liability Partnership (Partnership) is required to file with the Texas Secretary of State. A General Partnership or Joint Venture is not required to register with the state.
- **Partnership (Limited Partnership or Limited Liability Partnership):** A limited partnership is defined in the Act as a partnership formed by two or more persons under the provisions of Section 3 of the Uniform Limited Partnership Act (Art. 6132a, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas) and having as members one or more general partners and one or more limited partners. The limited partners as such are not bound by the obligations of the partnership. Limited partners may not take part in the day-to-day operations of the business. A Limited Partnership must file with the Texas Secretary of State. A registered limited liability partnership is a general or limited partnership that is registered with the Texas Secretary of State. The partnership's name must contain the words "Registered Limited Liability Partnership" or the abbreviation "L.L.P." as the last words or letters of its name.

- **General Partnership:** A general partner may or may not invest, participates in running the partnership and is liable for all acts and debts of the partnership and any member of it. A General Partnership does not have limited partners. For a General Partnership, there is no registration with the state or even written agreement necessary for a general partnership to be formed. The legal definition of a partnership is generally stated as "an association of two or more persons to carry on as co-owners a business for profit" (Revised Uniform Partnership Act § 101 [1994]).
- **Joint Venture:** A joint venture is but another name for a special partnership. It might be distinguished from a general partnership in that the latter is formed for the transaction of a general business, while a joint venture is usually limited to a single transaction. That is, a joint venture is a special combination of persons in the nature of a partnership engaged in the joint prosecution of a particular transaction for mutual benefit or profit.

### **Corporation**

A customer meets all of these conditions:

- is a legally incorporated entity under the laws of any state or country
- is recognized as a corporation by the Texas Secretary of State
- has proper operating authority to operate in Texas.
- The corporation's 'legal name' as filed with the Texas Secretary of State must be provided as applicant. An 'assumed' name of a corporation is not recognized as the 'legal name' of the entity.

### **Government**

Federal, state, county, or city government (as appropriate)

The customer is either an agency of one of these levels of government or the governmental body itself. The government agency's 'legal name' must be provided as the applicant. A department name or other description of the organization should not be included as a part of the 'legal name' as applicant.

### **Trust or Estate**

A trust and an estate are fiduciary relationships governing the trustee/executor with respect to the trust/estate property.

### **Other Government**

A utility district, water district, tribal government, college district, council of governments, or river authority. Write in the specific type of government.

### **f) Independent Entity**

Check No if this customer is a subsidiary, part of a larger company, or is a governmental entity. Otherwise, check Yes.

### **g) Number of Employees**

Check one box to show the number of employees for this customer's entire company, at all locations. This is not necessarily the number of employees at the site named in the application.

### **h) Customer Business Tax and Filing Numbers**

These are required for Corporations and Limited Partnerships. These are not required for Individuals, Government, and Sole Proprietors.

**State Franchise Tax ID Number**

Corporations and limited liability companies that operate in Texas are issued a franchise tax identification number. If this customer is a corporation or limited liability company, enter this number here.

**Federal Tax ID**

All businesses, except for some small sole proprietors, individuals, or general partnerships should have a federal taxpayer identification number (TIN). Enter this number here. Use no prefixes, dashes, or hyphens. Sole proprietors, individuals, or general partnerships do not need to provide a federal tax ID.

**TX SOS Charter (filing) Number**

Corporations and Limited Partnerships required to register with the Texas Secretary of State are issued a charter or filing number. You may obtain further information by calling SOS at 512/463-5555.

**DUNS Number**

Most businesses have a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number issued by Dun and Bradstreet Corp. If this customer has one, enter it here.

**2. APPLICATION CONTACT**

Provide the name, title and communication information of the person that TCEQ can contact for additional information regarding this application.

**3. REGULATED ENTITY (RE) INFORMATION ON PROJECT OR SITE****a) Regulated Entity Reference Number (RN)**

A number issued by TCEQ's Central Registry to sites (a location where a regulated activity occurs) regulated by TCEQ. This is not a permit number, registration number, or license number. If this regulated entity has not been assigned an RN, leave this space blank.

If the site of your business is part of a larger business site, a Regulated Entity Number (RN) may already be assigned for the larger site. Use the RN assigned for the larger site. Search TCEQ's Central Registry to see if the larger site may already be registered as a regulated site at: <http://www12.tceq.texas.gov/crpub/index.cfm?fuseaction=regent.RNSearch>

If the site is found, provide the assigned Regulated Entity Reference Number (RN) and provide the information for the site to be authorized through this application. The site information for this authorization may vary from the larger site information.

An example is a chemical plant where a unit is owned or operated by a separate corporation that is accessible by the same physical address of your unit or facility. Other examples include industrial parks identified by one common address but different corporations have control of defined areas within the site. In both cases, an RN would be assigned for the physical address location and the permitted sites would be identified separately under the same RN.

**b) Site/Project Name/Regulated Entity**

Provide the name of the site as known by the public in the area where the site is located. The name you provide on this application will be used in the TCEQ Central Registry as the Regulated Entity name.

**c) Description of Activity Regulated**

In your own words, briefly describe the primary business that you are doing that requires this authorization. Do not repeat the SIC Code description.

**d) County**

Identify the county or counties in which the regulated entity is located.

**e) Latitude and Longitude**

Enter the latitude and longitude of the site in degrees, minutes, and seconds or decimal form. For help obtaining the latitude and longitude, go to:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/gis/sqmaview.html> or <http://nationalmap.gov/ustopo>

**f) Site/Project (RE) Physical Address/Location Information**

Enter the complete address for the site in Section A if the address can be validated through the US Postal Service. If the physical address is not recognized as a USPS delivery address, you may need to validate the address with your local police (911 service) or through an online map site used to locate a site. Please confirm this to be a complete and valid address. Do not use a rural route or post office box for a site location.

If a site does not have an address that includes a street (or house) number and street name, enter NO ADDRESS for the street name in Section A. In Section B provide a complete written location description. For example: "The site is located 2 miles west from intersection of Hwy 290 & IH35, located on the southwest corner of the Hwy 290 South bound lane."

Provide the city (or nearest city) and zip code of the facility location.

**4. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**a) Indian Country Lands**

If your site is located on Indian Country Lands, the TCEQ does not have authority to process your application. You must obtain authorization through EPA, Region 6, Dallas. Do not submit this form to TCEQ.

**b) Construction activity associated with facility associated with exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or geothermal resources**

If your activity is associated with oil and gas exploration, development, or production, you may be under jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas and may need to obtain authorization from EPA Region 6. For more information, see:

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p\\_dir=&p\\_rloc=&p\\_tloc=&p\\_ploc=&p\\_pg=1&p\\_tac=&ti=16&pt=1&ch=3&rl=30](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.TacPage?sl=R&app=9&p_dir=&p_rloc=&p_tloc=&p_ploc=&p_pg=1&p_tac=&ti=16&pt=1&ch=3&rl=30)

Construction activities associated with a facility related to oil, gas or geothermal resources may include the construction of a well site; treatment or storage facility; underground hydrocarbon or natural gas storage facility; reclamation plant; gas processing facility; compressor station; terminal facility where crude oil is stored prior to refining and at which refined products are stored solely for use at the facility; a carbon dioxide geologic storage facility; and a gathering, transmission, or distribution pipeline that will transport crude oil or natural gas, including natural gas liquids, prior to refining of such oil or the use of the natural gas in any manufacturing process or as a residential or industrial fuel.

Where required by federal law, discharges of stormwater associated with construction activities under the Railroad Commission's jurisdiction must be authorized by the EPA and the Railroad

Commission of Texas, as applicable. Activities under Railroad Commission of Texas jurisdiction include construction of a facility that, when completed, would be associated with the exploration, development, or production of oil or gas or geothermal resources, such as a well site; treatment or storage facility; underground hydrocarbon or natural gas storage facility; reclamation plant; gas processing facility; compressor station; terminal facility where crude oil is stored prior to refining and at which refined products are stored solely for use at the facility; a carbon dioxide geologic storage facility under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission of Texas; and a gathering, transmission, or distribution pipeline that will transport crude oil or natural gas, including natural gas liquids, prior to refining of such oil or the use of the natural gas in any manufacturing process or as a residential or industrial fuel. The Railroad Commission of Texas also has jurisdiction over stormwater from land disturbance associated with a site survey that is conducted prior to construction of a facility that would be regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas. Under 33 U.S.C. §1342(l)(2) and §1362(24), EPA cannot require a permit for discharges of stormwater from "field activities or operations associated with {oil and gas} exploration, production, processing, or treatment operations, or transmission facilities, including activities necessary to prepare a site for drilling and for the movement and placement of drilling equipment, whether or not such field activities or operations may be considered to be construction activities" unless the discharge is contaminated by contact with any overburden, raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product located on the site of the facility. Under §3.8 of this title (relating to Water Protection), the Railroad Commission of Texas prohibits operators from causing or allowing pollution of surface or subsurface water. Operators are encouraged to implement and maintain best management practices (BMPs) to minimize discharges of pollutants, including sediment, in stormwater during construction activities to help ensure protection of surface water quality during storm events.

**c) Primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code**

Provide the SIC Code that best describes the construction activity being conducted at this site.

Common SIC Codes related to construction activities include:

- 1521 - Construction of Single Family Homes
- 1522 - Construction of Residential Bldgs. Other than Single Family Homes
- 1541 - Construction of Industrial Bldgs. and Warehouses
- 1542 - Construction of Non-residential Bldgs, other than Industrial Bldgs. and Warehouses
- 1611 - Highway and Street Construction, except Highway Construction
- 1622 - Bridge, Tunnel, and Elevated Highway Construction
- 1623 - Water, Sewer, Pipeline and Communications, and Power Line Construction

For help with SIC Codes, go to:

<http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>

**d) Secondary SIC Code**

Secondary SIC Code(s) may be provided. Leave blank if not applicable. For help with SIC Codes, go to:

<http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>

**e) Estimated Start Date**

Provide the date in which the construction activity will commence. The dates provided in this waiver must be used to calculate the R Factor for the site.

**f) Estimated End Date**

Provide the projected date in which the construction activity will be completed. The dates provided in this waiver must be used to calculate the R Factor for the site.

**g) R Factor < 5**

Check Yes if the calculated R Factor for the construction site is less than 5. If the construction site has an R Factor greater than or equal to 5, this construction project/site does not qualify for a waiver. An authorization to discharge stormwater must be obtained by following the provisions in the Construction General Permit (TXR150000).

**h) Five or more acres or Common Plan of Development**

Check Yes if the construction activity disturbs 5 acres or more, or the construction activity is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb 5 acres or more. Otherwise, check No. If Yes is selected, the construction activity is not eligible for a waiver, and authorization to discharge stormwater must be obtained by following the provisions in the Construction General Permit (TXR150000). Only construction activities that disturb less than five acres are eligible for this waiver. Disturbed means any clearing, grading, excavating, or other similar activities.

For more information on "What is a common plan of development?" go to:

[www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/common\\_plan\\_of\\_development\\_steps.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/stormwater/common_plan_of_development_steps.html)

For further information, go to the TCEQ stormwater construction webpage at:

[www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/construction](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/construction) and search for "Additional Guidance and Quick Links". If you have any further questions about this item, please call the stormwater technical staff at (512)239-4671.

**i) Total Number of Acres Disturbed**

Provide the approximate number of acres that the construction site will disturb. Construction activities that disturb five (5) or more acres are not eligible for a Waiver. Disturbed means any clearing, grading, excavating, or other similar activities.

If you have any questions about this item, please contact the stormwater technical staff by phone at (512)239-4671 or by email at [swgp@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:swgp@tceq.texas.gov).

**j) Identify the water body(s) receiving stormwater runoff**

The stormwater may be discharged directly to a receiving stream or through a MS4 from your site. It eventually reaches a receiving water body such as a local stream or lake, possibly via a drainage ditch. You must provide the name of the water body that receives the discharge from the site (a local stream or lake).

If your site has more than one outfall you need to include the name of the first water body for each outfall, if they are different.

**k) Identify the segment number(s) of the classified water body(s)**

Identify the classified segment number(s) receiving a discharge directly or indirectly. Go to the following link to find the segment number of the classified water body where stormwater will flow from the site: [www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/monitoring/viewer.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/monitoring/viewer.html)

You may also find the segment number in TCEQ publication GI-316:  
[www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/gi/gi-316](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/gi/gi-316)

If the discharge is into an unclassified receiving water and then crosses state lines prior to entering a classified segment, select the appropriate watershed:

- 0100 (Canadian River Basin)
- 0200 (Red River Basin)
- 0300 (Sulfur River Basin)
- 0400 (Cypress Creek Basin)
- 0500 (Sabine River Basin)

Call the Water Quality Assessments section at (512)239-4671 for further assistance.

#### **l) Discharge into MS4 - Identify the MS4 Operator**

The discharge may initially be into a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). If the stormwater discharge is into an MS4, provide the name of the entity that operates the MS4 where the stormwater discharges. An MS4 operator is often a city, town, county, or utility district, but possibly can be another form of government. Please note that the Construction General Permit requires the Operator to supply the MS4 with a copy of the Waiver submitted to TCEQ. For assistance, you may call the technical staff at (512)239-4671.

#### **m) Discharges to the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and Certification**

See maps on the TCEQ website to determine if the site is located within the Recharge Zone, Contributing Zone, or Contributing Zone within the Transition Zone of the Edwards Aquifer at:  
[www.tceq.texas.gov/field/eapp/viewer.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/field/eapp/viewer.html)

If the discharge or potential discharge is within the Recharge Zone, Contributing Zone, or Contributing Zone within the Transition Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, a site specific authorization approved by the Executive Director under the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (30 TAC Chapter 213) is required before construction can begin. The certification must be answered "Yes" for coverage under the Construction General Permit. The TCEQ approved plan must be readily available for TCEQ staff to review at the time that the Waiver is submitted.

The general permit requires the approved Contributing Zone Plan or Water Pollution Abatement Plan to be included or referenced as a part of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

For questions regarding the Edwards Aquifer Protection Program, contact the appropriate TCEQ Regional Office. For projects in Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties: Austin Regional Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753, 512-339-2929. For Projects in Bexar, Comal, Kinney, Medina and Uvalde Counties: TCEQ San Antonio Regional Office, 14250 Judson Rd., San Antonio, TX 78233-4480, 210-490-3096.

## **5. CERTIFICATIONS**

Failure to indicate **Yes** to ALL of the certification items may result in denial of coverage under the general permit.

#### **a) Certification of Understanding the Terms and Conditions of Construction General Permit (TXR150000)**

Provisional coverage under the Construction General Permit (TXR150000) begins 7 days after the completed paper Waiver is postmarked for delivery to the TCEQ. You must obtain a copy



and read the Construction General Permit before submitting your application. You may view and print the Construction General Permit for which you are seeking coverage at the TCEQ web site: [www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/construction](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/construction)

**b) Certification of Legal Name**

The full legal name of the applicant as authorized to do business in Texas is required. The name must be provided exactly as filed with the Texas Secretary of State (SOS), or on other legal documents forming the entity, that is filed in the county where doing business. You may contact the SOS at (512)463 5555, for more information related to filing in Texas.

**c) Certification that activities qualify for coverage**

Certification that activities at this site qualify for a Waiver as described in the Construction General Permit (TXR150000) is required.

**d) Understanding of Notice of Termination**

A permittee shall terminate coverage under this Construction General Permit through the submittal of a NOT when the operator of the facility changes, final stabilization has been reached, the discharge becomes authorized under an individual permit, or the construction activity never began at this site.

**e) Certification of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan**

The SWP3 identifies the areas and activities that could produce contaminated runoff at your site and then tells how you will ensure that this contamination is mitigated. For example, in describing your mitigation measures, your site's plan might identify the devices that collect and filter stormwater, tell how those devices are to be maintained, and tell how frequently that maintenance is to be carried out. You must develop this plan in accordance with the TCEQ general permit requirements. This plan must be developed and implemented before you complete this Waiver. The SWP3 must be available for a TCEQ investigator to review on request.

**Operator Certification:**

The certification must bear an original signature of a person meeting the signatory requirements specified under 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §305.44.

**IF YOU ARE A CORPORATION:**

The regulation that controls who may sign an NOI or similar form is 30 Texas Administrative Code §305.44(a)(1) (see below). According to this code provision, any corporate representative may sign an NOI or similar form so long as the authority to sign such a document has been delegated to that person in accordance with corporate procedures. By signing the NOI or similar form, you are certifying that such authority has been delegated to you. The TCEQ may request documentation evidencing such authority.

**IF YOU ARE A MUNICIPALITY OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY:**

The regulation that controls who may sign an NOI or similar form is 30 Texas Administrative Code §305.44(a)(3) (see below). According to this code provision, only a ranking elected official or principal executive officer may sign an NOI or similar form. Persons such as the City Mayor or County Commissioner will be considered ranking elected officials. In order to identify the principal executive officer of your government entity, it may be beneficial to consult your city charter, county or city ordinances, or the Texas statute(s) under which your government entity was formed. An NOI or similar document that is signed by a government official who is not a ranking elected official or principal executive officer does not conform to §305.44(a)(3). The signatory requirement may not be delegated to a government representative other than those

identified in the regulation. By signing the NOI or similar form, you are certifying that you are either a ranking elected official or principal executive officer as required by the administrative code. Documentation demonstrating your position as a ranking elected official or principal executive officer may be requested by the TCEQ.

If you have any questions or need additional information concerning the signatory requirements discussed above, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Environmental Law Division at (512)239-0600.

### **30 Texas Administrative Code**

#### **§305.44. Signatories to Applications**

(a) All applications shall be signed as follows.

(1) For a corporation, the application shall be signed by a responsible corporate officer. For purposes of this paragraph, a responsible corporate officer means a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities employing more than 250 persons or having gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second-quarter 1980 dollars), if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures. Corporate procedures governing authority to sign permit or post-closure order applications may provide for assignment or delegation to applicable corporate positions rather than to specific individuals.

(2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship, the application shall be signed by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.

(3) For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency, the application shall be signed by either a principal executive officer or a ranking elected official. For purposes of this paragraph, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes the chief executive officer of the agency, or a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., regional administrator of the EPA).