

**TECHNICAL SUMMARY AND  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S PRELIMINARY DECISION**

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION

Applicant: City of San Perlita  
TCEQ Permit No. WQ0014076001

Regulated Activity: Domestic Wastewater Permit

Type of Application: Renewal

Request: Renewal with no changes

Authority: Texas Water Code (TWC) § 26.027; 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapters 305, 309, 312, 319, and 30; and Commission policies.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The draft permit includes an expiration date of **ten years from the date of issuance**, according to 30 TAC Section 305.127(1)(C)(ii)(III), Conditions to be Determined for Individual Permits.

REASON FOR PROJECT PROPOSED

City of San Perlita has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Permit No. WQ0014076001 to authorize the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 0.10 million gallons per day (MGD) via evaporation. The facility includes a storage pond with a total surface area of 4.0 acres and total capacity of 8.0 acre-feet for disposal of treated effluent via evaporation/percolation. The existing wastewater treatment facility serves the City of San Perlita.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION

The City of San Perlita Wastewater Treatment Facility consists of a pond system. Treatment units include a facultative lagoon with a surface area of 1.57 acres and volume of 7.1 acre-feet, two stabilization ponds with a surface area of 3.0 acres and volume of 13.2 acre-feet, and an evaporation pond with a total surface area of 4.0 acres and total capacity of 8.0 acre-feet. The facility is in operation.

The draft permit authorizes the disposal of sludge at a TCEQ authorized land application site, co-disposal landfill, or wastewater treatment plant.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located west of the intersection of First Avenue and Seminole Avenue and 3,000 feet west-southwest of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 2209 and Farm-to-Market Road 3142, adjacent to the City of San Perlita, in Willacy County, Texas 78590.

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The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Laguna Madre in Segment No. 2491 of the Bays and Estuaries. No discharge of pollutants into water in the state is authorized by this permit.

#### SUMMARY OF EFFLUENT DATA

No discharge has occurred at this facility, therefore no data is provided.

#### DRAFT PERMIT CONDITIONS

The draft permit authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater effluent at a daily average flow not to exceed 0.10 MGD via evaporation. The facility includes a storage pond with a total surface area of 4.0 acres and total capacity of 8.0 acre-feet for disposal of treated effluent via evaporation.

The effluent limitation in the draft permit, based on a single grab, is 100 mg/l biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>).

The draft permit includes Sludge Provisions according to the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 312, Sludge Use, Disposal, and Transportation. The draft permit authorizes the disposal of sludge at a TCEQ authorized land application site, co-disposal landfill, or wastewater treatment plant.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM APPLICATION

None.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES FROM EXISTING PERMIT

Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements in the draft permit remain the same as the existing permit effluent limitations and monitoring requirements. The Sludge Provisions, Special Provisions, and Standard Provisions have been revised in the draft permit.

SECTION IV, REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO SLUDGE OR BIOSOLIDS TRANSPORTED TO ANOTHER FACILITY FOR FURTHER PROCESSING, has been added to the Sludge Provisions of the draft permit to allow the transportation of sludge or biosolids to another facility. Certain accidental discharges or spills of treated or untreated wastewater from wastewater treatment facilities or collection systems owned or operated by a local government may be reported on a monthly basis in accordance with 30 TAC § 305.132.

The draft permit includes all updates based on the 30 TAC 312 rule change effective April 23, 2020.

Special Provisions #6 and #8 of the existing permit have been updated per recommendation of the Geologist.

Special Provisions #9 through #12 have been added to the permit regarding pond liners.

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Special Provision #13 has been added to the permit regarding well buffers.

### BASIS FOR DRAFT PERMIT

The following items were considered in developing the draft permit:

1. Application received on January 25, 2025, and additional information received on February 14, 2025, December 11, 2025 and December 22, 2025.
2. Existing TCEQ permit: Permit No. WQ0014076001 issued on March 29, 2016.
3. Interoffice Memorandum from the Land Application Team, Water Quality Assessment Section, Water Quality Division.

### PROCEDURES FOR FINAL DECISION

When an application is declared administratively complete, the Chief Clerk sends a letter to the applicant advising the applicant to publish the Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Permit in the newspaper. In addition, the Chief Clerk instructs the applicant to place a copy of the application in a public place for review and copying in the county where the facility is or will be located. This application will be in a public place throughout the comment period. The Chief Clerk also mails this notice to any interested persons and, if required, to landowners identified in the permit application. This notice informs the public about the application and provides that an interested person may file comments on the application or request a contested case hearing or a public meeting.

Once a draft permit is completed, it is sent, along with the Executive Director's preliminary decision, as contained in the technical summary or fact sheet, to the Chief Clerk. At that time, the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be mailed to the same people and published in the same newspaper as the prior notice. This notice sets a deadline for making public comments. The applicant must place a copy of the Executive Director's preliminary decision and draft permit in the public place with the application.

Any interested person may request a public meeting on the application until the deadline for filing public comments. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment and is not a contested case proceeding.

After the public comment deadline, the Executive Director prepares a response to all significant public comments on the application or the draft permit raised during the public comment period. The Chief Clerk then mails the Executive Director's response to comments and final decision to people who have filed comments, requested a contested case hearing, or requested to be on the mailing list. This notice provides that if a person is not satisfied with the Executive Director's response and decision, they can request a contested case hearing or file a request to reconsider the Executive Director's decision within 30 days after the notice is mailed.

The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed within 30 days after the Executive Director's response to comments and final decision is mailed. If a hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ

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Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

If the Executive Director calls a public meeting or the Commission grants a contested case hearing as described above, the Commission will give notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting or hearing. If a hearing request or request for reconsideration is made, the Commission will consider all public comments in making its decision and shall either adopt the Executive Director's response to public comments or prepare its own response.

For additional information about this application, contact Kayla Robichaux at (512) 239-4742.

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