

Notice and Comment Hearing

Draft Permit No.: O1553

This is a notice for a notice and comment hearing on Federal Operating Permit Number O1553. During the notice and comment hearing informal questions on the Federal Operating Permit will be answered and formal comments will be received. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has scheduled the notice and comment hearing regarding this application and draft permit as follows:

Date: February 5, 2024
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Marriott SpringHill Suites Baytown
5169 I-10 East
Baytown, Texas 77521
Location phone: 281-421-1200

Application and Draft Permit. Exxon Mobil Corporation, PO Box 100, Baytown, Texas 77522-0100, an All Other Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing facility, has applied to the TCEQ for a Renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as permit) No. O1553, Application No. 23071 to authorize operation of the Baytown Olefins Plant. The area addressed by the application is located at 3525 Decker Dr in Baytown, Harris County, Texas 77520-1646. This application was received by the TCEQ on June 26, 2015.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the site must operate. The TCEQ Executive Director recommends issuance of the draft permit. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) § 122.10. The permit will not authorize new construction or new emissions.

Notice and Comment Hearing. The hearing will be structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Registration and an informal discussion period with commission staff members will begin during the first 30 minutes. During the informal discussion period, the public is encouraged to ask questions and engage in open discussion with the applicant and the TCEQ staff concerning this application and draft permit. Issues raised during this discussion period **will only** be addressed in the formal response to comments if the issue is also presented during the hearing. After the conclusion of the informal discussion period, the TCEQ will conduct a notice and comment hearing regarding the application and draft permit. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. A five-minute time limit may be established at the hearing to assure that enough time is allowed for every interested person to speak. There will be no open discussion during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal and answer questions after the hearing. The purpose of this hearing will be to receive formal public comment which the TCEQ will consider in determining whether to revise and/or issue the permit and in determining the accuracy and completeness of the permit. Any person may attend this meeting and submit written or oral comments. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.0561, as codified in the Texas Health and Safety Code, and 30 TAC § 122.340.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact the TCEQ Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD), at least five business days prior to the hearing.

Any person may also submit written comments before the hearing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of Chief Clerk, MC-105, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/. Written comments should include (1) your name, address, and daytime telephone number, and (2) the draft permit number found at the top of this notice.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted: written comments, and/or hearing requests, attended the hearing, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

Mailing List. In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application.

Information. For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Public Education Program, MC-108, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or toll free at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.texas.gov. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained for Exxon Mobil Corporation by calling Santhosh Kapildev, BOP NSR Permitting & Title V Advisor at (254) 545-3949.

Notice Issuance Date: November 21, 2023