



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL
WASTEWATER
NEW
PERMIT NO. WQ0016342001**

APPLICATION. Space Exploration Technologies Corp., 1 Rocket Road, Brownsville, Texas 78521, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for new Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016342001, to authorize the discharge of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 200,000 gallons per day. TCEQ received this application on May 10, 2023.

The facility is located approximately 1,000 feet west of the intersection of Boca Chica Boulevard and Remedios Lane, in Cameron County, Texas 78521. The treated effluent will be discharged directly to South Bay in Segment No. 2493 of the Bays and Estuaries. The designated uses for Segment No. 2493 are primary contact recreation exceptional aquatic life use, and oyster waters. In accordance with 30 Texas Administrative Code §307.5 and the TCEQ's *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (June 2010), an antidegradation review of the receiving waters was performed. A Tier 1 antidegradation review has preliminarily determined that existing water quality uses will not be impaired by this permit action. Numerical and narrative criteria to protect existing uses will be maintained. A Tier 2 review has preliminarily determined that no significant degradation of water quality is expected in South Bay, which has been identified as having exceptional aquatic life use. Existing uses will be maintained and protected. The preliminary determination can be reexamined and may be modified if new information is received. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application.

<https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-97.19051,25.98448&level=18>

The TCEQ Executive Director has reviewed this action for consistency with the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) goals and policies in accordance with the regulations of the Texas General Land Office and has determined that the action is consistent with the applicable CMP goals and policies.

The TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. A public meeting will be held and will consist of two parts, an Informal Discussion Period and a Formal Comment Period. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedure Act. During the Informal Discussion Period, the public will be encouraged to ask questions of the applicant and TCEQ staff concerning the permit application. The comments and questions submitted orally during the Informal Discussion Period will not be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application and no formal response will be made. Responses will be provided orally during the Informal Discussion Period. During the Formal Comment Period on the permit application, members of the public may state their formal comments orally into the official record. A written response to all timely, relevant and material, or significant comments will be prepared by the Executive Director. All formal comments will be considered before a decision is reached on the permit application. A copy of the written response will be sent to each person who submits a formal comment or who requested to be on the mailing list for this permit application and provides a mailing address. Only relevant and material issues raised during the Formal Comment Period can be considered if a contested case hearing is granted on this permit application.

The Public Meeting is to be held:

**Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Amigo Land Events Center
1010 Mexico Boulevard
Brownsville, Texas 78520**

INFORMATION. Members of the public are encouraged to submit written comments anytime during the meeting or by mail before the close of the public comment period to the Office of the Chief Clerk, TCEQ, Mail Code MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment. If you need more information about the permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov>.

The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Port Isabel Public Library, 213 North Yturria Street, Port Isabel, Texas. Further information may also be obtained from Space Exploration Technologies Corp. at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Mike McMinimee, EIT, JA Wastewater LLC, at (720) 413-6909.

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