

**AGENDA
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments will meet at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 10, 2015, at the Hooks City Council Building, 603 E. Avenue A, Hooks, Texas. (See enclosed map.)

Item 1. Call to order.

Item 2. Invocation.

Item 3. Self-introductions.

Item 4. Approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Executive Committee Meeting held Thursday, September 24, 2015, in Bogata, Texas.

Review and Comment

Items 5, 6 & 7 to be presented by staff member Paul Prange.

Item 5. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal by:

- a) Luminant Generation Company, LLC to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located on County Road 2309, near the intersection of Highway 11 and Interstate 30 in Hopkins County, Texas, to the Sulphur/South Sulphur River, Big Cypress Creek Below Lake Bob Sandlin and Lake Bob Sandlin and to give notice to potentially-affected landowners not previously identified.
- b) Load Trail, LLC to authorize the continued operation of the trailer manufacturing facility located at 220 Farm Road 2216, Sumner, Lamar County, Texas.
- c) The U.S. Department of the Army and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant to authorize an intermittent, flow variable discharge of stormwater from the plant site located at U.S. Highway 82 West, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, ultimately to Wright Patman Lake.
- d) Petrus Adrianus Boekhorst to authorize the operation of an existing concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) located at 336 County Road 3368, Hopkins County, Texas.
- e) The City of Winfield to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near Interstate 30 and County Road 1065, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Lake Bob Sandlin.

Item 6. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewal by:

- a) Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC to authorize operation of Compressor Station 802 located on County Road 24200 in Lamar County, Texas.
- b) U.S. Department of the Army to authorize the continued operation of two paint booths located at 333 Panther Creek Drive, New Boston, Bowie County, Texas.

Item 7. Review and comment on an Environmental Assessment by the City of Nash, who has applied to TCEQ for a new authorization number to discharge from the City of Nash municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), located in Nash, Bowie County, Texas, to the drainage area of the Sulphur River Basin.

Regular Business

- Item 8. Review and consider approval of membership changes on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. (See attachment 1) (To be presented by staff member Paul Prange)
- Item 9. Review and consider approval of the ATCOG Homeland Security Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment (THIRA), State Preparedness Report (SPR) and Implementation Plan for FY2016. (See attachment 2 – also see addendum; copies available at meeting) (To be presented by staff member Noah Gilliam)

Other Business

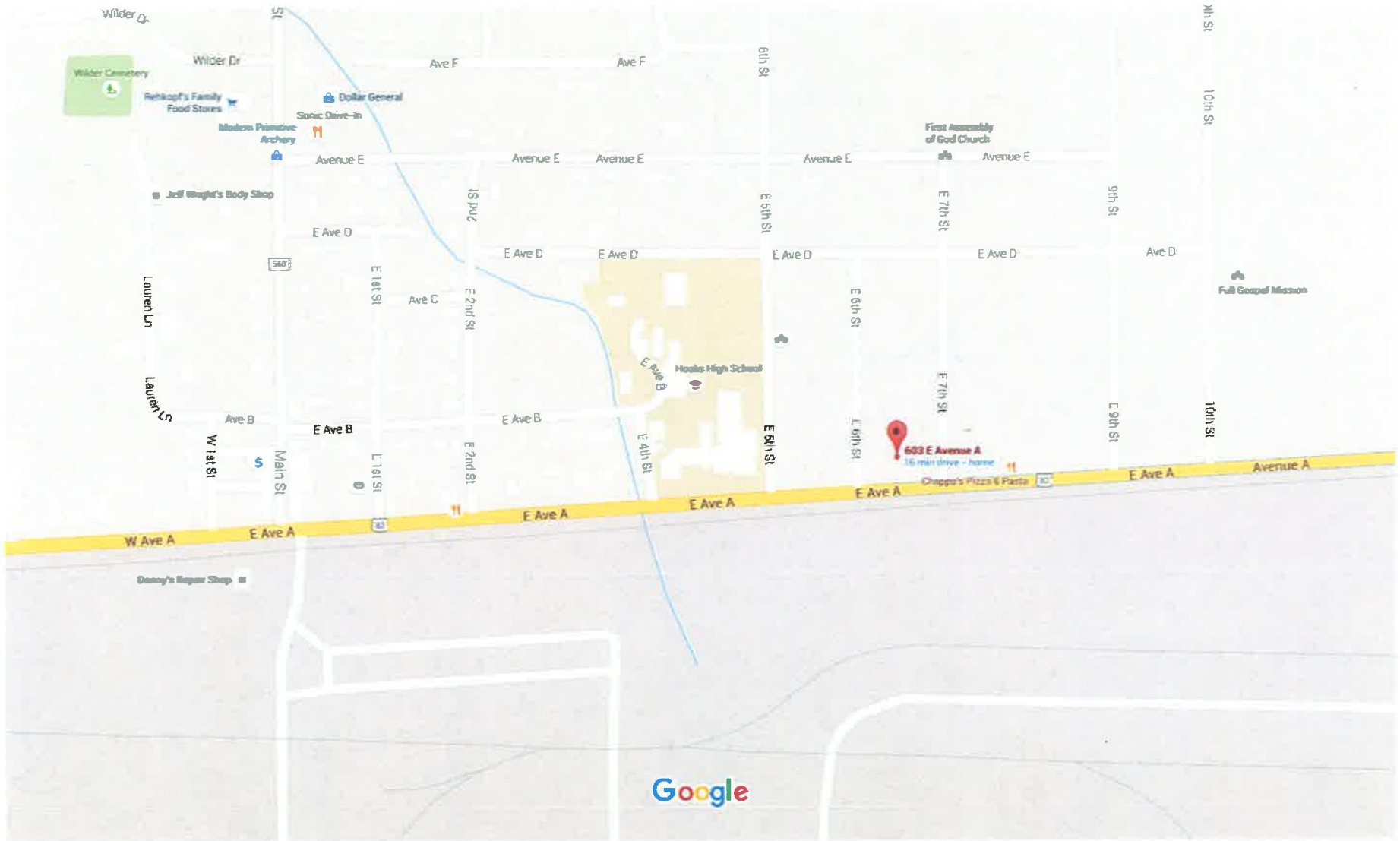
- Item 10. Discussion on the benefits of State & National Organization memberships. (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Item 11. Review and consider ratification of contracts. (See addendum; copies available at meeting) (To be presented by Executive Director Chris Brown)
- Renewal of Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Technical Assistance contract.
 - Renewal of Texas Department of Transportation (TXDoT) Project Grant Agreements.
 - Section 5304 Federal – Planning
 - Section 5311 Federal – Rural Public Transportation (RPT)
 - Section 5311 Federal – Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP)
 - Section 5316 Federal – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
 - Section 5339 Federal – Bus and Bus Facilities Program
 - Amendments to Project Grant Agreements between ATCOG and TXDoT.
 - Public Transportation – State Funds
 - Section 5311 Federal – Rural Public Transportation (RPT)

Announcements

The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Titus County Extension Office, 1708 Industrial Road, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.



Hooks City Building, 603 E. Ave A



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**MINUTES
ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015**

The Board of Directors of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments (ATCOG) met at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 2015, at the Bogata Community Center, in Bogata, Texas, hosted by the Honorable Danny Eudy, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Bogata.

Item 1. President L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County, called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development, gave the invocation.

Item 3. Each attendee introduced themselves at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Eudy welcomed the Board and introduced Vincent Lum, Mayor, City of Bogata, who welcomed everyone as well.

Item 4. The next order of business was to approve the minutes as submitted of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Board of Directors Committee meeting held Thursday, June 25, 2015, in Daingerfield, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County, and seconded by Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Review and Comment

Item 5. Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator, presented for consideration Environmental Assessments to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Water Quality Permit Renewal by:

- a) The City of Omaha to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of US Highway 67 and US Highway 259 in Morris County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.
- b) Lamar Power Partners II, LLC to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater and stormwater from the facility located at 3205 FM 137, Paris, Lamar County, Texas, ultimately to North Sulphur River.
- c) Ervin Don Crutcher to authorize the discharge of wet decking wastewater from the facility located near State Highway 82 and FM 114 in Red River County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.
- d) The City of Daingerfield to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near US Highway 259, FM 11 and FM 49 in Morris County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.
- e) Northeast Texas Community College to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 2866 FM 1735, Mt. Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.
- f) Luminant Mining Company, LLC to authorize the discharge of mine drainage, surface runoff and groundwater discharge from the facility located near County Road 2309, Hopkins County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River; and to give notice to potentially-affected landowners that are adjacent to the discharge route.

- g) The City of Sulphur Springs to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 360 Thomas Road, Sulphur Springs, Hopkins County, Texas, ultimately to Sulphur/South Sulphur River.
- h) The City of Linden to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of FM 125 and US Highway 59 in Cass County, Texas, ultimately to James Bayou.
- i) Petty Water Supply and Sewer Services Corporation to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of FM 137 and FM 1509, Lamar County, Texas, ultimately to North Sulphur River.
- j) Town of Millers Cove to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near the intersection of State Spur No. 158 and Interstate 30, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Lake Bob Sandlin.
- k) The City of Atlanta to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located near State Highway 77 and State Highway 43, Cass County, Texas, ultimately to Black Bayou.
- l) Southwestern Electric Power Company to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater from the facility located at 1187 County Road 4865, Pittsburg, Titus County, Texas, ultimately to Big Cypress Creek below Lake Bob Sandlin.

Motion to approve was made by M. C. (Chuck) Superville, Jr., and seconded by A.M. Benefield, Councilman, Queen City. All items presented were approved.

Item 6. Mr. Prange presented for consideration an Environmental Assessment to TCEQ for proposed Air Quality Permit Renewal by Prime Harvest, Inc. to authorize construction of a feed mill located at 22065 FM 410 North, Detroit, Red River County, Texas.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Superville and seconded by Councilman Benefield. It was approved.

Executive Closed Session

Item 7. At this time, Judge Williamson announced that the Open Session would recess and go into Executive Closed Session to discuss personnel issues as allowed in the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.

Open Session/Regular Business

Item 8. The Executive Committee reconvened in Open Session to take action on Item 7.

Motion to approve a salary increase for the Executive Director was made by Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County, and seconded by Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County. It was approved.

Item 9. Linda Moore, Finance Manager, presented for consideration approval of a Resolution to select Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP to act as the independent auditing firm for a period of up to 5 years, as recommended by the ATCOG Audit Committee on August 27, 2015.

Motion to approve was made by Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville, and seconded by Judge Newsom. It was approved.

Item 10. Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator, presented for consideration approval of annual renewal of the Ethics Policy manual for ATCOG dated December 16, 2010, as revised March 27, 2014.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Judge Brian Lee. It was approved.

Item 11. Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration, presented for consideration approval for ATCOG to submit a ballot in support of a candidate for the Texas Municipal League Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool Board of Trustees for Region 15.

Motion to approve Honorable Dennis Chartier, Mayor, City of Naples, was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Edwin Pickle, Councilman, City of Paris. It was approved.

Item 12. Ms. Moore presented for consideration approval of ATCOG's Financial Plan for fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. There were a few general questions regarding travel reimbursement, to which Ms. Moore explained ATCOG uses the State requirements for reimbursement.

Motion to approve the Financial Plan with changes to include the Executive Director's salary increase was made by Judge Munkres and seconded by Judge Scott Lee. It was approved.

Item 13. Mayor Rushing presented for consideration approval of an Executive Committee Member to serve as the new Secretary for the Executive Committee, replacing former Secretary Laura Mabey.

Motion to approve Judge Lynda Munkres as the Secretary was made by Mr. Fisher and seconded by Councilman Pickle. It was approved.

Item 14. Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Coordinator, presented for consideration annual adoption of the ATCOG Rural Transit District (RTD) Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy and Procedures Manual as mandated by the Federal Transit Administration and the Texas Department of Transportation, as specified by the Code of Federal Regulations.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Mayor Rushing, It was approved.

Item 15. Ms. Hoehn presented for consideration approval of adoption of the ATCOG Maintenance Management and Safety Guide as the comprehensive maintenance plan for the ATCOG RTD vehicle fleet.

Motion to approve was made by Judge Newsom and seconded by Councilman Pickle. It was approved.

Other Business

Item 16. Judge Williamson introduced John Beasley, GIS Coordinator, who read his submission nominating Rea Washington, 9-1-1 Operations Coordinator, as the 2015 ATCOG Employee of the Year. Judge Williamson presented Ms. Washington with a plaque of appreciation and thanked her for her dedication and years of service to ATCOG.

Announcements

At this time, Ms. McBride passed out lapel pins bearing the new ATCOG logo to Board members.

Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant, thanked Mayor Pro Tem Eudy for hosting the Board meeting and providing refreshments.

Mr. Brown notified the Board of an upcoming TEX-21 meeting concerning the I-30 Corridor Study and other regional transportation issues on October 2nd in Austin for anyone who is able and willing to attend.

Mayor Rushing notified the Board that the City of Clarksville requested to be moved from Region D to Region C by the Texas Water Development Board concerning the Marvin Nichols Reservoir.

Judge Superville updated the Board on the Paris Trail Project and TXDOT presentation that was given. Materials were available for anyone interested.

Judge Williamson announced the next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the Luminant Community Room in Mt. Pleasant. There will also be a Rural Planning Organization Committee meeting held at 9:00 a.m. in the same location.

At this time, motion to adjourn was made by Judge Scott Lee and seconded by Judge Munkres. The meeting was adjourned.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

L.D. Williamson, Judge, Red River County
M.C. (Chuck) Superville, Jr., Judge, Lamar County
Scott Lee, Judge, Franklin County
Lynda Munkres, Judge, Morris County
Robert Newsom, Judge, Hopkins County
Brian Lee, Judge, Titus County
Ann Rushing, Mayor, City of Clarksville
Bob Thorne, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Daingerfield
A.M. "Rip" Benefield, Councilman, Queen City
Edwin Pickle, Councilman, City of Paris
Marc Reiter, Councilman, City of Hooks
Brady Fisher, Northeast Texas Resource Conservation & Development District

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Danny Eudy, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Bogata
Ernest Paul Pewitt, Mayor, City of Omaha

GUESTS PRESENT

Kathy Comer, Office of U.S. Senator John Cornyn
Wayne Dial, City Manager, Clarksville
Robert McGee, Chief of Police, Queen City
Susan Thorne, Member of the Public

STAFF PRESENT

Chris Brown, Executive Director
Sharon Pipes, Director of Administration
Linda Moore, Finance Manager
Mary Beth Rudel, Public Safety Manager
Rea Washington, 9-1-1 Operations Coordinator
Paul Prange, Environmental Resources Coordinator
Leslie McBride, Human Resources Coordinator
Vickie Williamson, Economic Development Coordinator
Nancy Hoehn, Transportation Coordinator
John Beasley, GIS Coordinator
Amber Thurston, Executive Assistant

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20151103-0002-05

Date Received: 10-22-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Luminant Mining Company, LLC

Project Description: Luminant Generation Company, LLC, which owns a lignite mining area, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to amend Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0002697000 to authorize: the discharge of treated wastewater at an intermittent and flow variable rate via Outfalls 001-030; and to give notice to potentially-affected landowners not previously identified. The facility is located on County Road 2309, 2.5 miles SE of the intersection of HWY 11 and IH-30 in Hopkins County, Texas. The discharge, via Outfalls 001-004, 014-018, and 020is from the site ultimately to the Sulphur / South Sulphur River; via Outfalls 005-006, 019, 021-022, and 030 ultimately to Big Cypress Creek Below Lake Bob Sandlin; via Outfalls 007-013 and 023-029 ultimately to Lake Bob Sandlin.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Titus County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the amendment of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the facility which provides employment for citizens living within the region. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The amendment of this permit will authorize Luminant Mining Company to discharge treated wastewater from the designated Outfalls at this facility, only.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The amendment of this permit will allow Luminant Mining Company to discharge via Outfalls 001-030. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit amendment will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit amendment application by Luminant Mining Company, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0004122000, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR LUMINANT MINING COMPANY, LLC IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT AN INTERMITTENT AND FLOW VARIABLE RATE VIA OUTFALLS001-030; AND TO GIVE NOTICE TO POTENTIALLY- AFFECTED LANDOWNERS NOT PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED. THE FACILITY IS LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 2309, 2.5 MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 11 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 30, IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE, VIA OUTFALLS 001-004, 014-018, AND 020 ULTIMATELY TO THE SULPHUR / SOUTH SULPHUR RIVER; VIA OUTFALLS 005-006, 019, 021-022, AND 030 ULTIMATELY TO BIG CYPRESS CREEK BELOW LAKE BOB SANDLIN; VIA OUTFALLS 007-013 AND 023-029 ULTIMATELY TO LAKE BOB SANDLIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20151103-0003-05

Date Received: 10-22-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Load Trail, LLC,

Project Description: This application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is amend TPDES Permit No. WQ0005012000, to authorize an increase in the discharge of treated wastewater to a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 7,500 gallons per day; the addition of stormwater to the wastestream; the elimination of the monitoring requirements related to the categorical requirements in 40 CFR 433; an exemption from Total Toxic Organics monitoring; and removal of the Effluent Limitation and Monitoring Requirement item regarding visible foam. The Trailer Manufacturing Facility located at 220 FM 2216 in Sumner, Lamar County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary of Shooter Creek; thence to Sanders Creek, thence to Pat Mayse Lake.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Sumner, Lamar County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the continued production of utility trailers within our region, which will help bolster our local economy. This facility has been operation for over 13 years and employs approximately 200 people. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The issuance of this TPDES Permit amendment will require all wastewater to be chemically treated before being released into the surrounding environment.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The issuance of this permit amendment will allow for the continued operation of this facility. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the benefits provided.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit amendment application will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this TPDES Permit Amendment Application by Load Trail, LLC.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) PERMIT NO. WQ0005012000, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) TO LOAD TRAIL, LLC, WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE TRAILER MANUFACTURING FACILITY LOCATED AT 220 FARM ROAD 2216, SUMNER, LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20151103-0004-05

Date Received: 01-09-12

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: U.S. Department of the Army and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant

Project Description: This application by the U. S. Department of the Army, which owns the Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant (LSAAP), has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0004978000 (EPA I.D. No. TX0133370) to authorize an intermittent, flow variable discharge of stormwater. The facility is located at U. S. Highway 82 West, Bowie County, Texas. Discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary of Elliot Creek; thence to Elliot Creek; thence to Wright Patman Lake.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Bowie County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the continued operation of this facility. The employees at this plant are responsible for producing essential munitions to be used by our armed forces. This facility has been in operation since 1951 and all guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. This TPDES Permit will authorize discharge of stormwater at the plant site to allow the continued operation of this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. This plant employs approximately 335 people within our region and has been in existence for over 60 years. The continued operation of this facility is necessary for the production of munitions, which are critical to our nation's defense. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the benefits provided.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit application will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this TPDES Permit renewal by the U.S. Department of the Army and Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (TPDES) PERMIT NO. WQ0004978000 (EPA I.D NO. TX0133370), BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY AND LONE STAR ARMY AMMUNITION PLANT LOCATED U.S. HIGHWAY 82 WEST, TEXARKANA, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERMITTENT, FLOW VARIABLE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER. DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF ELLIOT CREEK; THENCE TO ELLIOT CREEK; TEHNCE TO WRIGHT PATMAN LAKE.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R_20151109-0001-05

Date Received: 11-09-2015

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Petrus Adrianus Boekhorst

Project Description: Petrus Adrianus Boekhorst has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Wastewater Permit No. WQ0004905000 for a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) to authorize the operation of a 1,484 head dairy in Hopkins County, Texas. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. The existing facility is located at 336 County Road 3368 in Hopkins County, Texas.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Hopkins County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the continued operation of this dairy cattle facility by Mr. Boekhorst, as it provides employment and high quality dairy products to the citizens within our region. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The authorization to operate this existing facility will not allow any discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State of Texas. Additionally, all waste and wastewater will be beneficially applied to agricultural land.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the operation of this existing facility, which provides milk for the production of various dairy food items. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application Petrus Adrianus Boekhorst.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE RENEWAL OF WASTEWATER PERMIT NO. WQ0004905000, FOR AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE AN EXISTING CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) AT 1,484 HEAD BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), TO PETRUS ADRIANUS BOEKHORST LOCATED AT 336 COUNTY ROAD 3368 IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
APPLICATION / PROJECT STAFF REVIEW FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20151120-0001-05

Date Received: 11-20-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: City of Winfield, Texas

Project Description: The City of Winfield has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to renew Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0012146001, to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 84,000 gallons per day. The domestic wastewater treatment facility is located approximately 400 feet north of IH-30 access road and 1,500 feet west of FM 1734 in the City of Winfield, Titus County, Texas. The discharge route is from the plant site to an unnamed tributary of Smith Creek; thence to Smith Creek; thence to Lake Monticello; thence to Lake Bob Sandlin.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Winfield, Titus County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the renewal of this TPDES Permit to allow the continued operation of the domestic wastewater treatment facility. This facility serves the needs of all residents living within the City of Winfield. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of this permit will not authorize an increase in the number gallons of treated wastewater that can be discharged into the environment. This facility is in good operational condition. Before being discharged, the water passes through particulate filters and is then piped to a sedimentation pond located at this facility.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The renewal of this permit will allow the continued operation of this facility, which directly serves the needs of all citizens living within the City of Winfield. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit renewal will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this permit renewal application by the City of Winfield, TX.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TEXAS POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT NO. WQ0012146001, BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE CITY OF WINFIELD, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCHARGE OF TREATED WASTEWATER AT A VOLUME NOT TO EXCEED A DAILY AVERAGE FLOW OF 84,000 GALLONS PER DAY. THE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 400 FEET NORTH OF IH-30 ACCESS ROAD AND 1,500 FEET WEST OF FM 1734 IN THE CITY OF WINFIELD, TITUS COUNTY, TEXAS. THE DISCHARGE ROUTE IS FROM THE PLANT SITE TO AN UNNAMED TRIBUTARY OF SMITH CREEK; THENCE TO SMITH CREEK; THENCE TO LAKE MONTICELLO; THENCE TO LAKE BOB SANDLIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Project SAI No: TX-R-20151103-0001-05

Date Received: 10-30-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, L.L.C.

Project Description: Natural Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for amendment to and renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 20283, which would authorize modifications to and continued operation of Compressor Station 802 located as follows: from Paris, go 8 miles south on Hwy 19/24, 2.5 miles west on FM 1184, ¼ mile west on CR 24200, Lamar County, Texas. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, hazardous air pollutants, and particulate matter with diameters of 10 and 2.5 microns or less.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Paris, Lamar County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, and has completed a technical review of the application. The executive director has recommend issuance of this permit.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes, coordination is in progress.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the operation of this compressor station. The pipeline is necessary in order to transport compressed natural gas throughout our region. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed, thus minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. This permit will not authorize any new construction.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. This permit will allow the transportation of a valuable energy source. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the benefits provided.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of Air Quality Permit amendment and renewal application by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, L.L.C.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENT TO AND RENEWAL OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 20283 FOR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE COMPANY OF AMERICA, L.L.C. BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION OF COMPRESSOR STATION 802 LOCATED ON COUNTY ROAD 24200 IN LAMAR COUNTY, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Project SAI No: TX-R-20151112-0001-05

Date Received: 11-10-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: U.S. Department of the Army, Red River Army Depot.

Project Description: This application to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 47373, which would authorize the continued operation of two paint booths located at 333 Panther Creek Drive, New Boston, Bowie County, Texas. The area addressed by the application is a National Security facility located 18 miles west of Texarkana on U.S. Highway 82. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: organic compounds, particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns and 2.5 microns or less and hazardous air pollutants.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: Bowie County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has determined that the application is administratively complete, and will conduct a technical review of the application.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes. Coordination is ongoing.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? There is a clearly defined need for the continued operation of the Red River Army Depot. This facility has been in operation for many years and all guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The renewal of the Air Quality Permit does not allow for any increase in emissions.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. Red River Army Depot employs over six thousand residents living within our region and produces military vehicles and equipment necessary for the continued success of ongoing military campaigns. The disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit amendment will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this Air Quality Permit renewal by the U.S. Department of the Army, Red River Army Depot.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE RENEWAL OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT NO. 47373 , BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ), FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, WHICH WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF TWO PAINT BOOTHS LOCATED AT 333 PANTHER CREEK DRIVE, NEW BOSTON, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS. THE EXISTING FACILITY IS AUTHORIZED TO EMIT THE FOLLOWING AIR CONTAMINANTS: ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, PARTICULATE MATTER WITH DIAMETERS OF 10 AND 2.5 MICRONS OR LESS, AND HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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Project SAI No: TX-R-20151118-0001-05

Date Received: 11-16-15

Staff Assignment:
Paul Prange

Applicant: City of Nash

Project Description: The City of Nash has applied to TCEQ under the TPDES General Permit No. TXR040000 for a new authorization number TXR040601 to discharge from the City of Nash municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4). The new authorization number would replace the expired authorization number TXR040395. The MS4 is located in an area within the City of Nash, Bowie County, Texas. The MS4 will discharge to the drainage area of the Sulphur River Basin.

PROJECT/EA REVIEW:

Area to be served: City of Nash, Bowie County, Texas.

Does the project comply or furnish reasonable assurances of compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and ordinances? Yes. The TCEQ executive director has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this MS4 under TPDES General Permit No. TXR040000.

Is the project consistent with state, area wide, and/or local planning or does it contribute toward goals or objectives identified at one or more of governmental levels? Yes. This permit application meets all statutory and regulatory requirements.

Has this project been coordinated through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality? Yes.

Does the project address a clearly defined need and does the project take into account preservation of the environment? Yes. There is a clearly defined need for the City of Nash to discharge storm water through the MS4 system. All guidelines required by TCEQ to protect the environment are being followed and minimal disruption of the environment is expected.

Is the project likely to produce any significant adverse effects on the environment? No. The issuance of this permit by TCEQ will help prevent flood waters from inundating businesses and residences located within the city of Nash during periods of excessive rainfall.

Do the anticipated accomplishments of the project justify the disruption to the environment? Yes. The citizens who reside and work within the City of Nash will benefit from this permit authorization and the disruption of the environment is minimal compared to the accomplishments.

STAFF ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT: The permit will not create any significant detrimental impact to the environment, as determined by TCEQ.

RECOMMENDED COMMENT: Staff recommends support of this TPDES General Permit application by the City of Nash, TX.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UNDER THE TPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. TXR040000 BY THE CITY OF NASH, BOWIE COUNTY, TX FOR NEW AUTHORIZATION NUMBER TXR040601 TO DISCHARGE FROM THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) INTO THE DRAINAGE AREA OF THE SULPHUR RIVER BASIN.

WHEREAS, under Section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966 and Title IV of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of 1968, the Ark-Tex Council of Governments has been designated as the area wide agency to review certain projects; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region, and any environmental impacts resulting wherefrom.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This application has been reviewed by the Board of Directors and can reasonably be approved.

Section 2 - That the above-mentioned permit is desirable and needed for continued development in the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

BRIEFING PAPER - ACTION ITEM

ITEM 8:

Review and consider approval of membership changes on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC).

BACKGROUND:

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee has approved the resignation of two members and the appointment of two members to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman; however, these changes will not become official until the ATCOG Board also approves them.

DISCUSSION:

The following members have resigned from the SWAC:

Rob Hedges – Former Operations Manager for Republic Services in Mount Pleasant, Texas and former Chairman of the SWAC.

Dale Carr – Bowie County resident and former Vice-Chairman of the SWAC.

The following members have been appointed by the SWAC to serve as Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

Mario Villarino – Hopkins County, Texas Agriculture Extension Agent.

Debbie Corbell – Chief Code Enforcement Officer for the City of Mount Pleasant, Texas.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Board approval of these appointments to the SWAC.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE NOMINATION OF MARIO VILLARINO, HOPKINS COUNTY AGRICULTURE EXTENSION AGENT AS CHAIRMAN, TO REPLACE FORMER CHAIRMAN, ROB HEDGES, AND DEBBIE CORBELL, CHIEF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TEXAS AS VICE-CHAIRMAN TO REPLACE FORMER VICE-CHAIRMAN DALE CARR ON THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that certain development plans be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the Board of Directors recognizes the Executive Director as the Authorized Official, and he has been given the power to comment upon projects having an environmental impact. This nomination to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has been accepted by the SWAC at the meeting on October 22, 2015.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned change is desirable and needed for continued representation and management of pass-through grant implementation from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) throughout the Region.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L. D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:

ITEM 9:

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WITH REVIEW, APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HOMELAND SECURITY THREAT AND HAZARD IDENTIFICATION RISK ASSESSMENT, STATE PREPAREDNESS REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2016.

WHEREAS, these documents align with and support the intent of the general homeland security strategy for the State established by the Governor in the *Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan*. These documents are for fiscal year 2016, and mirrors the guidelines and goals of the Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan.

WHEREAS, these documents ensure that the Ark-Tex Council of Governments is fully integrated into the State of Texas Homeland Security Strategic Plan, and has identified all the resources necessary to achieve homeland security preparedness goals for fiscal year 2016.

WHEREAS, these documents do not replace any existing Regional Plans, Mutual Aid Agreements or strategies. Rather, they incorporate those existing plans, agreements and strategies. Also, these documents do not preclude the use or activation of any existing plans or agreements that an individual county may have with an entity that is outside the boundaries of the ATCOG.

WHEREAS, it is desirable and in the public interest that these documents be reviewed by the Ark-Tex Council of Governments for their consistency with the overall development of the Region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ARK-TEX COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS:

Section 1 - That the purpose of the Ark-Tex Council of Governments Homeland Security Implementation Plan is to set forth our homeland security preparedness and identify time, funds, equipment, organization, planning, training, and exercises required to implement the plan.

Section 2 - That the above mentioned documents are representative of the entire region.

REVIEWED AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

L.D. Williamson, President
Ark-Tex Council of Governments

ATTEST:
