

AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

(Submission Deadline – Monday, 5:00 PM before Regular Court Meetings)

Date: _____

Meeting Date: 11/25/24

Submitted By: County Judge's Office

Department: _____

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Court Decision: This section to be completed by County Judge's Office
 11-25-2024

Description:

Acknowledge Receipt of Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision for TPDES Permit for Industrial
Wastewater for RW Miller Power, LLC, 2217 FM 3137, Palo Pinto, Texas
76484

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present: _____

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) ☒ PUBLIC ☐ CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

☐ Action Item ☒ Consent ☐ Workshop ☐ Executive ☐ Other _____

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

☒ County Attorney ☐ IT ☐ Purchasing ☐ Auditor

☐ Personnel ☒ Public Works ☐ Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list) _____

**Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents
In Your Submission Email**

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR TPDES PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER

AMENDMENT

Permit No. WQ0001903000

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. RW Miller Power, LLC, 2217 Farm-to-Market Road 3137, Palo Pinto, Texas 76484, which operates R.W. Miller Electric Generating Station, a natural gas and fuel oil-fired steam electric generating station, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a major amendment of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0001903000 to add the authorization to discharge of once-through auxiliary cooling water from Units 4 and 5 via Outfall 003. The draft permit authorizes the discharge of once-through cooling water and once-through auxiliary cooling water from Unit 3 at a daily average flow not to exceed 400,000,000 gallons per day via Outfall 001; once-through auxiliary cooling water from Units 1 and 2, stormwater associated with industrial activities, and previously monitored effluent (PME) (metal cleaning waste, low-volume waste sources from Ponds 1 and 2, and stormwater associated with industrial activities via internal Outfall 102; low-volume waste sources from Ponds 1 and 2 and stormwater associated with industrial activities via internal Outfall 103; low-volume waste sources via internal Outfalls 201, 202, and 203; and low-volume waste sources and stormwater associated with industrial activities via internal Outfalls 204 and 205) on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfall 002; and once-through auxiliary cooling water from Units 4 and 5 and stormwater associated with industrial activities on an intermittent and flow-variable basis via Outfall 003. The TCEQ received this application on August 9, 2024.

The facility is located at 2217 Farm-to-Market Road 3137, south of the City of Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto County, Texas 76484. 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=-98.31.32.658333&level=18>

The effluent is discharged from the plant site via Outfalls 001, 002, and 003 directly to Lake Palo Pinto in Segment No. 1230 of the Brazos River Basin. The designated uses for Segment No. 1230 are primary contact recreation, public water supply, and high aquatic life use.

In accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Section 307.5 and 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 Lake Palo Pinto, which has been identified as having high 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.

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. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at Boyce Ditto Public Library, 2300 SE Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Mineral Wells, in Palo Pinto County, Texas. The application, including any updates, and associated notices are available electronically at the following webpage:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/wastewater/pending-permits/tpdes-applications>

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comment or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, the Executive Director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. **The response to comments, along with the Executive Director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name, address, phone number; applicant's name and proposed permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the proposed facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period; and the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify by name and physical address an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are relevant to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material water quality concerns submitted during the comment period.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or a timely request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and requests to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be added to: (1) the permanent list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment> within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE. For details about the status of the application, visit the Commissioners' Integrated Database at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/cid/>. Search the database using the permit number for this application, which is provided at the top of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/comment>, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address, and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, toll free, at 1-800-687-4040 or visit their website at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/participation/permitting-participation>. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from RW Miller Power, LLC at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Darryl Sparks, EHS Manager, Ethos Energy, at 254-716-5756.

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