

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)**  
**VALERO REFINING – NEW ORLEANS, LLC - ST. CHARLES REFINERY**  
**BOILER 401-J PROJECT**  
**PROPOSED INITIAL PART 70 AIR OPERATING PERMIT AND**  
**INITIAL PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION (PSD) PERMIT**

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on the proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit for Valero Refining - New Orleans, LLC, 14902 River Road, Norco, Louisiana 70079 for the Boiler 401-J Project at the St. Charles Refinery. **The facility is located at 14902 River Road, Norco, St. Charles Parish.**

Valero Refining - New Orleans, LLC requested an Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit and Initial PSD Permit for the Boiler 401-J Project which consists of a 420 MM BTU/hr boiler, an Aqueous Ammonia Tank, additional fugitive components, and additional wastewater.

**This permit was processed as an expedited permit in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 18.**

Emissions from the facility are as follows:

Pollutant	Emissions (tons/year)
PM <sub>10</sub> /PM <sub>2.5</sub>	10.97
SO <sub>2</sub>	29.12
NO <sub>x</sub>	27.59
CO	67.97
VOC, total	9.92
GHG	215,413

PM<sub>2.5</sub> and greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed boiler project will be more than their respective PSD significance levels. A netting analysis was required for PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Since there are no creditable emissions reductions during the contemporaneous period to net either PM<sub>2.5</sub> or GHG out of the New Source Review (NSR) requirements, PSD review was performed for both pollutants and documented in Permit PSD-LA-853.

A working draft of the proposed permit was submitted to the facility representative. Any remarks received during the technical review will be addressed in the “Worksheet for Technical Review of Working Draft of Proposed Permit”. All remarks received by LDEQ are included in the record that is available for public review.

Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification of the final decision can be submitted online on the public notice webpage (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices>), via personal delivery, U.S. mail, or email. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CDT, Thursday, October 12, 2023.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Emails may be submitted to [DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV](mailto:DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV) and faxes sent to (225) 219-3309. Persons wishing to receive notice of the final permit action must include a complete mailing address when submitting comments.

Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group> or call (225) 219-3276.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, the proposed permits, and the statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).**

Additional copies may be reviewed at St. Charles Parish Library - Norco Branch, 590 Apple Street, Norco, LA 70079.

Draft air permits, which as a matter of agency practice are placed in a public repository for public review and comments, will be available for public review at the DEQ Public Records Center, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays) or online via DEQ's Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) when those public repositories are closed due to COVID-19. In these instances, any person who does not have access to the Public Records Center or the internet may request hard copies of the draft permit from DEQ. Such requests will be processed on a case-by-case basis.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Dan Nguyen, LDEQ, Air Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3395.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list, wishing to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server, or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at [DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV](mailto:DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV) or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

**Permit public notices including electronic access to the proposed permits and statement of basis** can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices> and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group>.

**All correspondence should specify AI Number 26003, Permit Numbers PSD-LA-853 and 3179-V0, and Activity Numbers PER20220003 and PER20220004.**

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