

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
NOVA CHEMICALS OLEFINS LLC - GEISMAR ETHYLENE PLANT
DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for NOVA Chemicals Olefins LLC, Geismar Ethylene Plant, Post Office Box 470, Geismar, Louisiana 70734. The facility is located **5205 Highway 3115 in Geismar, Ascension and Iberville Parishes**. Upon the effective date of the final permit, the LPDES permit shall replace the previously issued LPDES permit.

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into Mississippi River (Outfall 001) and Bayou Braud via local drainage (Outfalls 002, 003, 004, and 005), waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, fish and wildlife propagation, and drinking water supply (Mississippi River only). Under the SIC Code 2869, the applicant proposes to treat process wastewater and process area stormwater; utility wastewater including demineralizer regeneration wastewater and filter backwash, heater and boiler blowdown, facility cooling tower blowdown, and Air Products cooling tower blowdown; and miscellaneous wastewaters but not limited to vehicle rinse water (without soaps and detergents), hydrostatic test waters, and fire systems test waters (Outfall 001) to the Mississippi River and low contamination potential stormwater runoff from non-process areas and the following miscellaneous discharges including but not limited to eye wash/safety shower water, fire system test waters, steam trap discharges, and air conditioning condensate (Outfalls 002, 003, 004, and 005) from an existing chemical manufacturing plant.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

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-notice>), via personal delivery, U.S. mail, or email. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Thursday, November 30, 2023.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5th 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, and emails may be submitted to DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV. 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, draft permit, and fact sheet are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5th 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.**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Kaitlynn Leggett, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3196.

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 or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and fact sheet can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notice> 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 5565, Permit Number LA0069612, and Activity Number PER20230002.

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