

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
CITGO PETROLEUM CORPORATION
LAKE CHARLES MANUFACTURING COMPLEX
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 CITGO Petroleum Corporation, Lake Charles Manufacturing Complex, Post Office Box 1562, Lake Charles, LA 70602. The facility is located at **4401 Highway 108 South in Westlake, Calcasieu Parish**. 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 the Calcasieu River (Outfalls 003, 004, 006, 009, and 011), to Calcasieu River via Indian Marais (Outfalls 010, 103, and 014), and into Bayou D'Inde (Outfalls 001, 002, and 012), waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, and fish and wildlife propagation. Under the SIC Codes 2911, 2819, and 2869, the applicant proposes to discharge treated process wastewater, process area stormwater, non-process area stormwater, utility wastewaters, treated sanitary wastewater, ballast water, hydrostatic test wastewater, and miscellaneous wastewaters to the Calcasieu River (Outfalls 003, 004, 006, 009, and 011), Calcasieu River via Indian Marais (Outfalls 103, 010, and 014), and Bayou D'Inde (Outfalls 001, 002, and 012) from an existing petroleum refinery.

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-notices>), via personal delivery, U.S. mail, or email. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Thursday, February 22, 2024.** 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 permit application, additional information, 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 Amy Exnicios, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3501.

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-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 1250, Permit Number LA0005941, and Activity Number PER20220002.

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