

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF HEARING
Valero Refining-Texas, L.P.
SOAH Docket No. 582-23-14975
TCEQ Docket No. 2023-0203-AIR
Air Quality Permit Nos. 38754 and PSDTX324M15

APPLICATION.

Valero Refining-Texas, L.P., Post Office Box 9370, Corpus Christi, Texas 78469-9370, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to State Air Quality Permit 38754 and modification to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Air Quality Permit PSDTX324M15, which would authorize modification to the Valero Corpus Christi Refinery West Plant at 5900 Up River Road, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas 78407. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminants in a significant amount: carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide. In addition, the facility will emit the following air contaminants: ammonia and hydrogen sulfide.

The degree of PSD increment predicted to be consumed by the existing facility and other increment-consuming sources in the area is as follows:

Sulfur Dioxide

Maximum Averaging Time	Maximum Increment Consumed ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Allowable Increment ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
24-hour	68	91
Annual	11	20

Nitrogen Dioxide

Maximum Averaging Time	Maximum Increment Consumed ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Allowable Increment ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
Annual	23	25

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Maximum Averaging Time	Maximum Increment Consumed ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Allowable Increment ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
24-hour	8.9	9
Annual	2.9	4

The executive director has determined that the emissions of air contaminants from the existing facility which are subject to PSD review will not violate any state or federal air quality regulations and will not have any significant adverse impact on soils, vegetation, or visibility. All air contaminants have been evaluated, and “best available control technology” will be used for the control of these contaminants.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on September 30, 2021. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The permit application, executive director’s preliminary decision, draft permit, and the executive director’s preliminary determination summary and executive director’s air quality analysis, will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, the TCEQ Corpus Christi Regional Office, and at the Owen R. Hopkins Public Library, 3202 McKinzie Road, Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility’s compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review at the TCEQ Corpus Christi Regional Office, 500 North Shoreline Boulevard, Suite 500, Corpus Christi, Texas.

DIRECT REFERRAL.

The Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision was published, in English and Spanish, on June 1, 2022. On January 13, 2023, the Applicant filed a request for direct referral to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). Therefore, the chief clerk has referred this application directly to SOAH for a hearing on whether the application complies with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING.

Considering directives to protect public health, the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing via Zoom videoconference. A Zoom meeting is a secure, free meeting held over the internet that allows video, audio, or audio/video conferencing.

10:00 a.m. - May 22, 2023

To join the Zoom meeting via computer:

<https://soah-texas.zoomgov.com/>

Meeting ID: 160 460 1328

Password: TCEQ14975

or

To join the Zoom meeting via telephone:

(669) 254-5252 or (646) 828-7666

Meeting ID: 160 460 1328

Password: 404450777

**Visit the SOAH website for registration at: <http://www.soah.texas.gov/>
or call SOAH at 512-475-4993.**

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, and to address other matters as determined by the judge. The evidentiary hearing phase of the proceeding, which will occur at a later date, will be similar to a civil trial in state district court. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Chapter 2001, Texas Government Code; Chapter 382, Texas Health and Safety Code; TCEQ rules including 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 116 Subchapters A and B; and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapter 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155.

To request to be a party, you must attend the hearing and show you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public. Any person may attend the hearing and request to be a party. Only persons named as parties may participate at the hearing.

In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, “Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.”

MAILING LIST.

You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION.

Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/decisions/cc/comments.html, 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. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency’s public record. For more information about this permit application, the permitting process, or the contested case hearing process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ may be obtained electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov

INFORMATION.

If you need more information about the hearing process for this application, please call the Public Education Program, toll free, at 800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-4993, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Further information may also be obtained from Valero Refining-Texas, L.P. at the address stated above or by calling Ms. Meagan Marquard, Environmental Superintendent at 361-289-6000.

Issued: April 7, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Gharis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality