

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT
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This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E) Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Water Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317 at telephone number (501) 682-0972, proposes a draft construction permit for which an application was received on August 12, 2026, with all additional information received by October 1, 2026, in accordance with Pollution Control and Ecology Commission (PC&EC) Rule 6, codified at 8 CAR Part 25.

Applicant: City of Texarkana - North Texarkana Wastewater Treatment Plant, 8301 Sanderson Lane, Texarkana, AR 71854; Latitude: 33° 30' 10.80" N; Longitude: 94° 00' 41.76" W in Miller County, Arkansas.

The discharge from this existing facility is into McKinney Bayou, thence to the Red River in Segment 1B of the Red River Basin.

Proposed construction will include: installation of an additional pump in the influent lift station, replacement of the mechanical bar screen, screenings washer/compactor, grit chamber, and grit classifier, and addition of two (2) activated sludge aeration basins, a clarifier, two (2) trains of UV disinfection units, and associated pumps, controls, and piping. The construction will increase the design flow of the facility to 1.95 MGD. Modification of the NPDES discharge permit is required.

Citizens wishing to examine or obtain copies of the permit application, the draft permitting decision, or the statement of basis may do so at E&E headquarters located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118-5317. To request a copy of one or more of the documents, please call (501) 682-0972. For those with internet access, a copy of the proposed draft permit, as well as the publication date, may be found on DEQ's website at:

https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/water/permits/drafts_pn.aspx. Comments on the draft state construction permit will be accepted in accordance with PC&EC Rule 8.208, codified at 8 CAR § 11-208. DEQ's contact person for submitting written comments on the draft permit, or requesting a public hearing on the draft permit is Guy Lester, P.E., at the above address and telephone number or by email at EE.WaterComment@arkansas.gov.

The period for submitting comments on the draft state construction permit and for requesting a public hearing shall begin on the date of publication of the public notice and end at 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) on the 30th day after the publication date. If the last day of the comment period is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, the public comment period shall expire on the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. For information regarding the actual publication date along with the actual date and time the comment period will end, please contact Guy Lester, P.E., at the above address and telephone number or by email at EE.WaterComment@arkansas.gov. Public notice, comments, and hearings will be conducted in accordance with PC&EC Rules 6.104(A)(5) [40 C.F.R. §§ 124.10 through 124.12 by reference] and 8.207 through 8.210 (Administrative Procedures), codified at 8 CAR § 25-104 and 8 CAR §§ 11-207 through 210. All persons, including the permittee, who wish to comment on DEQ's draft permitting decision must submit written comments to DEQ, along with their name and mailing address. A public hearing will be held when DEQ finds a significant degree of public interest. After the public comment period, DEQ will issue a final permitting decision. DEQ will notify the applicant, and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice, of the final permitting decision. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by DEQ in accordance with the PC&EC Rule 8, codified at 8 CAR Part 11.