Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) Notice Requirements for Environmental Permit Applications

Permit Type	Rule	Surface / Adjacent Landowner	City and/or County	Notice to Surface Landowner/Offset Landowner/City/County Must be Provided	Contents of Notice	Published Notice	Published Notice Date	Contents of Published Notice
Permits Issued under Statewide Rule 8								
Non-Commercial Disposal (Pits, land spreading, etc.)	16 TAC, Sect. 3.8(d)(6)(C)	Surface landowner only	City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or before the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements. Notice must include a statement that protests must be filed with the RRC within 15 days of the date the application is received by the RRC	Not required	n/a	n/a
Commercial Surface Disposal Facility (Collecting/Washout Pits, Waste Separation, Disposal Pits, Landspreading, etc.) Without recycling or reclamation	16 TAC, Sect. 3.8(d)(6)(C) & Texas Natural Resources Code, Sect. 91.116	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or before the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements. Notice must include a statement that protests must be filed with the RRC within 15 days of the date the application is received by the RRC	Yes - 2 consecutive weeks	First publication must be no earlier than the date the application is filed and no later than the 30th day after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements
Permits Issued under Statewide Rule 57								
Reclamation Plant (R9) without other permits	16 TAC, Sect. 3.57(c)(1) and (2)	Surface landowner only	County Clerk; City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or before the date the application is filed with the RRC.	Not specified	Yes - 1 time	On or before the date the application is mailed/ delivered/ filed with the RRC	See application for full requirements
Permits Issued Under Chapter 4 (Recycling Permits)								
Off-Lease / Centralized Commercial Solid Recycling Facility (Division 3) Without other permits	16 TAC, Sect. 4.238	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements.	Not required	n/a	n/a
Off-Lease / Centralized Commercial Fluid Recycling Facility (Division 5) Without other permits	16 TAC, Sect. 4.270	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements. Notice must include a statement that a protest to the application must be filed within 15 days of the date of receipt.		n/a	n/a
Stationary Commercial Recycling (Divisions 4 or 6) Without other permits	16 TAC, Sect. 4.254 or 4.286	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements. Notice must include a statement that a protest to the application must be filed within 15 days of the last date of published notice	Yes - 2 consecutive weeks	First publication must be no earlier than the date the application is filed and no later than the 30th day after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	See application for full requirements
Examples for Facilities with Multiple Permits								
Reclamation Plant (R9) with Pits (Commercial Surface Disposal Facility)	16 TAC, Sect. 3.57(c)(1) and (2) & Texas Natural Resources Code, Sect. 91.116	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	County Clerk; City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or before the date the application is filed with the RRC.	Not specified by Statewide Rule 57, but use contents of notice required for Commercial Surface Disposal Facility (Collecting/Washout Pits, Waste Separation, Disposal Pits, Landspreading, etc.)	Yes - 2 consecutive weeks	First publication must be no earlier than the date the application is filed and no later than the 30th day after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	All permit types must be included in notice.
Commercial Surface Disposal Facility (e.g., Waste Separation, Disposal) and Stationary Commercial Solid Oil & Gas Waste Recycling	16 TAC, Sect. 3.8(d)(6) & Texas Natural Resources Code, Sect. 91.116 & 16 TAC, Sect. 4.254	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or before the date the application is filed with the RRC.	Include contents of notice required	Yes - 2 consecutive weeks	First publication must be no earlier than the date the application is filed and no later than the 30th day after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	All permit types must be included in notice.
Reclamation Plant (R9) and Stationary Commercial Solid and Fluid Oil & Gas Waste Recycling	16 TAC, Sect. 3.57(c)(1) and (2) & 16 TAC, Sects. 4.270 and 4.286	Surface & Adjacent* Landowners	County Clerk; City Clerk - if in corporate limits	On or before the date the application is filed with the RRC. See 16 TAC, Sect. 3.57(c)(1) and (2) (the more stringent notice requirement).	Not specified by Statewide Rule 57, but use contents of notice required for Stationary Commercial Solid and Fluid Oil & Gas Waste Recycling regulations	Yes - 2 consecutive weeks	First publication must be no earlier than the date the application is filed and no later than the 30th day after the date the application is filed with the RRC.	All permit types must be included in notice.

^{*} If adjacent landowner is located more than ½ mile from the facility boundary, no personal notice is required for that adjacent landowner