

FACT SHEET

Municipal Solid Waste Permit Application 40291

The Project is a Waste Transfer Station – technically not a dump or landfill. Waste from surrounding counties arrives, is dumped, compacted and re-loaded onto semis and driven to a landfill. A permit application is under consideration by the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality.

The company requesting permission to build & operate the facility is LEALCO, a (technical) newcomer to Texas. Their reputation and compliance with health & safety regulations is unknown.

The waste to be handled under this permit is household and business garbage. Also allowed are toxic chemicals, dead animals, tires, medical, construction and yard waste.

The waste amount handled is up to 2500 tons a day. The operator will be allowed to store 1000 tons on the site overnight and over weekends up to 72 hours. (The equivalent of 250 large cars/pickups!)

Location is approximately 0.5 miles east of the intersection of State Highway 21 and FM 812. The 10.45 acre registration tract is part of a 47.7 acre tract bordering TX-21 and Cedar Creek with adjacent property on FM 812.

Structure will be two-sided with passive ventilation -natural air flow ventilation instead of active fans. Two sides are inadequate to control escape of material.

Site is in a flood hazard zone. The site is partially located in the 100 yr. floodplain of Cedar Creek. The company's plan is to raise the floor 3' to circumvent regulation against building on floodplain. This creates a serious health hazard when Cedar Creek floods. Floodplain is at elevation 447.5', tipping floor is to be 456.5' elevation.

Drains into Creek. During rain, anything that is in the garbage--household chemicals, rotting food scraps, pet feces, plastics, etc.--will wash into the Cedar Creek, contaminating land, surface water and groundwater. This is a serious health hazard for animals and people in the nearby and general area.

Danger to Drinking Water. Toxic chemicals and bacteria can drain into the aquifer below the site – the source of our private wells and public drinking water.

Very Heavy truck traffic – up to 300 trucks a day, including garbage trucks and semi-trailers. 30 heavy trucks per hour per 10 hour day can cause significant pavement damage.

Dangerous Intersection of 2, two-lane roads is not designed for a heavy traffic increase. This area is known for accidents and near-misses. A traffic light is insufficient to reduce traffic dangers at this intersection. A TXDOT Traffic Impact Study is urgently needed!

What is needed. Maximum effort by our state agencies, TX DOT and TCEQ, to protect us. We need a comprehensive TX DOT traffic impact study of the affected area. We deserve a TCEQ investigation, at maximum effort and professional care, to determine the risks to public health and environmental safety before a decision is made on this application.

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Show up at the TCEQ meeting on Monday, September 18, 7 pm at Cedar Creek High School.

Spread the word with the attached flier or go to the IndyTexans.org website (News Section) or if you use Facebook, the IndyTexans.org facebook page. Be sure to like it and share away the posts we put there on this issue.

Call your elected officials – see details below.

Help us find a pro-bono (free!) attorney, preferably one that lives in the area and is affected too!

Reaching Your Officials:

Senator Kirk Watson 512-463-0114 or kirk.watson@senate.state.tx.us

Representative John Cyrier 512-463-0682 or MeLissa.Nemeck@house.texas.gov

Judge Pape 512-332-7201 or paul.pape@co.bastrop.tx.us

Commissioner Meuth 512-581-4000 or mark.meuth@co.bastrop.tx.us

US Rep Blake Farenthold 202-225-7742

When you call, you will reach a staff member or voice mail. Project a friendly attitude, be calm, talk clearly and moderately paced. When finished thank them and conclude the call. Smile. Below is a sample script that you can revise to fit your concerns – speak from your heart – these are just suggestions:

Hi, my name is (Name), I live in (Cedar Creek, Del Valle, Rockney etc.), and oppose the construction of the Waste Transfer Station, MSW 40291, proposed on TX-21 at FM 812. I am calling to request that (Representative's title & name) attend the TCEQ Public Meeting scheduled Monday evening to support his constituents in Bastrop County in our opposition to the proposed Waste Transfer Station.

*As one of the fastest growing counties in Texas, Bastrop needs to plan for economic growth without putting it's residents and the environment in danger. State Highway 21 is already over extended and the addition of a potential 300 garbage trucks each day will only increase the likelihood of death and tragedy on Hwy 21. **We need a Traffic Impact Study done by TXDOT.** In addition changing the landscape by raising the level and the addition of concrete slabs and buildings will enhance the probability of flooding in the area which has become a semi-annual event thus adding to the flood levels with additional toxic materials.*

For these and many other more reasons, I am asking (Representative's title & name) to attend the TCEQ meeting to support the voters of Bastrop County against MSW 40291.

Contact: 512-535-0989 info@indytexans.org *IndyTexans.org on the web and Facebook