

Sample script to Legislators:

TCEQ Permit No. WQ0016342001

Recently, I learned that SpaceX has applied "to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. WQ0016342001 (EPA I.D. No. TX0144533) to authorize the discharge of treated wastewater at a volume not to exceed a daily average flow of 200,000 gallons per day". This TCEQ permit application, if granted, will authorize SpaceX to discharge an average flow of 200,000 gallons every day into South Bay. Though treated, when this wastewater (sewage) is discharged into the algal flats, wetlands, and South Bay, it will greatly change the natural balance of the unique water system that is a vital nursery and breeding ground for fish, birds, and other wildlife. The people and businesses that rely on robust fishing, and tourism industries, as well as recreational opportunities deserve to have their voices heard and questions addressed. SpaceX wants to build this treatment plant approximately 1000 feet West of the intersection of Boca Chica Blvd. (State Hwy 4) and Remedios Lane, in Cameron County, TX 78521. The discharge route will be from this plant directly on to tidal flats leading into South Bay. South Bay was the first Texas Coastal Preserve, named in 1984. It needs our protection.

"TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator."

At the very least and for the sake of transparency and accountability, this community deserves to have our questions and concerns heard. I would like to ask you to contact TCEQ and request a public meeting for Permit No. WQ0016342001 on our behalf.