

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
LINDE, INC. / LINDE CONVENT PLANT
DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for Linde, Inc., Linde Convent Plant, P.O. Box 230, Geismar, LA 70734. The facility is located off Highways 44 and 70, adjacent to the Shell Convent Refinery in Convent, St. James Parish.

The principal discharge from this proposed source is made into the Mississippi River via a pipe (Outfall 001), and an unnamed ditch via a pipe, thence into St. James Canal, thence into Blind River (Outfall 002), waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation and propagation of fish and wildlife and drinking water supply (Mississippi River only). Under the SIC Code 2813, the applicant proposes to discharge cooling tower blowdown, RO reject water, boiler blowdown, steam and compressor condensates, process area stormwater and de minimis lab rinseate (Outfall 001), and non-process area stormwater and miscellaneous non-process wastewaters (Outfall 002) from a proposed hydrogen production facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification of the final decision can be submitted via personal delivery, U.S. mail, email, or fax. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Wednesday, February 17, 2021.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Emails may be submitted to DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV and faxes sent to (225) 219-3309. Persons wishing to receive notice of the final permit action must include a complete mailing address when submitting comments.

Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group> or call (225) 219-3276.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, draft permit, additional information and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Melissa Carley, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3266.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list, wishing to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server, or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and statement of basis can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices> and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group>.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 214907, Permit Number LA0127463, and Activity Number PER20200001.

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