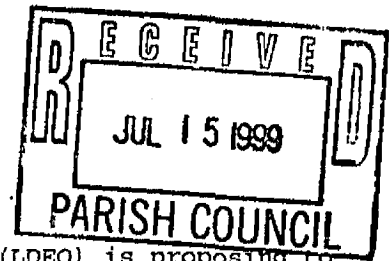


PUBLIC NOTICE



The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) is proposing to issue for the first time a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit (LA0090573) to Total Transportation, Inc. Upon the issuance of a final permit, the final permit shall replace the previously issued State (LWDPS) permit. The LWDPS permit number is WP3006.

The applicant's mailing address is:

Total Transportation, Inc.
Gemini Rig
104 Campus Drive East, Suite 102
Destrehan, Louisiana 70047

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into the Mississippi River, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, fish and wildlife propagation and drinking water supply. The facility is located between River Miles 116 and 121 on the east bank, Destrehan, St. Charles Parish. Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code (SIC Code) 4491, the applicant proposes to discharge rig wash water and treated sanitary wastewater from an existing midstream dry bulk transfer facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that this 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.

The application, draft permit, and statement of basis may be examined at the Office of Water Resources, 3rd Floor, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Persons wishing to provide data, views or comments, or request a public hearing relative to the issuance of the permit are invited to submit their comments and requests, in writing, by August 18, 1999 using reference No. LA0090573 to:

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Water Resources
Post Office Box 82215
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2215
ATTN: Ken A. Fledderman
Telephone: (225) 765-0810

All written comments submitted during the period of comment shall be retained by the Office and considered in determining whether to issue or deny the permit. A public hearing will be held if the Office finds a significant degree of public interest. LDEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision.

Linda Korn Levy, Assistant Secretary
Office of Water Resources