

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)**  
**KOCH METHANOL ST. JAMES, LLC / KOCH METHANOL FACILITY**  
**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 Koch Methanol St. James, LLC, Koch Methanol Facility, 5181 Wildcat Street, St. James, LA 70086. **The facility is located at 6586 Louisiana Highway 3127 in St. James, St. James Parish.** Upon the effective date of the final permit, the LPDES permit shall replace the previously issued LPDES permit.

This facility is subject to Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act and the applicable Federal and State regulations for cooling water intake structures. This draft permit includes conditions towards compliance with these regulations.

The principal discharge from this existing source is made into the Mississippi River (Outfall 001), waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, propagation of fish and wildlife, and drinking water supply or into local drainage, thence into the St. James Canal (Outfalls 002, 003, and 004), waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, and propagation of fish and wildlife, and agriculture. Under the SIC Code 2869, the applicant proposes to discharge process wastewater, first flush and post first flush stormwater, clarifier underflow, boiler blowdown, cooling tower blowdown, reverse osmosis reject water, laboratory wastewater, demineralizer unit backwash and regeneration effluent, potable water, treated sanitary wastewater, fire system test water, potable water, clarified water, demineralized water, boiler feedwater, steam condensate, cooling water, and maintenance wastewater and hydrostatic test water (Outfall 001) and stormwater and hydrostatic test water (Outfalls 002, 003, and 004) from an existing organic chemical manufacturing 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.

**This permit was processed as an expedited permit in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 18.**

Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification of the final decision can be submitted online on the public notice webpage (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices>), via personal delivery, U.S. mail, or email. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CDT, Wednesday, August 27, 2025.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5<sup>th</sup> 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, and emails may be submitted to [DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV](mailto:DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV). 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 permit application, additional information, draft permit, and fact sheet are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).**

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Amy Exnicios, LDEQ, Water Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3501.

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](mailto:DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV) or by phone at (225) 219-3035.

**Permit public notices including electronic access to the draft permit and fact sheet** 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 194165, Permit Number LA0127367, and Activity Number PER20230002.**

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