



**US Army Corps  
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Galveston District  
Regulatory Division**

**Special Public Notice  
Public Scoping Meeting for  
Harris Reservoir Expansion Project  
Environmental Impact Statement  
May 27, 2020**

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY'S  
HARRIS RESERVOIR EXPANSION PROJECT, BRAZORIA COUNTY, TEXAS  
(DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY PERMIT NUMBER SWG-2016-01027)**

**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE:** To inform you that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (Corps) has scheduled a Public Scoping Meeting on June 17, 2020 for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), for which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest.

**BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District (Corps) received a permit application for a U.S. Department of the Army (DA) permit pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from Dow Chemical Company (Dow) for the Harris Reservoir Expansion Project (proposed Project). The Corps is the lead Federal agency under National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the President's Council on Environmental Quality regulations and intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the proposed Project. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are cooperating agencies under NEPA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission are participating for the preparation of the EIS. The DA permit application was first advertised by an extended Public Notice issued March 2, 2018.

The proposed Project is located adjacent to the existing Dow Chemical Harris Reservoir in the city of Angleton, Brazoria County, Texas (Latitude 29.2709860466716 ° North, Longitude -95.543090603221 ° West). The proposed Project would include the construction of a 1,929-acre impoundment with a nominal storage capacity of 50,000 acre-feet, an intake and pump station to divert Dow's existing surface water rights from the Brazos River, an outlet to Oyster Creek, and an emergency spillway. The Project would also include floodplain enhancements on Oyster Creek, stream restoration, and temporary construction staging and laydown areas. Dow proposed the Project.

**SCOPING PROCESS/PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT:** A virtual scoping meeting will be held online at 4:00 p.m. on June 17, 2020. The public meeting will be presented online to provide information about the proposed Project and to receive public input and comment on the draft EIS. Access information, instructions, an opportunity to subscribe to project updates, and additional information regarding this project will be made available prior to the virtual meeting at <https://www.publicinput.com/DOW-reservoir-EIS>.

The Corps invites full public participation to promote open communication on the potential concerns surrounding the draft EIS. In addition, participation by Federal, State, local agencies and other interested organizations is encouraged. Both oral and written statements will be accepted at the meeting through several channels including a virtual comment portal, telephone, and text message. Materials and visual depictions of the proposed Project and associated impacts will be available.

Each speaker will be given 3 minutes. Please keep your time to 3 minutes or less. If you do not need the full 3 minutes, help us to move the process along by only using the time you need. If you have additional comments that you'd like to submit beyond what you're able to address during your time allotted, please submit them in writing. Written comments are just as valid and count the same as verbal comments presented during the Public Scoping Meeting. Questions for Dow related to the proposed Project or the Corps' regulatory and Civil Works process may be submitted to the website referenced above via email, or voice or text via the toll-free number 855-925-2801.

The public meeting will be conducted in English. Those in need of language interpreters should contact the Corps' Public Involvement consultant, Hollaway Environmental + Communications Services, Inc. (713) 868-1043, by June 10, to make arrangements. Every effort will be made to address requests.

Any comments received at the virtual public meeting will be considered by the Corps to assist in determining whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for the Project. Comments will be considered in the draft EIS analysis pursuant to NEPA and used to help determine the overall public interest of the proposed Project. All comments must be received or postmarked by Thursday, July 2, 2020, (15 calendar days following the public meeting).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the proposed EIS scope should be addressed to Mr. Jayson Hudson, USACE, Galveston District, Regulatory Branch, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, Texas 77553-1229. Individuals who would like to electronically provide comments should contact Mr. Hudson by electronic mail at: SWG201601027@usace.army.mil. Emailed comments, including attachments, should be provided in .doc, .docx, .pdf or .txt formats.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about this project, to be included on the mailing list for future updates and meeting announcements, or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS when it is issued, contact Mr. Jayson Hudson, at the Corps at (409) 766-3108, the email address SWG201601027@usace.army.mil, or the address provided above.

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