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**Your Comments or Concerns**

See attached Sunset Comment letter

**Your Proposed Solution**

See attached Sunset Comment letter

**Attachment**

[Sunset comment 6-16-22.pdf](#) (369.59 KB)

**My Comments Will Be Made Public**

Yes

# Harris County Pollution Control

**Harris County Pollution Control Services**

Dr. Latrice Babin, Executive Director

Established in 1953



June 16, 2022

Sunset Advisory Commission  
Attn: TCEQ  
P.O. Box 13066  
Austin, TX 78711

Re: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality 2021-2022 Sunset Review Comments

Sunset Advisory Commission,

Harris County Pollution Control Services Department (PCS) submits the following comments and recommendations to the Sunset Advisory Commission (Commission) in response to the opportunity for public input.

PCS inspects facilities in Harris County for compliance with water quality laws and regulations, reviews permit applications, performs emergency-response to incidents within Harris County, and comments to the TCEQ on permitting actions. PCS also works closely with the TCEQ's Houston regional office, which, as a matter of course, refers a substantial portion of environmental complaints (including nuisance complaints) from Harris County citizens to PCS. Specifically, the TCEQ has forwarded 1125 complaints to PCS since August 1, 2017; 172 of which resulted in the issuance of a Violation Notice.

In September 2021, the TCEQ submitted the TCEQ Sunset Self-Evaluation Report to the Sunset Advisory Commission. PCS offers the following comments for the Commission's consideration.

In 2021, TCEQ received approximately 180 air, waste, and water permit applications from facilities in Harris County. PCS, being a local jurisdiction in Region 12, has an interest in being included in the application review process. Additionally, PCS has recently been included in the review of hazardous waste applications. As a result, many of the recommendations resulting from our reviews were accepted and will be incorporated into the TCEQ Notice of Deficiency (NOD) letter to the permittee.

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PCS encourages the Commission to recommend to the Legislature that the TCEQ be required by law to afford all local programs and organizations the opportunity to be included in the permit application review process for all media (air, solid waste, and water). This would help address any resource shortfalls with the TCEQ and undoubtedly ensure more thorough reviews, improved feedback, and more accurate applications.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding the TCEQ Sunset Review referenced above. Should you have any questions, please contact Stuart Mueller at (713) 274-6414 or via email at [stuart.mueller@pcs.hctx.net](mailto:stuart.mueller@pcs.hctx.net).

Sincerely,

*Andrew Brady*

For

Dr. Latrice Babin  
Executive Director

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