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The Citizen Guide is dedicated to the hundreds of Texans-rural landowners, urban residents, local and regional citizen groups and local governments-who have worked so hard to protect public health and the environment by participating effectively in decisions of the state's environmental agencies. Their efforts have demonstrated that, despite certain obstacles, well-informed citizen participation can and does result in better agency decisions, to the benefit of all Texans. Much of the advice provided in this Guide reflects the lessons learned by these citizen organizations.

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While various legal issues associated with public participation in pollution permit decisions is discussed in this Guide and its Appendices, the information is intended to be general only and is not provided in the course of an attorney-client relationship nor does it constitute legal advice. The advice contained in this Guide may not be applicable to your particular legal situation.