

LoneHollow Ranch Submits New Zero-Discharge Application with the State, Withdraws Previous Request

Filing fulfills previously announced zero-discharge permit plan that accomplishes camp's and community's shared water conservation goals with "new standard for water management"

August 20, 2021 (Vanderpool, Texas) -- LoneHollow Ranch, a Young Life camp in the Texas Hill Country, today announced it has formally filed for a Texas Land Application Permit (TLAP) as part of a zero-discharge water conservation plan announced earlier this month. This plan was based on discussions between Young Life and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). Young Life withdrew its previous request for a TCEQ discharge permit.

"Young Life cares deeply about the environment, and our intent at LoneHollow Ranch and our camps across the country is to be good stewards of the environment, especially when it comes to water conservation and wastewater management," said Stacey Noll, camp manager of LoneHollow Ranch. "The filings make good on our previously announced zero-discharge plan. We are looking forward to completing the process after taking this important step today."

The application submitted utilizes two complementary authorizations governing water usage on the property. The first is a TLAP permit written to allow for Type 1-level treatment, the highest treatment standard for water. The second is a chapter 210 reuse authorization that will allow for treated water to be used for surface irrigation throughout the camp, including areas of human contact. At the same time, LoneHollow Ranch withdrew its previous application for a TCEQ discharge permit, as the new approach will allow for zero-discharge subsurface dispersal of any excess water that cannot be used for surface irrigation.

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