

Keep Austin Waste out of Lee County!

Join the Fight and Oppose the Proposed Lincoln Waste Plant that Threatens Our Air, Water, and Homes!

- Take Action Now -

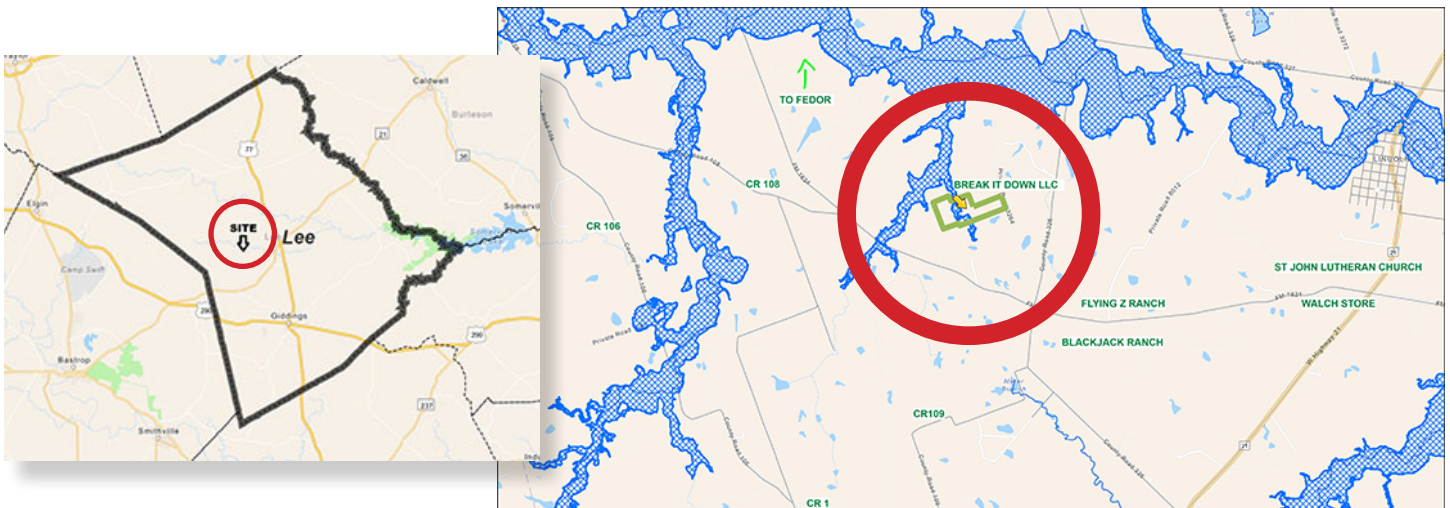


Stop TCEQ Permit 47084



**They are planning to put a
composting and waste plant
in Lincoln.**

Waste Plant Proposed Location



The Risks of a Composting and Waste Plant in Our Community:

Unbearable Odors:

Rendering plants process rotting meat, fish, and animal carcasses, leading to foul smells that can travel miles and cause nausea, headaches, and respiratory problems.

Water Contamination:

Runoff from the plant can contaminate nearby waterways like the Middle Yegua Creek and ultimately pollute Lake Somerville, a vital water source.

Increased Vermin:

These plants attract flies, rodents, coyotes buzzards, wild hogs and other predators, posing a significant health risk to residents.

Property Value Decline:

Living near a rendering plant can negatively impact the value of your property.

How to Fight and Oppose

Attend the Community Meeting:

On Thursday, **December 12th, 7pm**, at St. John Lutheran Church Family Life Center on FM 1624, 1020 Private Rd. 8012 Giddings, Texas 78942, to learn more and strategize together.

Submit a Public Comment to TCEQ:

Use permit number 47084 and express your concerns at:
<https://www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment>

Write a Letter to TCEQ:

Include permit number 47084 and mail it to:
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105
TCEQ
PO Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Courier or hand-deliver to:

Office of the Chief Clerk
TCEQ
12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg F
Austin, TX 78753

A troubling history of environmental non-compliance

Break It Down LLC has a troubling history of environmental non-compliance, having been fined over \$22,500 for repeated violations related to nuisance odors from their composting operations between December 2021 and February 2022.

This track record demonstrates their inability to operate responsibly, posing significant risks to any community hosting their facilities.

Sample Protest Letter

TCEQ Permit No.: 47084

I, along with many of our community members, are extremely worried about this facility coming into Lee County. There are many reasons, below are a few.

The location they are proposing for the facility has run-off that goes directly into the Middle Yegua Creek. This creek is used to water our livestock and crops and more importantly feeds into Lake Somerville which is the main source of water for the city of Brenham in our neighboring county Washington County.

In Lee County our water table recharge level is very shallow, and we are very worried that a facility like this could contaminate our drinking water supply as well.

The roads in our community are not built to handle the traffic of heavy vehicles to get to the facility. This will ruin our roads.

A facility like this will drive people out of our community. The smell, polluted air, polluted creeks, polluted drinking water, etc. will devastate our County. We are a small community and have been working hard to maintain the clean living of rural life.

Composting and waste bring diseases, vermin, poor air quality and dangerous gasses, and is a potential fire hazard.

It is unacceptable for anyone to bring waste materials from the big city (Austin) out to our small rural community and ruin our clean environment.

Lastly, this company "CN604373332 - BREAK IT DOWN LLC" has already been 5 violations in which the TCEQ has had to investigate and remediate. They have received penalties of more than \$20,000 on some of these sites. Now they are trying to move to our community, and it is inevitable that they will do exactly what they did at these other sites. Please don't allow this to happen to our community!

Sincerely,

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Notice of Intent to Operate a Compost Facility Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Notification No. 47084

Notification. Break it Down, LLC, has submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a notice of intent to operate a compost facility in accordance with Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 332 Subchapter B - Operations Requiring a Notification. TCEQ received the application for Break it Down Ranch Rd, MSW Notification No. 47084, on September 9, 2024. The proposed facility will be located at 0.2 miles north on CR 326 from CR 1624, and then one mile west after turning onto Private Road 3264, in Lee County. Accepted source-separated materials will include meat, fish, dead animal carcasses, oil, grease, dairy materials, yard trimmings, clean wood, vegetative materials, paper, and manure from commercial, municipal, and institutional sources. The following link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and is not part of the application or notice: <https://arcg.is/1ea0ea0>.

Information. For more information about this notification or the authorization process, please call the TCEQ's Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 800-687-4040. Si desea información en español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tceq.texas.gov.

Further information regarding the facility and its operations may also be obtained from Break it Down, LLC at the mailing address P.O. Box 144851, Austin, Travis County, 78714, Texas or by calling Jeffrey Paine at 512-423-9559.

This notice was mailed on **November 19, 2024**