

# Landscape Irrigation Stakeholder Meeting

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# Background

August 14, 2017 - Irrigator Advisory Council (IAC) submits petitions to change 30 TAC Chapter 344

October 4, 2017 - TCEQ Commissioners Agenda:

- Solicit and evaluate stakeholder input
- Report findings and recommendations by October 2018



# Timeline

January 2018	Statewide Stakeholder Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dallas/Fort Worth (Fort Worth)</li><li>- Tyler</li><li>- Houston</li><li>- San Antonio</li><li>- Corpus Christi</li><li>- Rio Grande Valley (Harlingen)</li><li>- El Paso</li><li>- Lubbock (Wolfforth)</li><li>- Austin (with webcast)</li></ul>
February 28, 2018	Stakeholder comment period closes
Spring 2018	Compilation of comments Development of recommendations
October 2018	Recommendation to Commission
Winter 2018	Possibly initiate draft rulemaking



# Changes proposed by Irrigator Advisory Council (IAC)

Current rule: References *double check valve, pressure vacuum breaker, or reduced pressure principle backflow assembly*

Proposed change: *Eliminate references to double check valve. Add spill resistant vacuum breaker as an approved assembly.*



# Changes proposed by Irrigator Advisory Council (IAC)

Proposed change: *Addition of a requirement for an in-line filter or strainer per manufacturer's specifications*



# Changes proposed by Irrigator Advisory Council (IAC)

Current rule: *Refers to "backflow prevention devices"*

Proposed change: *Refers to "backflow prevention assemblies"*



# Changes proposed by Irrigator Advisory Council (IAC)

Current rule: *Irrigation systems are considered non-health hazards unless there are specific conditions that create a high hazard (ex: OSSF)*

Proposed change: *To make all irrigation systems classified as health hazards*



# Stakeholder Comments

- Comment period is open for any changes to 30 TAC 344
- Focus of stakeholder meetings - changes proposed in IAC petitions
- Written/eComments accepted until February 28, 2018

<http://www1.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>

- Oral comments today



# Potential Rulemaking

- Based on stakeholder input, TCEQ may recommend making changes to rule
- Draft rules will be available for comment during the rulemaking process
- Rulemaking would address comments to IAC's petition as well as any other comments received



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