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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 331

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 331, Underground Injection Control, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would amend existing rules and add new rules pertaining to the use of a Class I well for disposal of nonhazardous drinking water treatment residuals (DWTR) into a salt cavern in horizontally bedded or non-domal salt. This includes disposal of nonhazardous DWTR that contain naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM). For commercial disposal of DWTR containing NORM, a Class I well permit would be accompanied by a radioactive materials license. The proposed rules would provide a disposal alternative within Texas for public water systems to dispose of their treatment residuals containing NORM in a manner that is protective of human health and safety and the environment. The proposed rules include the repeal of an obsolete rule and editorial clarifications and corrections.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on March 20, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Michael Parrish, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <http://www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the eComments system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2011-023-331-WS. The comment period closes March 27, 2012. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's Web site at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Kathryn Flegal, Radioactive Materials Division, (512) 239-6890 or kathryn.flegal@tceq.texas.gov.

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