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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 285

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 285, On-Site Sewage Facilities, §§285.11, 285.21 and 285.38, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill (HB) 2694, 82nd Legislature, 2011. HB 2694 abolished the Texas On-Site Research Council (Council). This proposed rulemaking would remove references to the Council from Chapter 285. The proposed rulemaking would also implement HB 240, 82nd Legislature. The proposed rulemaking would also require all On-Site Sewage Facilities, including risers and covers, installed after September 1, 2012, to be designed to prevent access by anyone other than the system's owner and licensed On-Site Sewage Facilities installers or maintenance providers.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on March 21, 2012, at 2:00 p.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 Bruce McAnally, 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 2011-040-285-CE. The comment period closes March 26, 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 Candy Garrett, Program Support Section, (512) 239-1451.