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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 290 AND CHAPTER 291

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 290, Public Drinking Water, §§290.38, 290.39, 290.46, 290.103, 290.109 - 290.112, 290.116, 290.119, 290.122, and 290.275 and 30 TAC Chapter 291, Utility Regulations, §291.161 and §291.162, under the requirements of Texas Water Code, §13.1395; and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 805, 82nd Legislature, 2011; the federal Ground Water Rule including a change to the definition of groundwater under the direct influence of surface water to make it in line with 40 Code of Federal Regulations §141.2; Total Organic Carbon Rule; and United States Environmental Protection Agency Method 334.0. The federal regulations implement the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. The proposed amendments made by HB 805 expand the counties to which the Emergency Preparedness Plan requirement applies and provides a timeline for newly affected water systems to comply.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on July 10, 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 2011-056-290-OW. The comment period closes July 16, 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](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html). For further information, please contact Matt Court, Public Drinking Water Section, (512) 239-5844.