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TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Permanent Rule Change

Rule Log No. 2001-004-015-AD  
Vehicle Fleet Management

Chapter 15  
Fleet Vehicle Management

1. Purpose. This change transmittal provides the page(s) that reflect changes and addition to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) Volume of Permanent Rules.
2. Explanation of Change. On June 20, 2001, the commission adopted new Chapter 15, Fleet Vehicle Management, §15.1, Fleet Vehicle Management. Section 15.1 was adopted *without changes* to the proposed text as published in the April 20, 2001 issue of the *Texas Register* (26 TexReg 2943).
3. Effect of Change. The purpose of the adopted rule is to implement the requirements of House Bill 3125, signed into law during the 76th Legislature, 1999. The bill amended Texas Government Code, Title 10, Chapter 2171, by adding §2171.1045, Restrictions on Assignment of Vehicles. This section requires state agencies to adopt rules consistent with the fleet management plan (Management Plan) developed in accordance with Texas Government Code, §2171.104. The rule was drafted to be consistent with the intent and language of the bill.

The rule is consistent with the Management Plan, and requires the executive director to adopt a policy consistent with the Management Plan. The rule describes under what circumstances a commission vehicle may be assigned to an individual. If the exceptions outlined in the rule are not met, then the rule stipulates that each vehicle the commission owns must be assigned to the commission motor pool.

Chapter 15, Fleet Vehicle Management, is added to 30 TAC.

New §15.1(a) will establish that each vehicle will be assigned to the commission's motor pool and will be available to be checked out.

New §15.1(b) will establish the exceptions to §15.1(a). Specifically, a vehicle may be assigned to a field employee or the executive director (ED) may assign a vehicle to an employee on a regular basis only if the ED finds and documents in writing that the regular assignment is critical to the needs and mission of the commission.

New §15.1(c) will establish that the ED will adopt an operating policy that is consistent with the Management Plan developed in accordance with Texas Government Code, §2171.104.