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**Request for Preliminary Comments for Review and Revision  
of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and the  
*Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality  
Standards***

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is requesting preliminary written comments on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (Title 30, Chapter 307 of the Texas Administrative Code). This request for written comments is in preparation of review and revision as needed to the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

The Texas Surface Water Quality Standards establish instream water quality requirements for Texas streams, rivers, lakes, estuaries, and other water bodies. TCEQ is directed to establish water quality standards in Section 26.023 of the Texas Water Code. The federal Clean Water Act, §303(c), requires that states publicly review and revise their water quality standards as needed every three years. Revisions are made to (1) incorporate new information on potential pollutants, (2) include additional data about water quality conditions in specific water bodies, (3) address new state and federal regulatory requirements, and (4) accommodate public concerns and public goals for water quality in the state.

TCEQ is also requesting preliminary written comments in preparation for review and revision of the closely related guidance document, *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (RG-194, June 2010) (Implementation Procedures). The Implementation Procedures address how the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards are implemented in wastewater permitting and how effluent limits are derived to maintain instream water quality standards. Review and revision of the Implementation Procedures will be conducted concurrently with review and revision of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards.

TCEQ will review and consider preliminary comments during the development of draft proposals for revisions of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and Implementation Procedures. Written responses to these preliminary comments will not be provided. Any proposed revisions whether resulting from these comments or not will be subject to a formal public hearing and a public comment period prior to adoption.

Written preliminary comments on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and the Implementation Procedures should be submitted separately. Written comments on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards may be submitted to Ms. Debbie Miller, MC-234, Water Quality Planning Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4410. Electronic comments may be submitted via email to [standards@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:standards@tceq.state.tx.us). File size

restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via e-mail. All comments should reference the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards. The preliminary comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2011.

Written comments on the Implementation Procedures may be submitted to Mr. David Galindo, MC-150, Water Quality Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4420. Electronic comments may be submitted via email to [IPCOMMENT@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:IPCOMMENT@tceq.state.tx.us). File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via e-mail. All comments should reference the Implementation Procedures. The preliminary comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2011.

Copies of the 2010 versions of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and the Implementation Procedures are available on the commission's Web site at: [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water\\_quality/wq\\_assessment/standards/eq\\_sqs.html/](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_quality/wq_assessment/standards/eq_sqs.html/).

For further information on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, please contact Ms. Debbie Miller, Water Quality Planning Division, at (512) 239-1703. For further information on the Implementation Procedures, please contact Mr. David Galindo, Water Quality Division, at (512) 239-0951.