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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 307

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 307, Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, §§307.2 - 307.4 and 307.6 - 307.10, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B. The proposed rulemaking would provide a periodic public review and revision of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, as provided for in the Texas Water Code, §26.023, and as required by the Federal Clean Water Act, §303(c).

The commission proposes substantive and editorial changes, the addition of a definition for industrial cooling water areas, clarification regarding the allowance of different mixing zone sizes for specific numeric criteria, and to designate site-specific criteria for: 1) eight additional streams in Appendix D; 2) two additional site-specific toxic criteria in Appendix E; and 3) 11 additional site-specific criteria in Appendix G of §307.10.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on October 17, 2013 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.

Public Comment for Proposed Rule Revisions

In addition to the hearing, written comments on the proposed revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 307 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 2012-001-307-OW. The comment period closes October 24, 2013. 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 Debbie Miller, Rule Coordinator, Water Quality Planning Division, at (512) 239-1703.

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