

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



**NOTICE OF HEARING  
BLAKE ROSSING  
SOAH Docket No. 582-19-6472  
TCEQ Docket No. 2019-0945-LIC**

**APPLICATION.**

Blake Rossing, 12531 West Highway 71, Apartment 3102, Bee Cave, Texas 78738, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a Water Treatment Specialist (WTS) License. The Executive Director denied Mr. Rossing's application for cause. Mr. Rossing has requested a formal hearing on the Executive Director's decision. During the review of Mr. Rossing's application, the Executive Director discovered that Mr. Rossing received a deferred adjudication for a Third-Degree Felony in 2016. The Executive Director considers the deferred adjudication as a conviction for the purposes of this application. The Executive Director denied Mr. Rossing's application because he has been convicted of an offense that does not directly relate to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation but was committed less than five years prior to his application.

**CONTESTED CASE HEARING.**

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) will conduct a preliminary hearing on this application at:

**10:00 a.m. – September 10, 2019  
William P. Clements Building  
300 West 15th Street, 4th Floor  
Austin, Texas 78701**

The purpose of a preliminary hearing is to establish jurisdiction, name the parties, establish a procedural schedule for the remainder of the proceeding, provide an opportunity for settlement discussions, and address other matters as determined by the administrative law judge. The preliminary hearing will be held unless all timely hearing requests are withdrawn or the parties agree to waive the preliminary hearing.

The evidentiary phase of the contested case hearing, to be held at a later date, will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court to determine whether Mr. Rossing should be issued a WTS License. Unless agreed to by all parties in attendance at the preliminary hearing, an evidentiary hearing will not be held on the date of this preliminary hearing.

**If Blake Rossing fails to appear at the preliminary hearing or evidentiary hearing, the Executive Director will request that the hearing be canceled, and that appeal of the Executive Director's decision be dismissed.**

**SOAH's rules allow for participation by telephone or videoconference. Permission must be obtained from SOAH at least ten days before the hearing.**

Legal Authority: Texas Water Code Chapters 5 and 37; Texas Occupations Code Chapter 53; Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001; 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, and the procedural rules of the TCEQ and SOAH, including 30 TAC Chapters 70 and 80 and 1 TAC Chapter 155.

#### **INFORMATION.**

For information concerning the hearing process, please contact the TCEQ Office of Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, 512-239-3144. Further information regarding this hearing may be obtained by contacting Alicia Ramirez, Staff Attorney, TCEQ, Environmental Law Division, MC 173, P. O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087, 512-239-0133. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/>. General information about SOAH can be found on its website at <http://www.soah.texas.gov/index.asp>, or by calling 512-475-4993.

**Any document filed prior to the hearing must be filed with TCEQ's Office of the Chief Clerk and SOAH. Documents filed with the Office of the Chief Clerk may be filed electronically at <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/eFilings> or sent to the following address: TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk, Mail Code 105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Documents filed with SOAH may be filed via fax at 512-322-2061 or sent to the following address: SOAH, 300 West 15th Street, Suite 504, Austin, Texas 78701. When contacting the Commission or SOAH regarding this matter, reference the SOAH docket number given at the top of this notice.**

**In accordance with 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.401(a), Notice of Hearing, "Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at [www.soah.texas.gov](http://www.soah.texas.gov), or in printed format upon request to SOAH."**

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations at the hearing should call the SOAH Docketing Department at 512-475-3445, at least one week prior to the hearing.

Issued: August 8, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bridget C. Bohac". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'B'.

Bridget C. Bohac, Chief Clerk  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality