

The IAC nomination period has been extended until July 22.

Request for Nominations for Appointment to Serve on the Irrigator Advisory Council

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is requesting nominations for four individuals to serve on the Irrigator Advisory Council (council). Two of the individuals must be an irrigator licensed to work in Texas, and two individuals represent the public. To be eligible to be a member, the person or person's spouse may not be licensed by an occupational regulatory agency in the field of irrigation. The person or the person's spouse may not be employed by, participate in the management of, or have, other than as a consumer, a financial interest in a business entity or other organization related to the field of irrigation. Council members will be asked to serve a six-year term beginning in 2017.

The Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 1903, Subchapter D (see also 30 TAC §344.80) provides the structure of the nine-member council appointed by the TCEQ. The council is comprised of nine members appointed by the TCEQ: six licensed irrigators, who are residents of Texas, experienced in the irrigation business, and familiar with irrigation methods and techniques; and three public members.

The council provides advice to the TCEQ and TCEQ Staff concerning matters relating to irrigation. It is grounds for removal from the council if a council member misses three consecutive regularly scheduled meetings or more than half of all the regularly scheduled meetings in a one-year period. The council members generally meet for one day in Austin in February, May, August, and November of each year. Council members are not paid for their services, but are eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses at state rates as appropriated by the legislature.

To nominate an individual: 1) ensure that the individual is qualified for the position for which he/she is being considered; 2) submit a brief resumé which includes relevant work experience; and 3) provide the nominee a copy of the nomination. The nominee must submit a letter indicating his/her agreement to serve, if appointed. A person may nominate themselves by: 1) ensuring that he/she is qualified for the position; 2) submitting a brief resumé which includes relevant work experience and references; and 3) submitting a letter indicating his/her agreement to serve, if appointed.

Written nominations and letters from nominees must be received by 5:00 p.m. on July 22, 2016. The appointment will be considered by the TCEQ at a future agenda. Please mail all correspondence to Melissa Keller, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Program Support Section, MC 235, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or fax to (512) 239-2249.

Questions regarding the council can be directed to Ms. Keller at (512) 239-1768 or e-mail: melissa.keller@tceq.texas.gov. Additional information regarding the council is available on the Web site: https://www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing/irrigation/irr_advisory.html