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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 217

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 217, Design Criteria for Domestic Wastewater Systems, §§217.2 - 217.17, 217.31 - 217.35, 217.37 - 217.39, 217.51 - 217.62, 217.64 - 217.68, 217.91 - 217.93, 217.95 - 217.100, 217.121 - 217.129, 217.151 - 217.161, 217.163, 217.164, 217.182 - 217.192, 217.201 - 217.213, 217.241 - 217.252, 217.271 - 217.283, 217.291 - 217.300, 217.321 - 217.330, 217.332, and 217.333; the repeal of §§217.1, 217.36, 217.63, 217.69, 217.70, 217.94, 217.162, and 217.193; and new §§217.1, 217.18, 217.36, 217.40, 217.63, 217.69 - 217.71, 217.90, 217.94, 217.120, 217.162, 217.193, and 217.194, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would amend Chapter 217 by adding new definitions and clarifying existing definitions; adding design criteria and approval requirements for rehabilitation of existing infrastructure; adding design criteria for new technologies, including cloth filters and air lift pumps; updating existing requirements or develop new requirements to reflect modern practices, standards, and trends; and modifying rule language to improve readability and enforceability.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on June 23, 2015, 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.

Written comments may be submitted to Kris Hogan, 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://www1.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 2012-040-217-OW. The comment period closes June 29, 2015. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Dex Dean, Wastewater Permitting Section, at (512) 239-4570.