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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED NEW RULE IN 30 TAC CHAPTER 11

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed new §11.202 in 30 TAC Chapter 11, Contracts, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement changes made by Senate Bill 20, 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, to the Texas Government Code, §2261.253(c), which requires state agencies to establish by rule a procedure to identify each contract that requires enhanced contract or performance monitoring, and submit information to the agencies' governing bodies. Accordingly, the commission is proposing this rulemaking to add a new section regarding contracts.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on September 13, 2016, at 2:00 p.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 Derek Baxter, 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 2015-030-011-LS. The comment period closes September 19, 2016. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact LaTresa Stroud, Procurements and Contracts Section, Financial Administration Division, (512) 239-5555.