



TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 290

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed amendment to Section 290.51 of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 290, Public Drinking Water, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 1, Article IX, Section 18.01 (General Appropriations Act), 84th Texas Legislature (2015), Regular Session, which instructed the agency to raise fee rates by rule to ensure adequate revenue is available to support the agency's water programs. The proposed rulemaking provides the commission the ability to increase the Public Health Services fee on an annual basis in order to address future funding shortages.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin, Texas on January 5, 2016, 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 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Sherry Davis, 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 2015-031-290-AD. The comment period closes January 11, 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 Greg Yturalde, Financial Administration Division, (512) 239-1951.