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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 331

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 331, Underground Injection Control, §331.9 and §331.131, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement provisions of House Bill 2230, 84th Texas Legislature, 2015, Regular Session, which provides authority for the commission to authorize an injection well used for oil and gas waste disposal permitted by the Railroad Commission of Texas to be used for the disposal of nonhazardous brine generated by a desalination operation or nonhazardous drinking water treatment residuals.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on August 16, 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 Ms. 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 2016-021-331-WS. The comment period closes on August 22, 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 Kathryn Hoffman, Radioactive Materials Division, (512) 239-6890.