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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Permanent Rule Change

Rule Project No. 2016-042-309-OW
Amendment of Chapters 222 and 309 Relating to Beneficial Reuse Credits

Chapter 222
Subsurface Area Drip Dispersal Systems
Subchapters A - E

Chapter 309
Domestic Wastewater Effluent Limitation and Plant Siting
Subchapters A - D

1. **Purpose.** This change transmittal provides the pages that reflect changes and additions to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) Volume of Permanent Rules.

2. **Explanation of Change.** On December 18, 2019, the commission adopted amendments to §§222.1, 222.3, 222.5, 222.31, 222.33, 222.73, 222.75, 222.81, 222.83, 222.85, 222.87, 222.115, 222.119, 222.127, 222.157, 222.159, and 222.163 *without changes* to the proposed text as published in the June 28, 2019, issue of the *Texas Register* (44 TexReg 3227), and the rules were not republished.

The commission also adopted the amendments to §§309.1 - 309.4, 309.10 - 309.14, and 309.20; and new §§309.21, 309.22, and 309.24 *without changes* to the proposed text as published in the June 28, 2019, issue of the *Texas Register* (44 TexReg 3239), and the rules were not republished. New §309.23 and §309.25 were adopted *with changes* to the proposed text as published and the rules were republished.

3. **Effects of Change.** The adopted rulemaking allows an applicant for a Texas Land Application Permit the option to reduce the acreage required for land application of treated domestic wastewater by obtaining a "beneficial reuse credit" that accounts for offsite beneficial reuse. The adopted rulemaking also includes administrative changes to ensure current and accurate cross-references, improve readability, improve rule structure, and use consistent and industry accepted terminology.