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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Permanent Rule Change

Rule Project No. 2011-058-288-OW
Senate Bill 181 and Senate Bill 660 (Section 21): Water Conservation and Usage

Chapter 288
Water Conservation Plans, Drought Contingency Plans, Guidelines and Requirements
Subchapter A

1. Purpose. This change transmittal provides the pages that reflect changes and additions to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, commission) Volume of Permanent Rules.
2. Explanation of Change. On November 14, 2012, the commission adopted amendments to §§288.1 - 288.5. Sections 288.1 and 288.2 were adopted *with changes* to the proposed text as published in the July 13, 2012, issue of the *Texas Register* (37 TexReg 5216) Sections 288.3 - 288.5 were adopted *without changes* to the proposed text and were not republished.
3. Effects of Change. The adoption implements Senate Bill (SB) 181 and SB 660, 82nd Legislature, 2011, Regular Session, to require entities that submit water conservation plans to the TCEQ and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to implement sector-based reporting measures for water use. The adopted rulemaking would also require the TCEQ and TWDB, in consultation with the Water Conservation Advisory Council, to develop a uniform methodology and guidance for calculating water use and conservation.