

**Effective: June 02, 2016**

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
Permanent Rule Adoption

2015-031-290-AD  
HB 1: Public Health Service Fee Increase

Chapter 290  
Public Drinking Water  
Subchapter E

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 May 11, 2016, the commission adopted the amendment to §290.51 *with change* to the proposed text as published in the December 4, 2015, issue of the *Texas Register* (40 TexReg 8731) and was republished.
3. Effect of Change. The adopted rule implements House Bill 1, Article IX, §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 water appropriation. The adopted rule provides the commission the ability to increase the Public Health Services fee on an annual basis in order to address future funding shortages.