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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 Tex Reg 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 Tex Reg 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.