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Subject: Guidance for Slaughterhouse Processing Plants with Pathological Waste Incinerators
Permits by Rule under 30 Texas Administrative Code §§ 106.241 and 106.494

The purpose of this guidance is to clarify the intent of the above mentioned Permits by Rule (PBR) as they relate to implementation and practice.

PBR § 106.241 for Slaughterhouses defines a slaughterhouse as “any facility where animals or poultry are slaughtered and prepared for human consumption provided that waste products such as blood, offal, and feathers are stored in such a manner as to prevent the creation of a nuisance condition and these waste products are removed from the premises daily or stored under refrigeration until removed...”

Recently, staff within the Rule Registrations Section have received a number of questions regarding the use of incinerators located on sites with slaughterhouses. Operators that wish to incinerate nerve tissue waste products (including, but not limited to, brains and spinal cords) rather than ship them to landfills or rendering facilities have inquired if § 106.494 for Pathological Waste Incinerators is an appropriate form of authorization.

PBRs § 106.241 and § 106.494 may be used to authorize a slaughterhouse and an incinerator on the same site provided that the slaughterhouse and the incinerator both meet the requirements of § 106.241 and § 106.494 respectively.