

Dear Stakeholder,

During the 84th Texas Legislative Session, the Legislature passed House Bill 2031 and House Bill 4097.

HB 2031 and HB 4097 require rule changes to develop an expedited permit process for the diversion of marine seawater. Additionally, HB 2031 requires an expedited permit process for the discharge of both treated marine seawater and waste resulting from the desalination process. TCEQ will implement these bills in a joint rulemaking.

A stakeholder meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on October 8, 2015 in Building E, Room 201S on the TCEQ Austin Campus, located at 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin TX 78753. Directions to the TCEQ Park 35 Campus and visitor information can be found at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/about/directory/austin_offices_map.html

You may view the agenda at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights and <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/events>.

If you have any questions regarding the diversion of marine seawater, please contact Ron Ellis at Ron.Ellis@tceq.texas.gov or 512/239-1282.

For questions regarding the discharge of treated marine seawater and waste resulting from the desalination process, please contact Laurie Fleet at Laurie.Fleet@tceq.texas.gov or 512/239-5445.