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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 307

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 307, Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, §§307.2, 307.3, 307.6, 307.7, 307.9, and 307.10, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B. The proposed rulemaking would provide a periodic public review and revision of the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, as provided for in the Texas Water Code, §26.023 and required by the federal Clean Water Act, §303(c).

The commission proposes substantive and editorial changes, including numerous revisions of toxic criteria to incorporate new data on toxicity effects, revisions to provide clarity on how water quality standards would be assessed using monitoring data for bacteria, and numerous revisions for the uses and criteria of individual water bodies in order to incorporate new data and the results of recent use-attainability analyses (UAAs). Proposed changes also include the creation of a new segment, Blind Oso Bay (Segment 2486), based on the results of a UAA.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on October 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The webcast from this hearing may be viewed at <http://www.texasadmin.com/tceqs.shtml>. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

In conjunction with the hearing, the commission will also take written and oral comments on the proposed changes to the *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (IPs). The IPs provide guidance and explanation of the general and technical procedures used in implementing the standards in wastewater discharge permits. The IPs reflect editorial and substantive changes necessitated by changes to Chapter 307 as well as clarification of some subjects and new information on others.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Public Comment for Proposed Rule Revisions

Written comments may be submitted to Kris Hogan, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. Electronic comments may be submitted at <http://www1.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2016-002-307-OW. The comment period closes on October 17, 2017. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at

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http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Debbie Miller, Monitoring and Assessment Section, at (512) 239-1703.

Public Comment for Proposed IPs Revisions

Written comments on the proposed revisions to the IPs may be submitted to Peter Schaefer, MC 150, Water Quality Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4420. Electronic comments may be submitted via email to IPCOMMNT@tceq.tx.gov. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via e-mail. All comments should reference the Implementation Procedures, RG-194. The comment period closes on October 17, 2017. Copies of the proposed guidance can be obtained from the commission's web site at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/standards/WQ_stds. For further information regarding changes to the IPs, please contact Peter Schaefer, Implementation Procedures Coordinator, Water Quality Division, at (512) 239-4372.



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