

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST
for Adoption of Rules Review & Readoption of Chapter 317

AGENDA REQUESTED: February 21, 2024

DATE OF REQUEST: February 2, 2024

INDIVIDUAL TO CONTACT REGARDING CHANGES TO THIS REQUEST, IF NEEDED: Gwen Ricco, Agenda Coordinator, (512) 239-2678

CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-1600-MIS. Consideration for the adoption of the rules review and readoption of 30 TAC Chapter 317, Design Criteria Prior to 2008. This review is in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 2001.039, which requires state agencies to review and consider for readoption each of their rules every four years. The proposal was published in the January 6, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (Vol. 48 TexReg page 57). (Shannon Gibson, Kathy Humphreys) (Non-Rule Project No. 2023-014-317-OW)

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Interoffice Memorandum

To: Commissioners **Date:** February 2, 2024

Thru: Laurie Gharis, Chief Clerk
Kelly Keel, Executive Director

From: Cari-Michel LaCaille, Director
Office of Water

Docket No.: 2022-1600-MIS

Subject: Commission Approval for Adoption of Rules Review and Readoption of Rules
Chapter 317, Design Criteria Prior to 2008
Rules Review of 30 TAC Chapter 317
Non-Rule Project No. 2023-014-317-OW

What the adopted action would do:

This action will approve the rules review of Chapter 317, and readopt the chapter.

This action constitutes a determination by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), after opportunity for public review and comment, that the initial reasons for adopting the rules of this chapter continue to exist.

Applicable law:

The review of the rules is authorized under the requirements of Texas Government Code, §2001.039; and the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, §9-10.13, 76th Texas Legislature, 1999, which require state agencies to review and consider for readoption each of their rules every four years.

Reason rules are needed:

Executive director's staff conducted a review of the rules in Chapter 317 and determined that the reasons for adopting these rules continue to exist. The rules in Chapter 317 are required because they provide design standards that the commission used prior to 2008 for treatment facilities, sewer systems, and disposal systems that transport, treat, or dispose of primarily domestic wastewater. The rules also provide the standards that the commission used in its review and approval of design plans and specifications prior to 2008. The rules are necessary to ensure that facilities whose design plans and specifications were approved prior to 2008 are operating and maintaining the facility in compliance with the rules under which the design plans and specifications were approved.

Rules found to be obsolete:

None.

Public comment:

A public hearing was not offered for this review. The comment period for the rules review closed on February 7, 2023. No comments were received.

Affected agency program(s):

The program areas responsible for implementing these rules are under the Water Quality Division and the Office of Compliance and Enforcement.

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Attachments:

Texas Register publication of Proposed Rule Review Notice

cc: Chief Clerk, 7 copies

REVIEW OF AGENCY RULES

This section contains notices of state agency rule review as directed by the Texas Government Code, §2001.039.

Included here are proposed rule review notices, which

invite public comment to specified rules under review; and adopted rule review notices, which summarize public comment received as part of the review. The complete text of an agency's rule being reviewed is available in the *Texas Administrative Code* on the Texas Secretary of State's website.

For questions about the content and subject matter of rules, please contact the state agency that is reviewing the rules. Questions about the website and printed copies of these notices may be directed to the *Texas Register* office.

Proposed Rule Reviews

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Title 30, Part 1

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) files this Notice of Intention to Review 30 TAC Chapter 91, Alternative Public Notice and Public Participation Requirements for Specific Designated Facilities.

This proposal is *limited* to the review in accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code, §2001.039, which requires a state agency to review and consider its rules for re adoption, re adoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, the commission will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules in Chapter 91 continue to exist.

Comments regarding suggested changes to the rules in Chapter 91 may be submitted during this review but comments will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such comments may be considered in a future rulemaking action by the commission.

Submittal of Comments

The commission invites public comment on this preliminary review of the rules in Chapter 91. Written comments may be submitted to Cecilia Mena, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All comments should reference Non-Rule Project Number 2023-012-091-AI. Comments must be received by February 6, 2023. For further information, please contact Michael Wilhoit, Air Permits Division, at (512) 239-1222.

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Guy Henry

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Filed: December 22, 2022

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) files this Notice of Intention to Review 30 TAC Chapter 317, Design Criteria Prior to 2008.

This proposal is *limited* to the review in accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code, §2001.039, which requires a state agency to review and consider its rules for re adoption, re adoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, the com-

mission will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules in Chapter 317 continue to exist.

Comments regarding suggested changes to the rules in Chapter 317 may be submitted but will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such comments may be considered in a future rulemaking action by the commission.

Submittal of Comments

The commission invites public comment on this preliminary review of the rules in Chapter 317. Written comments may be submitted to Gwen Ricco, 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: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All comments should reference Non-Rule Project Number 2023-014-317-OW. Comments must be received by February 5, 2023. For further information, please contact Shannon Gibson, Water Quality Division at (512) 239-4284.

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) files this Notice of Intention to Review 30 TAC Chapter 337, Dry Cleaner Environmental Response.

This proposal is *limited* to the review in accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code, §2001.039, which requires a state agency to review and consider its rules for re adoption, re adoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, the commission will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules in Chapter 337 continue to exist.

Comments regarding suggested changes to the rules in Chapter 337 may be submitted but will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such comments may be considered in a future rulemaking action by the commission.

Submittal of Comments

The commission invites public comment on this preliminary review of the rules in Chapter 337. Written comments may be submitted to Gwen Ricco, 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

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has completed its Rule Review of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 317, Design Criteria Prior to 2008, as required by Texas Government Code (TGC), §2001.039. TGC, §2001.039, requires a state agency to review and consider for readoption, readoption with amendments, or repeal each of its rules every four years. TCEQ published its Notice of Intent to Review these rules in the January 6, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 57).

The review assessed whether the initial reasons for adopting the rules continue to exist and TCEQ has determined that those reasons exist. The rules in Chapter 317 are required because they provide design standards that TCEQ used prior to 2008 for treatment facilities, sewer systems, and disposal systems that transport, treat, or dispose of primarily domestic wastewater. The rules also provide the standards that TCEQ used in its review and approval of design plans and specifications prior to 2008. The rules are necessary to ensure that facilities whose design plans and specifications were approved prior to 2008 are operating and maintaining the facility in compliance with the rules under which the design plans and specifications were approved.

Public Comment

The public comment period closed on February 7, 2023. TCEQ did not receive comments on the rules review of this chapter.

As a result of the review TCEQ finds that the reasons for adopting the rules in 30 TAC Chapter 317 continue to exist and readopts these sections in accordance with the requirements of TGC, §2001.039.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



ORDER ADOPTING RULES REVIEW AND READOPTING RULES

Docket No. 2022-1600-MIS
Non-Rule Project No. 2023-014-317-OW

On February 21, 2024, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) approved the rules review of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 317, Design Criteria Prior to 2008 in accordance with the requirements of Texas Government Code, § 2001.039, which requires a state agency to review and consider for readoption each of its rules every four years. The proposed Notice of Intention to Review was published in the January 6, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 57).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the rules review of 30 TAC Chapter 317 is hereby adopted. The rules and the preamble to the rules approved by the Commission are incorporated by reference in this Order as if set forth at length verbatim in this Order.

IF ANY PORTION OF THIS ORDER is for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity of any portion shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

TEXAS COMMISSION ON
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Jon Niermann, Chairman

Date Signed