

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
**AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**  
for Adoption of Rules Review & Readoption of Chapter 55

**AGENDA REQUESTED:** April 12, 2024

**DATE OF REQUEST:** March 22, 2024

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

**CAPTION: Docket No. 2022-1723-MIS.** Consideration for the adoption of the rules review and readoption of 30 TAC Chapter 55, Requests for Reconsideration and Contested Case Hearings: Public Comment. 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 October 6, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 5829). (Amy Browning) (Non-Rule Project No. 2023-039-055)

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# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

## Interoffice Memorandum

**To:** Commissioners **Date:** March 22, 2024

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

**From:** Erin E. Chancellor, Director  
Office of Legal Services

**Docket No.:** 2022-1723-MIS

**Subject:** Commission Approval for Adoption of Rules Review and Readoption of Rules  
Chapter 55, Requests for Reconsideration and Contested Case Hearings;  
Public Comment  
Rules Review of 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 55  
Non-Rule Project No. 2023-039-055-LS

**What the adopted action would do:**

This action will approve the rules review of Chapter 55 and readopt the chapter.

This action constitutes a determination by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, 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 55 and determined that the reasons for adopting these rules continue to exist. Chapter 55 provides the procedures for public meetings, responding to public comment and requests for contested case hearing regarding applications for certain air quality; water quality; municipal, industrial and hazardous waste; underground injection control; water rights permits; priority groundwater management areas; and groundwater conservation districts.

**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 November 6, 2023. No comments were received.

**Affected agency program(s):**

The program areas responsible for implementing these rules are the Air Permits Division, Water Availability Division, Water Quality Division, Water Supply Division, Waste Permits

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Division, Radioactive Materials Division, Environmental Law Division, Office of the Chief Clerk, and Office of General Counsel.

**Agency contacts:**

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Gwen Ricco, Texas Register/Agenda Coordinator, General Law Division, (512) 239-2678

**Attachments:**

*Texas Register* publication of Proposed Rule Review Notice

cc: Chief Clerk, 7 copies

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) files this Notice of Intention to Review 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 55, Requests for Reconsideration and Contested Case Hearings; Public Comment.

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 readoption, readoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, TCEQ will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules in Chapter 55 continue to exist.

Comments regarding suggested changes to the rules in Chapter 55 may be submitted but will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such comments will be considered in a future rule-making action by TCEQ.

#### Submittal of Comments

TCEQ invites public comment on this preliminary review of the rules in Chapter 55. 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: [www.tceq.commentinput.com/](http://www.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 2023-039-055-LS. Comments must be received by November 6, 2023. For further information, please contact Amy Browning, Environmental Law Division, at (512) 239-0891.

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) files this Notice of Intention to Review 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 299, Dams and Reservoirs.

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 readoption, readoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, TCEQ will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules in Chapter 299 continue to exist.

Comments regarding suggested changes to the rules in Chapter 299 may be submitted but will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such comments will be considered in a future rulemaking action by TCEQ.

#### Submittal of Comments

TCEQ invites public comment on this preliminary review of the rules in Chapter 299. 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: [www.tceq.commentinput.com/](http://www.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 2023-093-299-CE. Comments must be received by November 6, 2023. For further information, please contact Trina Lancaster, Critical Infrastructure Division, at (512) 239-4283.

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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) files this Notice of Intention to Review 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 352, Coal Combustion Residuals Waste Management.

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 readoption, readoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, TCEQ will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting the rules in Chapter 352 continue to exist.

Comments regarding suggested changes to the rules in Chapter 352 may be submitted but will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such comments will be considered in a future rulemaking action by TCEQ.

#### Submittal of Comments

TCEQ invites public comment on this preliminary review of the rules in Chapter 352. 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: [www.tceq.commentinput.com/](http://www.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 2023-119-352-WS. Comments must be received by November 6, 2023. For further information, please contact Jarita Sepulvado, Waste Permits Division, at (512) 239-4413.

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### Comptroller of Public Accounts

#### Title 34, Part 1

The Comptroller of Public Accounts proposes to review Texas Administrative Code, Title 34, Part 1, Chapter 1, concerning Central Administration; Chapter 4, concerning Treasury Administration; Chapter 5, concerning Funds Management (Fiscal Affairs); and Chapter 6, concerning Investment Management.

The review will include, at the minimum, whether the reasons for re-adopting continue to exist.

The comptroller will accept comments regarding the review. The comment period will last for 30 days following the publication of this notice in the *Texas Register*. Comments pertaining to this review may be directed accordingly.

#### Chapter 1, Central Administration

##### Subchapter A, Practice and Procedures, and

##### Subchapter B, Miscellaneous Non-Tax Reporting and Remittance Requirements

James Arbogast, General Counsel for Hearings and Tax Litigation

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has completed its Rule Review of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 55, Requests for Reconsideration and Contested Case Hearings; Public Comment, 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 October 6, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 5829).

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 55 are required to provide the procedures for public meetings, responding to public comment and requests for contested case hearing regarding applications for certain air quality; water quality; municipal, industrial and hazardous waste; underground injection control; water rights permits; priority groundwater management areas; and groundwater conservation districts.

#### Public Comment

The public comment period closed on November 6, 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 55 continue to exist and readopts these sections in accordance with the requirements of TGC, §2001.039.

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## ORDER ADOPTING RULES REVIEW AND READOPTING RULES

Docket No. 2022-1723-MIS  
Non-Rule Project No. 2023-039-055

On April 12, 2024, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) approved the rules review of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 55, Requests for Reconsideration and Contested Case Hearings; Public Comment, 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 October 6, 2023, issue of the *Texas Register* (48 TexReg 5829).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, that the rules review of 30 TAC Chapter 55 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

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Jon Niermann, Chairman

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Date Signed