

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



DECISION OF THE COMMISSION REGARDING THE PETITION FOR RULEMAKING FILED BY THE IRRIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

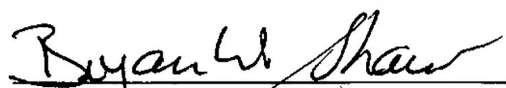
Docket No. 2017-1199-PET
Rule Project No. 2017-041-PET-NR

On October 4, 2017, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Commission) considered the petition for rulemaking filed by the Irrigator Advisory Council (petitioner). The petitioner filed the petition on August 14, 2017, and requested that the Commission initiate rulemaking to amend 30 TAC Chapter 344, Landscape Irrigation, Subchapter E, Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connections, § 344.50, Backflow Prevention Methods. The petitioner requested that the Commission amend §344.50, Backflow Prevention Methods, in order to bring the current TCEQ rules in line with existing national and international standards concerning the health hazard classification of irrigation systems, the backflow assemblies acceptable for use in protection against an irrigation system, and the terminology used to refer to a backflow prevention assembly.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, pursuant to Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government Code, § 2001.021 and Texas Water Code, § 5.102 and § 5.103, to instruct the Executive Director to examine the issues raised in the petition and to initiate rulemaking. As part of this rulemaking proceeding, the Commission instructs the Executive Director to initiate stakeholder engagement and to report back to the Commission with findings and recommended actions, if any, within 12 months of this agenda.

This Decision constitutes the decision of the Commission required by the Texas Government Code, § 2001.021(c).

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Date Signed