

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

9/17/19 Oil and Gas Discharge Delegation

Stakeholder Meeting Notes

Questions posed by the audience

- We are also developing the 2021 WQ standards. Could things still change, and will it affect the upcoming WQ Standards potentially affecting other permits?
 - RR Commission and EPA use our WQ Standards so no change should be necessary.
- One of the concerns during the legislative process had to do with unregulated chemicals, will we be addressing that? Are there chemicals under trade secret that could affect public health? Should the regs be expanded to include additional contaminants?
 - Standards set at the national level.
- What will we be comparing our hydrostatic test permit to?
 - The EPA used to have one so we will compare to the old one.
- Are we working with surrounding states so see how they are addressing this?
 - Yes, working with NM.
- Will land application be an option with the general permit?
 - Yes.
- If discharging to a sensitive waterway, could you still use the general permit?
 - you would have to fall under an individual permit to address specific situation.
- Are fees set at federal level or by the agency?
 - Max amounts set by leg, general fees set by agency.
- Will TCEQ handle injection as well or just surface?
 - Just surface.
- How will commercial application be handled? One company takes wastewater from multiple industries to treat and discharge. What would be required?
 - 435 & 437 will be implemented in this process.
- Is it only the hydrostatic testing that falls under general permits?
 - EPA has a GP for produced waters so there we will try to make that work for us as well for certain areas.