

**From:** Catarina Gonzales  
**Sent:** Friday, February 19, 2021 8:37 PM  
**To:** Steven Schar; Sarah Hicks; Jeff Oldham  
**Subject:** RE: TCEQ 2nd Amended Rule Suspension Request - 2/19/21

Dear Mr. Schar:

The Office of the Governor is in receipt of TCEQ's request to temporarily suspend the following provisions for the purposes stated:

- to allow for flexibility regarding certain operating practices of public water systems:
  - 30 TAC § 290.46(f)(3)(A)(i)
  - 30 TAC § 290.46(l)
  - 30 TAC § 290.110(c)(4)(A)-(C)
  - 30 TAC § 290.110(c)(5)
- to allow for flexibility regarding certain water-treatment methods, provided that turbidity requirements must still be met:
  - 30 TAC § 290.42(d)(9)(B)(i)
  - 30 TAC § 290.42(d)(10)(C)(i)-(iii)
  - 30 TAC § 290.42(d)(11)(B)(i)-(iii)

TCEQ asserts that strict compliance with these provisions could prevent, hinder, or delay efforts to cope with the winter-weather disaster declared on February 12, 2021, by inhibiting public water systems from restoring access to safe water as soon as possible.

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, and subject to the conditions set forth below, the Office of the Governor grants TCEQ's request to temporarily suspend the provisions set forth above, but only to the extent necessary to achieve the disaster-recovery purposes stated above. The following conditions shall apply to any public water system relying on this suspension:

- The public water system must provide any required notices, reports, or documentation to TCEQ as soon as practicable under the circumstances.
- The public water system must meet any applicable turbidity requirements.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

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**From:** Steven Schar  
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**Importance:** High

Ms. Catarina Gonzales,

Consistent with the Governor's Proclamation on February 12, 2021, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) previously requested and received approval for specific rule suspensions (February 13, 2021 & February 15, 2021) as far as they may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions needed to respond to the severe winter weather event. In addition to those requests, I am requesting written approval for an additional rule suspension. The attached amended rule suspension document includes the previous approved suspensions as well as the new requests (highlighted on pages 1 & 6).

Thank you for the consideration.

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