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**Subject:** FW: TCEQ Rule Suspension

The Office of the Governor is in receipt of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) request to terminate the suspension of the following rules:

30 TAC Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste. SUBCHAPTER A: Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste in General. § 335.5(b) Deed Recordation of Waste Disposal; and § 335.6 Notification Requirements.

TCEQ asserts that the suspension of these rules is no longer necessary.

Based on TCEQ's assertions and our review, the Office of the Governor hereby grants the request to terminate the temporary suspension of the rules referenced above. This termination is effective immediately.

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**Importance:** High

Tabitha and Ben,

Consistent with the Governor's Disaster Proclamation of February 27, 2024 regarding the severe wildfire event, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requested approval for suspension of certain rules because they potentially impeded response and recovery efforts. As set forth in the Request for Suspension of TCEQ Rules dated February 29, 2024 (attached), each suspension was requested only to the extent that strict compliance with those identified TCEQ rules would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this severe wildfire event, and only in those counties identified in the Governor's Disaster Proclamation. At this time, TCEQ has determined that the rules suspension is no longer necessary; therefore, TCEQ respectfully requests that you lift the suspension.

TCEQ will continue to evaluate activities related to ongoing and future recovery efforts and will utilize its enforcement discretion on a case-by-case basis, as appropriate.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kelly Keel  
Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

