

**Request for Suspension of TCEQ Rules**  
**Date: February 29, 2024**

Consistent with the Governor’s Proclamation of February 27, 2024, the Executive Director (ED) of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requests written approval for the suspension of the following rules because they may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions needed to respond to the widespread wildfire event. **Such suspension is requested only to the extent the rules actually do prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this disaster.** Any suspension is limited to the duration of the disaster and is restricted to those counties set forth in the Proclamation referenced above, including any amendments. **All regulated entities should take all available actions necessary to ensure compliance with environmental regulations and permit requirements to protect the health and safety of Texans and the environment, and regulated entities must prepare and maintain records related to the actions and suspended rules, as they bear the burden of demonstrating that noncompliance was necessary.** The delay of report submittals should be minimized and resume as soon as feasible. It should be noted that some of these rules may have federal counterparts in statute or regulation and this suspension would not apply to such federal counterparts.

30 TAC Chapter	Title	Impediment to Disaster Response
335	<b>Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste</b>	
	<p><b>SUBCHAPTER A: Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste in General.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>§ 335.5(b)</u> Deed Recordation of Waste Disposal; and</li> <li>• <u>§ 335.6</u> Notification Requirements.</li> </ul>	<p>By waiving deed recordation for disposal of animals if 10 or fewer carcasses are buried on one property with regional office notification (this is currently in guidance), then TCEQ can allow efficient burial of animal carcasses. Waive the requirement to provide notice to the ED in writing prior to the event. Waive requirement for notification 90 days prior to engaging in disposing, processing, or recycling of industrial solid waste on site to remove potential impediments to disaster recovery.</p>