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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISION TO 30 TAC CHAPTERS 305, 308, 314, AND 315

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed repeal of §§308.1, 308.21, 308.31, 308.41, 308.71, 308.81, 308.91, 308.101, and 308.141 of 30 TAC Chapter 308, Criteria and Standards for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; §314.1 of 30 TAC Chapter 314, Toxic Pollutant Effluent Standards; and §315.1 of 30 TAC Chapter 315, Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution; and proposed new §§305.542-305.544 of 30 TAC Chapter 305, Consolidated Permits, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking is the result of the 2019 quadrennial rule reviews of these chapters. The proposed rulemaking would repeal and re-propose these rules within Chapter 305, Subchapter P, with the exception of Chapter 308, Subchapters C and J which have been determined as obsolete. The proposed rulemaking would also adopt by reference 40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 125, Subpart N.

Virtual Public Hearing

The commission will hold a virtual public hearing on this proposal on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the virtual hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Registration

The hearing will be conducted remotely using an internet meeting service. Individuals who plan to attend the hearing and want to provide oral comments and/or want their attendance on record must **register by Monday**, **November 8, 2021**. To register for the hearing, please email *Rules@tceq.texas.gov* and provide the following information: your name, your affiliation, your email address, your phone number, and whether or not you plan to provide oral comments during the hearing. Instructions for participating in the hearing will be sent on **Monday**, **November 8, 2021**, to those who register for the hearing.

For the public who do not wish to provide oral comments but would like to view the hearing may do so at no cost at:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTRlMmM0YjEtMzcyNy00MjMyLTk0MGQtZDc00DA1NDlmMWZl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2230ec010b-ff0b-4618-bbc4-622a14f9cb18%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written Comments

Written comments may be submitted to Cecilia Mena, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to <code>fax4808@tceq.texas.gov</code>. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <code>https://www6.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/</code>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the <code>eComments</code> system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2021-020-305-OW. The comment period closes November 9, 2021. Please choose one of the methods provided to submit your <code>written</code> comments.

Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Laurie Fleet, Water Quality Division, (512) 239-5445.