

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ, agency, or commission) proposes amendment of §281.1, §281.5, and §281.22; and the repeal of §§281.30, 281.31, and 281.32.

Background and Summary of the Factual Basis for the Proposed Rules

Electronic Application Submittal

The rulemaking would implement Senate Bill (SB) 1397, 88th Legislature, 2023, by requiring a person who submits an application under §281.5(a) to submit an accurate duplicate of the application in electronic format. SB 1397 enacted Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.1734, which requires the commission to post an electronic copy of a permit application at the time the application is declared administratively complete. Application forms will provide detailed information regarding submitting a copy of the application in electronic format such as formatting, frequency, and timing of the submittal.

Obsolete Rule Repeal

The rulemaking would also delete one subsection, §281.22(c), and repeal three sections that the commission identified as obsolete during the quadrennial rule review of Chapter 281 (44 TexReg 7717): §281.30 (Applicability of Prioritization Procedures for Commercial Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit Applications); §281.31 (Definitions); and §281.32 (Prioritization Process). These sections implemented Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §361.0232 and §361.0871(c) enacted by SB 1099, 72nd Legislature, 1991, and subsequently repealed by House Bill (HB) 7, 78th Legislature, 2003, Third Called Session.

As part of this rulemaking, the commission is also proposing revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 328, Waste Minimization and Recycling; Chapter 330, Municipal Solid Waste; and Chapter 335, Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste,

concurrently in this issue of the *Texas Register*.

Section by Section Discussion

§281.1, Purpose

The commission proposes to amend §281.1 to replace the name of the commission's predecessor agency, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, with the commission's current name, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and to remove obsolete rule sections regarding the prioritization procedure for commercial hazardous waste management facility permit applications under §§281.30 - 281.32 by repealing §§281.30 - 281.32.

§281.5, Application for Wastewater Discharge, Underground Injection, Municipal Solid Waste, Radioactive Material, Hazardous Waste, and Industrial Solid Waste Management Permits

The commission proposes new §281.5(b) to require a person who submits an application under §281.5(a) to submit an accurate duplicate of the application in electronic format to implement SB 1397. The commission also proposes to revise §281.5(a)(4) to conform with drafting standards by removing the term "agency" and replacing it with the term "commission."

§281.22, Referral to Commission

The commission proposes to delete §281.22(c). The statutory basis for this subsection was repealed.

§281.30, Applicability of Prioritization Procedures for Commercial Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit Applications

The commission proposes to repeal §281.30. The statutory basis for this section was repealed.

§281.31, Definitions

The commission proposes to repeal §281.31. The statutory basis for this section was repealed.

§281.32, Prioritization Process

The commission proposes to repeal §281.32. The statutory basis for this section was repealed.

Fiscal Note: Costs to State and Local Government

Kyle Girten, Analyst in the Budget and Planning Division, has determined that for the first five-year period the proposed rules are in effect, no costs are anticipated for the agency or for other units of state or local government as a result of administration or enforcement of the proposed rule.

Public Benefits and Costs

Mr. Girten determined that for each year of the first five years the proposed rules are in effect, the public benefit will be consistency with state law, specifically SB 1397, 88th Texas Legislature, 2023, which enacted TWC, §5.1734. Additionally, the public will benefit from the repeal of obsolete rules.

The proposed rulemaking is unlikely to result in fiscal implications to businesses and industries. Entities with applicable permits would now be required to submit an electronic copy of permit applications (§281.5). No fiscal impacts are anticipated because it is likely that all such businesses already have the means to convert applications into electronic format and upload files.

The proposed rulemaking is not anticipated to result in fiscal implications for individuals.

Local Employment Impact Statement

The commission reviewed this proposed rulemaking and determined that a Local Employment Impact Statement is not required because the proposed rulemaking does not adversely affect a local economy in a material way for the first five years that the proposed rule is in effect.

Rural Community Impact Assessment

The commission reviewed this proposed rulemaking and determined that the proposed rulemaking does not adversely affect rural communities in a material way for the first five years that the proposed rules are in effect. The amendments would apply statewide and have the same effect in rural communities as in urban communities.

Small Business and Micro-Business Assessment

No adverse fiscal implications are anticipated for small or micro-businesses due to the implementation or administration of the proposed rule for the first five-year period the proposed rules are in effect.

Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The commission reviewed this proposed rulemaking and determined that a Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required because the proposed rule does not adversely affect a small or micro-business in a material way for the first five years the proposed rules are in effect.

Government Growth Impact Statement

The commission prepared a Government Growth Impact Statement assessment for this

proposed rulemaking. The proposed rulemaking does not create or eliminate a government program and will not require an increase or decrease in future legislative appropriations to the agency. The proposed rulemaking does not require the creation of new employee positions, eliminate current employee positions, nor require an increase or decrease in fees paid to the agency. The proposed rulemaking amends an existing regulation to be consistent with state law, and it does not create, expand, repeal, or limit an existing regulation. The proposed rulemaking does not increase or decrease the number of individuals subject to its applicability. During the first five years, the proposed rule should not impact positively or negatively the state's economy.

Draft Regulatory Impact Analysis Determination

The commission reviewed the proposed rulemaking in light of the regulatory analysis requirements of Texas Government Code, §2001.0225 and determined that the rulemaking is not subject to Texas Government Code, §2001.0225. Texas Government Code, §2001.0225 applies to a "Major environmental rule" which is defined in Texas Government Code, §2001.0225(g)(3) as a rule with a specific intent "to protect the environment or reduce risks to human health from environmental exposure and that may adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, or the public health and safety of the state or a sector of the state."

First, the proposed rulemaking does not meet the statutory definition of a "Major environmental rule" because its specific intent is not to protect the environment or reduce risks to human health from environmental exposure. The specific intent of the proposed rulemaking is to require a person who submits an application under §281.5(a) to submit an accurate duplicate of the application in electronic format and to amend and repeal obsolete TCEQ rules

in Chapter 281 relating to the referral of applications to the commission and the implementation of the prioritization procedure for commercial hazardous waste management facility permit applications.

Second, the proposed rulemaking does not meet the statutory definition of a "Major environmental rule" because the proposed rules will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, or the public health and safety of the state or a sector of the state. It is not anticipated that the cost of complying with the proposed rules will be significant with respect to the economy as a whole or with respect to a sector of the economy; therefore, the proposed rulemaking will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, or the public health and safety of the state or a sector of the state.

Finally, the proposed rulemaking does not meet any of the four applicability requirements for a "Major environmental rule" listed in Texas Government Code, §2001.0225(a). Texas Government Code, §2001.0225 only applies to a major environmental rule, the result of which is to: 1) exceed a standard set by federal law, unless the rule is specifically required by state law; 2) exceed an express requirement of state law, unless the rule is specifically required by federal law; 3) exceed a requirement of a delegation agreement or contract between the state and an agency or representative of the federal government to implement a state and federal program; or 4) adopt a rule solely under the general powers of the agency instead of under a specific state law. This proposed rulemaking does not meet any of the four preceding applicability requirements.

This proposed rulemaking does not meet the statutory definition of a "Major environmental

rule,” nor does it meet any of the four applicability requirements for a "Major environmental rule." Therefore, this rulemaking is not subject to Texas Government Code, §2001.0225.

The commission invites public comment regarding the Draft Regulatory Impact Analysis Determination during the public comment period. Written comments on the Draft Regulatory Impact Analysis Determination may be submitted to the contact person at the address listed under the Submittal of Comments section of this preamble.

Takings Impact Assessment

The commission has prepared a takings impact assessment for these proposed rules in accordance with Texas Government Code, §2007.043. The commission's preliminary assessment is that implementation of these proposed rules would not constitute a taking of real property. The commission proposes this rulemaking for the purpose of implementing SB 1397 and for the purpose of amending and repealing obsolete TCEQ rules in Chapter 281 that the commission identified during the quadrennial rule review.

The commission's analysis indicates that Texas Government Code, Chapter 2007, does not apply to these proposed rules based upon exceptions to applicability in Texas Government Code, §2007.003(b)(4) and (5). First, the proposed rulemaking would implement SB 1397 by creating new §281.5(b) to require a person who submits an application under §281.5(a) to submit an accurate duplicate of the application in electronic format. This action is reasonably taken to fulfill an obligation mandated by state law; therefore, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2007, does not apply to this proposed rule based upon the exception to applicability in Texas Government Code, §2007.003(b)(4). Second, the proposed rulemaking would delete one subsection, §281.22(c), and repeal three sections that the commission identified as obsolete

during the quadrennial rule review of Chapter 281 (44 TexReg 7717): §281.30 (Applicability of Prioritization Procedures for Commercial Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit Applications); §281.31 (Definitions); and §281.32 (Prioritization Process). These sections implemented Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) §361.0232 and §361.0871(c) enacted by SB 1099, 72nd Legislature, 1991, and subsequently repealed by HB 778th Legislature, 2003, Third Called Session. The proposed repeal of §281.22(c) and §281.30 through §281.32 reflect TCEQ having discontinued the prioritization procedure for commercial hazardous waste management facility permit applications which provides a unilateral expectation that does not rise to the level of a recognized interest in private real property. Therefore, Texas Government Code, Chapter 2007 does not apply to these proposed rule changes because the proposed rulemaking falls within the exception under Texas Government Code, §2007.003(b)(5).

Further, the commission determined that promulgation of these proposed rules will be neither a statutory nor a constitutional taking of private real property. Specifically, there are no burdens imposed on private real property under the rulemaking because the proposed rules neither relate to, nor have any impact on, the use or enjoyment of private real property, and there will be no reduction in property value as a result of these rules. Therefore, the proposed rules will not constitute a taking under Texas Government Code, Chapter 2007.

Consistency with the Coastal Management Program

The commission reviewed the proposed rulemaking and found the proposal is a rulemaking identified in the Coastal Coordination Act Implementation Rules, 31 TAC §505.11(b)(4) relating to rules subject to the Coastal Management Program, and will, therefore, require that goals and policies of the Texas Coastal Management Program (CMP) be considered during the rulemaking process.

The commission reviewed this rulemaking for consistency with the CMP goals and policies in accordance with the regulations of the Coastal Coordination Advisory Committee and determined that the amendments are consistent with CMP goals and policies because the rulemaking will not have direct or significant adverse effect on any coastal natural resource areas; will not have a substantive effect on commission actions subject to the CMP; and promulgation and enforcement of the amendments will not violate (exceed) any standards identified in the applicable CMP goals and policies.

Written comments on the consistency of this rulemaking may be submitted to the contact person at the address listed under the Submittal of Comments section of this preamble.

Announcement of Hearing

The commission will hold a hybrid virtual and in-person public hearing on this proposal in Austin on June 20, 2024, at 10:00am in Building F, Room 2210, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. 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 hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Individuals who plan to attend the hearing virtually and want to provide oral comments and/or want their attendance on record must register by June 14, 2024. 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 June 18, 2024, 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_Zjg1MDI0YmYtNGYwYi00ZWU4LTg5MWYtMDg3MTBiNTc1ODc4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%22e74a40ea-69d4-469d-a8ef-06f2c9ac2a80%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&byb=t=a&role=a

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.

Submittal of Comments

Written comments may be submitted to Gwen Ricco, MC 205, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to *fax4808@tceq.texas.gov*. Electronic comments may be submitted at:

<https://tceq.commentinput.com/comment/search>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comments system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2023-135-330-WS. The comment period closes on June 24, 2024. Please choose one of the methods provided to submit your written 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 Jarita Sepulvado, Waste Permits Division, (512) 239-4413.

SUBCHAPTER A: APPLICATIONS PROCESSING

§§281.1, 281.5, 281.22

Statutory Authority

The amendments are proposed under the authority of Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.013, which establishes the general jurisdiction of the commission; TWC, §5.102, which provides the commission with the authority to carry out its duties and general powers under its jurisdictional authority as provided by TWC; TWC, §5.103, which requires the commission to adopt any rule necessary to carry out its powers and duties under TWC and other laws of the state; TWC, §5.105, which authorizes the commission to establish and approve all general policy of the commission by rule; TWC, §5.128, which authorizes the commission to utilize electronic means of transmission of information, including notices, orders, and decisions issued or sent by the commission; TWC, §5.1734, which requires the commission to post permit applications and associated materials on its website; TWC, §27.012, which requires the commission to prescribe forms for permit applications to authorize injection wells under its jurisdiction; TWC, §27.019, which requires the commission to adopt rules and procedures reasonably required for the performance of its powers, duties, and functions under TWC, Chapter 27; the Administrative Procedures Act under Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, which authorizes the commission as a state agency to adopt rules pursuant to the rulemaking process; Texas Government Code, §2001.039 and 1 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91, Subchapter D, which authorize the commission as a state agency to review and consider for readoption each of its rules not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date; Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §361.011, which establishes the commission's jurisdiction over the regulation, management, and control of municipal solid waste; THSC, §361.015, which authorizes the commission to license and regulate radioactive waste-storage, processing and disposal activities; THSC,

§361.017, which establishes the commission's jurisdiction over the regulation, management, and regulation and control of industrial solid waste and hazardous municipal waste; THSC, §361.024, which authorizes the commission to adopt rules consistent with the general purposes of the Solid Waste Disposal Act in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act; THSC, §361.061, which authorizes the commission to issue permits authorizing facilities for the storage, processing and disposal of industrial solid waste; THSC, §361.064, which requires the commission to prescribe the form of, requirements and procedures for a permit application for a solid waste facility; and THSC, §401, which grants the commission authority over licenses for the disposal of radioactive substances.

The proposed amendment to §281.5 would implement Senate Bill (SB) 1397, 88th Legislature, 2023, which enacted TWC, §5.1734. The proposed amendments would also delete one subsection, §281.22(c), that the commission identified as obsolete during the quadrennial rule review of Chapter 281 (44 TexReg 7717). These sections implemented THSC, §361.0232 and §361.0871(c), SB 1099, 72nd legislature, 1991, and subsequently repealed by House Bill 7, 78th Legislature, 2003, Third Called Session.

§281.1. Purpose.

It is the intent of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality [Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission] to establish a general policy for the processing of applications for permits, licenses and other types of approvals in order to achieve the greatest efficiency and effectiveness possible. To this end, it is the policy of the commission that applications for permits, licenses, and other types of approvals listed in §281.2 of this title (relating to Applicability) be processed by the executive director according to the schedule established in this chapter[, except as provided by implementation of the prioritization

procedure for commercial hazardous waste management facility permit applications under §§281.30-281.32 of this title (relating to Applicability of Prioritization Procedure for Commercial Hazardous Waste; Definitions; Prioritization Process)].

§281.5. Application for Wastewater Discharge, Underground Injection, Municipal Solid Waste, Radioactive Material, Hazardous Waste, and Industrial Solid Waste Management Permits.

(a) Except as provided by §305.48 of this title (relating to Additional Contents of Applications for Wastewater Discharge Permits), applications for wastewater discharge including subsurface area drip dispersal systems, underground injection, municipal solid waste, radioactive material, hazardous waste and industrial solid waste management permits must include:

(1) complete application form(s), signed and notarized, and appropriate copies provided;

(2) the payment of fees, if applicable;

(3) the verified legal status of the applicant;

(4) the signature of the applicant, checked against commission [agency] requirements;

(5) the attachment of technical reports and supporting data required by the application;

(6) a list of adjacent and potentially affected landowners and their addresses along with a map locating the property owned by these persons; and

(7) any other information as the executive director or the commission may reasonably require.

(b) A person submitting an application under subsection (a) of this section shall also submit an accurate duplicate of the application in electronic format.

§281.22. Referral to Commission.

(a) When administrative and technical review has been completed, the application shall be forwarded to the commission for filing and setting. For the purpose of providing adequate notice, the executive director shall include a recommendation to the commission of the area wherein the application, if granted, would have a potential impact, and a mailing list of persons who may be affected. For applications for radioactive material licenses, upon completion of technical review, the executive director shall forward the draft license, technical summary, compliance summary, and, if applicable, the environmental analysis to the chief clerk for public notice, or shall forward a recommendation to deny the license.

(b) For applications involving hazardous waste or an injection well, the commission shall not issue a permit before receiving a complete application for a permit. For underground injection wells, an application for a permit is complete when the executive director receives an application form and any supplemental information which are completed to his or her satisfaction. For underground injection wells, the completeness of any application for a permit

shall be judged independently of the status of any other permit application or permit for the same facility or activity. However, a facility may be eligible for a permit by rule or may be subject to an emergency order.

[(c) After an application under this section for a permit authorizing proposed commercial hazardous waste management units providing new or previously unpermitted capacity is determined by the executive director to be technically complete, the executive director shall prepare a summary of the most recent information on the need for the proposed processing or disposal technology, including the following information:]

[(1) estimated current statewide capacity for the technology;]

[(2) projected estimated statewide demand from the most recent Needs Assessment, as defined under §281.31 of this title (relating to Definitions);]

[(3) regional factors documented by the applicant if a regional need has been demonstrated; and]

[(4) any other waste management information deemed relevant by the executive director.]

SUBCHAPTER A: APPLICATIONS PROCESSING

[§§281.30, 281.31, 281.32]

Statutory Authority

The repeals are proposed under the authority of Texas Water Code (TWC), §5.013, which establishes the general jurisdiction of the commission; TWC, §5.102, which provides the commission with the authority to carry out its duties and general powers under its jurisdictional authority as provided by TWC; TWC, §5.103, which requires the commission to adopt any rule necessary to carry out its powers and duties under TWC and other laws of the state; TWC, §5.105, which authorizes the commission to establish and approve all general policy of the commission by rule; the Administrative Procedures Act under Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, which authorizes the commission as a state agency to adopt rules pursuant to the rulemaking process; Texas Government Code, §2001.039 and 1 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 91, Subchapter D, which authorize the commission as a state agency to review and consider for readoption each of its rules not later than the fourth anniversary of the date on which the rule takes effect and every four years after that date; Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC), §361.011, which establishes the commission's jurisdiction over the regulation, management, and control of municipal solid waste; THSC, §361.017, which establishes the commission's jurisdiction over the regulation, management, and regulation and control of industrial; solid waste and hazardous municipal waste; THSC, §361.024, which authorizes the commission to adopt rules consistent with the general purposes of the Solid Waste Disposal Act in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act; THSC, §361.061, which authorizes the commission to issue permits authorizing facilities for the storage, processing and disposal of industrial solid waste; and THSC, §361.064, which requires the commission to prescribe the form of, requirements and procedures for a permit application for a solid waste facility.

The proposed repeals would repeal three sections, §§281.30 - 281.32, that the commission identified as obsolete during the quadrennial rule review of Chapter 281 (44 TexReg 7717). These sections implemented THSC, §361.0232 and §361.0871(c) which were enacted by SB 1099, 72nd Texas legislature, 1991, and subsequently repealed by House Bill 7, 78th Texas Legislature, 2003, Third Called Session.

[§281.30. Applicability of Prioritization Procedure for Commercial Hazardous Waste Management Facility Permit Applications.]

[(a) The following applications for permitting of new capacity at commercial hazardous waste management facilities shall be prioritized as specified in §281.32 of this title (relating to Prioritization Process):]

[(1) permit applications submitted after the effective date of this section; and]

[(2) permit applications submitted prior to the effective date of this section, except as provided under subsection (b) of this section.]

[(b) Prioritization in accordance with §281.32 of this title (relating to Prioritization Process) shall not be made for applications for permitting of new capacity at commercial hazardous waste management facilities for which notice under §305.100 of this title (relating to Notice of Application) has been issued prior to the effective date of this section.]

[(c) Sections 281.30-281.32 of this title (relating to Application Processing) do not apply to an application for permitting of unit(s) at a commercial hazardous waste management

facility if the unit(s) is to be used solely for the management of wastes generated at the facility which are not the result of commercial hazardous waste management activities.]

[(d) Nothing in this rule shall limit the ability of the commission to prioritize any permit application.]

[§281.31. Definitions.]

[The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.]

[(1) Commercial hazardous waste management facility--Any hazardous waste management facility that accepts hazardous waste or PCBs for a charge, except a captured facility or a facility that accepts waste only from other facilities owned or effectively controlled by the same person, where "captured facility" means a manufacturing or production facility that generates an industrial solid waste or hazardous waste that is routinely stored, processed, or disposed of on a shared basis in an integrated waste management unit owned, operated by, and located within a contiguous manufacturing complex.]

[(2) Current management practice(s)--The most commonly used technologies for processing or land disposing of targeted waste stream(s) generated in the State of Texas, as evidenced by the most recent computerized annual or monthly waste management reports submitted by waste handlers to the commission.]

[(3) Needed technology--A technology included in Table 2 of the Executive Summary of the most recent publication of the Needs Assessment. Technologies on Table 2 of

the Executive Summary of the Needs Assessment are demonstrated processing or disposal technologies which are needed on a statewide basis.]

[(4) Needs assessment--Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission document entitled "Needs Assessment for Hazardous Waste Commercial Management Capacity in Texas," dated February 28, 1992, and its amendments or updates, a copy of which is available for inspection at the library of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, located at 12118 North Interstate Highway 35, Building A, Austin, Texas.]

[(5) New capacity--Unpermitted volume, quantity, or rate of throughput for the management of hazardous waste at a hazardous waste management facility provided by any of the following: proposed units or systems; interim status units or systems; or modifications to permit operating conditions, such that additional quantities or types of waste would be managed.]

[(6) Table 2--Table 2 of the Executive Summary of the most recent publication of the commission document entitled "Needs Assessment for Hazardous Waste Commercial Management Capacity in Texas" dated February 28, 1992, and its amendments or updates, a copy of which is available for inspection at the library of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, located at 12118 North Interstate Highway 35, Building A, Austin, Texas.]

[(7) Targeted waste stream(s)--A hazardous waste stream(s) generated in the State of Texas which will be managed by a specific technology at a specific facility. The

applicant shall define targeted waste streams, by EPA hazardous waste numbers and the form of the waste, or by other identifiers approved in writing by the executive director.]

[§281.32. Prioritization Process.]

[(a) This section specifies how an application for a commercial hazardous waste management facility shall be designated as expedited.]

[(b) For permit applications received after the effective date of this section, prioritization will occur at the time of receipt of a Part B hazardous waste permit application.]

[(c) Permit applications for storage capacity at the same facility or a different facility owned by the same parent company which also offers recycling, processing, or disposal services shall have the same priority as the recycling, treatment, or disposal technology with which it is associated.]

[(d) Prioritization of permit applications for needed, innovative, or regional technologies shall be as follows.]

[(1) If the technology covered by the application is not identified on Table 2, the applicant may submit the information described under subsections (e) or (f) of this section. If all processing and/or land disposal capacity included in the permit is associated with a needed or demonstrated innovative or regional technology, then the application is designated as expedited.]

[(2) If more than 70% of the total maximum annual throughput capacity of recycling, processing, and disposal units or process trains covered by the application is associated with a needed or demonstrated innovative or regional technology, then the application is designated as expedited subject to the following applicable requirements.]

[(A) The applicant must specify whether or not each hazardous waste recycling, processing, or disposal unit is a needed or demonstrated innovative or regional technology.]

[(B) The applicant must specify whether or not each hazardous waste recycling, processing, or disposal unit, associated with or part of a process train, is a needed or demonstrated innovative or regional technology, based on the following:]

[(i) for permit applications containing multiple units functioning in series in order to recycle, process, and/or dispose of hazardous waste, the individual units shall be considered part of a process train; and]

[(ii) whether or not each unit is a needed, innovative or regional technology shall be evaluated based on the technology represented by the process train. A unit is considered to be a needed, innovative or regional technology if it is associated with or part of a process train which is a needed, innovative or regional technology.]

[(C) The applicant shall calculate the percentage figure to be used under subsection (d)(2) of this section to determine the priority for the entire application as follows:]

[(i) total the maximum annual throughput capacity for hazardous waste recycling, processing, and/or disposal in units or process trains covered by the application that are associated with or identified as a needed or demonstrated innovative or regional technology;]

[(ii) divide the total from clause (i) of this subparagraph by the total maximum annual throughput capacity of all recycling, processing, and disposal units and process trains covered by the application; and]

[(iii) multiply the quotient from clause (ii) of this subparagraph by 100.]

[(e) An application including an innovative technology to process hazardous waste shall be designated as expedited if the applicant demonstrates that the proposed innovative technology meets the requirements of subsection (d) and (e)(1) or (2) of this section, and obtains the written approval of the executive director.]

[(1) The proposed innovative technology must be demonstrated to be a substitute for a technology which is on Table 2. To make this demonstration, the applicant must:]

[(A) identify the targeted waste streams and show that the proposed innovative technology would be able to process the same types of waste streams, based on information available in the most recent Needs Assessment, as would be managed by the needed technology for which the innovative technology is proposed to be substituted; and]

[(B) show that use of the proposed innovative technology would not move a targeted waste stream down the state's waste management hierarchy, from the substituted needed technology to a less preferred management method, in accordance with the public policy concerning hazardous waste management under the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, Texas Health and Safety Code, §261.023.]

[(2) The proposed innovative technology must be demonstrated to implement the state's public policy on hazardous waste management as specified under the Texas Solid Waste Disposal Act, Texas Health and Safety Code, §361.023. To make this demonstration, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the executive director that the proposed innovative technology is a more preferred management method, higher in the state's waste management hierarchy, when compared to current management practices used for handling the targeted waste streams, and shall submit at least the following information, to the satisfaction of the executive director, for the targeted waste stream(s), whether managed in or out of the State of Texas, or managed on-site or off-site:]

[(A) types and quantities of targeted waste streams generated in the State of Texas;]

[(B) current management practice for processing or land disposing of the targeted waste stream; and]

[(C) a favorable comparison of the type and quantity of residuals and products generated by the innovative technology and current management practices.]

[(f) If no statewide need has been identified in Table 2 and if an applicant considers that there is a regional need for the proposed technology, then the applicant may submit additional information specified under paragraphs (1)-(3) of this subsection to demonstrate that the permit application should be designated as expedited, in accordance with this subsection and subsection (d) of this section. In order for the proposed regional technology to be designated as expedited, the approximate annual quantity of the targeted hazardous waste stream(s) which are generated within the region, which will be processed and/or disposed commercially, and which could not be processed or disposed by other commercial hazardous waste management facilities in the region, shall equal at least 60% of the total hazardous waste capacity of the proposed unit(s). All data used to support this analysis shall be from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission hazardous and industrial waste annual or monthly waste management reports submitted by owners and operators of hazardous waste management facilities, except as noted in this subsection. The applicant will define the region, subject to the written approval of the executive director, which must consist of at least one county and shall not extend outside the State of Texas. The regional waste management analysis under this subsection must include only hazardous wastes generated in the State of Texas. Subject to the written approval of the executive director, a permit application may be designated as expedited based on regional need, in accordance with this subsection and subsection (d) of this section, and provided that the applicant submits the following information:]

[(1) a description of the targeted waste stream(s) by form and EPA hazardous waste numbers, including the approximate annual quantity generated in the region that is processed or disposed at any commercial hazardous waste management facility using the same technology. If significant changes in on-site management options have occurred in the region

since the preparation of the most recent Needs Assessment, the applicant may document the approximate annual quantity generated, the generator, and type of hazardous waste which will require commercial hazardous waste management, and include this quantity in the applicant's regional analysis. The applicant may also submit data, other than Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission data, substantiating that there is a regional need, specifying waste stream type, including form and EPA hazardous waste numbers; approximate annual quantity generated; and identity of the generators and their location in the region;]

[2) a map delineating the boundaries of the region, and showing the locations of the following:]

[(A) the facility where the new capacity is proposed; and]

[(B) all other existing, permitted, or interim status commercial hazardous waste management facilities that offer the same hazardous waste processing and/or disposal technologies in the State of Texas; and]

[(3) a comparison of the annual capacity of the proposed technology to the quantity of the targeted waste streams which:]

[(A) are generated within the region; and]

[(B) cannot be processed or disposed by other commercial hazardous waste management facilities within the region.]

[(g) Permit applications for hazardous waste facilities consisting of only hazardous waste storage unit(s), with no hazardous waste processing or disposal unit(s), shall not be expedited, with the following exceptions:]

[(1) permit applications for storage-only facilities associated with a different facility owned by the same parent company which offers recycling, processing, or disposal services using a needed technology shall be prioritized as provided in subsection (c) of this section; and]

[(2) permit applications for hazardous waste storage needed on a regional or statewide basis, provided that the applicant submits documentation consisting of at least one of the following, subject to the written approval of the executive director:]

[(A) an analysis of targeted waste stream(s) and commercially available waste management technologies, showing that there is no processing or disposal technology commercially available for management of the targeted waste stream(s) in the State of Texas; or]

[(B) a regional analysis documenting the demand for storage by the region's generators, including the distances hazardous wastes are transported for storage, the quantities transported, and a map showing the locations of commercial storage facilities in the region.]