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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 334

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 334, Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would amend 30 TAC §334.48(c) to remove the requirement for all retail service stations to conduct inventory control procedures. Inventory control may still be performed as part of a combined method under 30 TAC §334.50(d)(4) and (d)(9) (i.e. combination of inventory control plus automatic tank gauging or a combination of inventory control plus statistical inventory reconciliation).

TCEQ will hold a public hearing on this proposal in hybrid virtual and in-person public hearing on this proposal in Austin on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in Building F, Room 2210A at TCEQ'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, TCEQ 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 Tuesday, October 17. 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 Wednesday, October 18, 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_NDVmMDFlMmMtN2Q5Yy000GU0LTkxNWMtMGY0MWQ1YzczNzZj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-

3bcd93a08fba%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e74a40ea-69d4-469d-a8ef-

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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 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:

<u>https://tceq.commentinput.com/</u>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2023-115-334-CE. The comment period closes October 23, 2023. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from TCEQ's website at

<u>https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html</u>. For further information, please contact Zachary King, Program Support and Environmental Assistance Division, at zachary.king@tceq.texas.gov or (512) 239-1931.