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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 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE CHAPTERS 17 AND 18

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will offer a public hearing to receive testimony regarding rules applicable to Tax Relief for Property Used for Environmental Protection and Voter-Approval Tax Relief for Pollution Control Requirements. These proposals are made under the requirements of Texas Water Code, §5.102, §5.103 and the Texas Tax Code, §11.31 and §26.045.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is required at least once every three years to review and update the items on the Expedited Review Lists (ERL) and the items on the Tier I Tables in Chapters 17 and 18. This proposed rulemaking would fulfill the requirements for the commission to review and update the property included on the ERL and Tier I Table in Chapter 17. The rulemaking would also add certain property to the Tier I Table, consistent with advice from the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee dated December 1, 2022.

The proposed rulemaking would also implement Section 44 of Senate Bill 2 of the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, which requires rulemaking to correct the title of Chapter 18 to Voter-Approval Tax Rate Relief for Pollution Control Requirements.

Other changes would modernize various aspects of the program, clarify that the executive director specifies the form of application submittal, move the ERL in Chapter 17 to a new section, and remove existing requirements that the commission review and update the Tier I Table every three years.

The commission will offer a virtual public hearing on September 29, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT). The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral 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.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and instructions for participating in the hearing will also be provided in Spanish. Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Sandy Wong, General Law Division 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 Elizabeth Sartain, MC 110, Office of Air, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to either (512) 239-4804 or fax4808@tceq.texas.gov. Electronic comments may be submitted via the *Public Comment* system at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply. All comments should reference **Project No. 2023-123-017-AI**.

The comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. CDT on October 6, 2025. Information concerning the proposed rules, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/prop.html>. For further information, please contact the project manager for the proposed project, Elizabeth Sartain, at (512) 239-3933.

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