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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 30

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 30, Occupational Licenses and Registrations, Sections 30.5, 30.7, 30.14, 30.18, 30.20, 30.24, 30.26, 30.28, 30.185, 30.340, 30.342, 30.350, 30.387, 30.390, 30.392, and proposed new sections 30.344 and 30.394, under the requirements of Texas Water Code Section 37.004; Texas Occupations Code Chapters 55; and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement three bills from the 88th Regular Legislative Session, and incorporate staff recommended changes. The proposed rulemaking would implement House Bill 1845 which requires TCEQ to establish provisional licenses for Class D wastewater and public water system operators, with no high school diploma required; House Bill 2453 which allows licensing agencies to issue a digital license in lieu of a paper license; and Senate Bill 422 which sets requirements for applications from qualified military service members, veterans, or spouses. The proposed rulemaking would also require public water system operators to take resiliency training and require applicants for new and renewal licenses to submit fingerprints for the criminal history review. The proposed rulemaking would also reduce the number of continuing education credits required to renew the Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank Project Manager license and update training terminology to be consistent with current training technology and policies.

The commission will hold a hybrid virtual and in-person public hearing on this proposal in Austin on Thursday October 10, 2024, at 2pm 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 Tuesday October 8, 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 Wednesday October 9, 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_YTg4MmVlYmYtNjlmZS00ZmO4LThhOWItNTlhMDQyNzhiNGJk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e74a40ea-69d4-469d-a8ef-06f2c9ac2a80%22%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.

If you need translation services, please contact TCEQ at 800-687-4040. Si desea información general en español, puede llamar al 800-687-4040.

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/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2024-004-030-WS. The comment period closes October 14, 2024. 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 Rebecca Morigan, Occupational Licensing and Registration Division, 512-239-2463.