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# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 331

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 331, Underground Injection Control, §331.11 and 331.132, under the requirements of Texas Water Code §27.019 and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would implement Senate Bill (SB) 786 and SB 1186, 88th Legislature, 2023. The proposed rulemaking implements SB 786 by amending rules to remove requirements for the regulation of closed-loop geothermal injection wells as a type of Class V injection well under commission jurisdiction. The proposed rulemaking implements SB 786, SB 1186, and provisions of Texas Water Code Chapter 27 by identifying certain types of injection wells for which the RRC has jurisdiction to regulate. The proposed rulemaking corrects a typographical error when referring to closed loop injection wells.

The commission will hold a hybrid virtual and in-person public hearing on this proposal in Austin on August 29, 2024 at 10:00 AM 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 August 27, 2024. To register for the hearing, please email [Rules@tceq.texas.gov](mailto: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 August 28, 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\\_MzEyYjA0ZDYtNDBjNC00MTEyLWlxMDctZGZiYzZiZGJiYTI%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](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MzEyYjA0ZDYtNDBjNC00MTEyLWlxMDctZGZiYzZiZGJiYTI%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 2024-020-331-WS. The comment period closes September 3, 2024. Copies of the proposed rulemaking can be obtained from the commission's website at [https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose\\_adopt.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html). For further information, please contact Dan Hannah, Underground Injection Control Permits Section, (512) 239-2161.