



# FIND TCEQ RULES AND STATUTES



**This brochure provides the basic information you need to find the statutes, codes, and rules pertaining to Texas environmental quality.**

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# SOURCES

TCEQ rules, statutes, and codes are available in a variety of formats, from a number of sources, both public and private. Depending on the source and format, some of this material is free of charge, and some must be purchased. When comparing products, please contact each company or agency directly for detailed information and pricing, as it is subject to change.

## Texas Administrative Code

Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) undergoes frequent revision due to the scope and complexity of rulemaking initiatives. Consequently, a printed copy of a TCEQ rule may have a short “shelf life.” For this reason, we strongly encourage you to obtain the rules electronically.

### Internet Access

**The Secretary of State** provides the official TAC at [www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov) for free. For assistance, please call 512-463-5561.

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## Texas Register

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To learn more, go to


[www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/howtocomment.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/howtocomment.html).

## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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# STATUTE VS RULE

Laws enacted by the Texas Legislature appear in the form of statutes, some of which have been grouped into codes, such as the Texas Water Code.

In these statutes or codes, the Legislature often directs state agencies to develop the specifics of the requirements, with public input. These more specific requirements are adopted by state agencies and are called rules.

Statutes and rules both have the force of law. However, if there is a conflict in meaning, a statute or code always takes precedence over its corresponding rules.

The Texas Register publishes rules for all state agencies (including emergency, proposed, withdrawn, and adopted rules), in numerical order. It is the official source for the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), which is a compilation of the current rules that all state agencies have adopted.

TAC is organized into numbered categories called titles, which are then subdivided by chapters. The title pertaining to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is Title 30. A list of all TCEQ rules, or chapters, in Title 30 appears to the right.

When ordering individual rules, you should refer to the following chapters (of Title 30, Texas Administrative Code):

# The TCEQ Rules

1. Purpose of Rules, General Provisions
3. Definitions
5. Advisory Committees and Groups
7. Memoranda of Understanding
9. Training and Employee Programs
10. Commission Meetings
11. Contracts
12. Payment of Fees
14. Grants
15. Fleet Vehicle Management
17. Tax Relief for Property Used for Environmental Protection
18. Voter-Approval Tax Relief for Pollution Control Requirements
19. Electronic Reporting; Electronic Transmission of Information by Commission
20. Rulemaking
21. Water Quality Fees
25. Environmental Testing Laboratory Accreditation and Certification
30. Occupational Licenses and Registrations
33. Consolidated Permit Processing
35. Emergency and Temporary Orders and Permits; Temporary Suspension or Amendment of Permit Conditions
37. Financial Assurance
39. Public Notice
40. Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedure
50. Action on Applications and Other Authorizations
55. Requests for Reconsideration and Contested Case Hearings; Public Comment
60. Compliance History
70. Enforcement
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90. Innovative Programs
91. Alternative Public Notice and Public Participation Requirements for Specific Designated Facilities
101. General Air Quality Rules
106. Permits by Rule
111. Control of Air Pollution from Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter
112. Control of Air Pollution from Sulfur Compounds
113. Standards of Performance for Hazardous Air Pollutants and for Designated Facilities and Pollutants
114. Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles
115. Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds
116. Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Construction or Modification
117. Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds
118. Control of Air Pollution Episodes
122. Federal Operating Permits Program
205. General Permits for Waste Discharges
210. Use of Reclaimed Water
213. Edwards Aquifer
214. Secondary Containment Requirements for Underground Storage Tank Systems Located Over Certain Aquifers
216. Water Quality Performance Standards for Urban Development
217. Design Criteria for Domestic Wastewater Systems
218. Brine Evaporation Pits
220. Regional Assessments of Water Quality
222. Subsurface Area Drip Dispersal Systems
230. Groundwater Availability Certification for Platting
279. Water Quality Certification
281. Applications Processing
285. On-Site Sewage Facilities
288. Water Conservation Plans, Drought Contingency Plans, Guidelines and Requirements
290. Public Drinking Water
291. Utility Regulations
292. Special Requirements for Certain Districts and Authorities
293. Water Districts
294. Priority Groundwater Management Areas
295. Water Rights, Procedural
297. Water Rights, Substantive
298. Environmental Flow Standards for Surface Water
299. Dams and Reservoirs
301. Levee Improvement Districts, District Plans of Reclamation, and Levees and Other Improvements
303. Operation of the Rio Grande
304. Watermaster Operations
305. Consolidated Permits
307. Texas Surface Water Quality Standards
309. Domestic Wastewater Effluent Limitation and Plant Siting
311. Watershed Protection Rules
312. Sludge Use, Disposal, and Transportation
317. Design Criteria Prior to 2008
318. Marine Seawater Desalination Discharges
319. General Regulations Incorporated into Permits
321. Control of Certain Activities by Rule
323. Waste Disposal Approvals
324. Used Oil Standards
325. Hazardous Substances Inventory
326. Medical Waste Management
327. Spill Prevention and Control
328. Waste Minimization and Recycling
329. Drilled or Mined Shafts
330. Municipal Solid Waste
331. Underground Injection Control
332. Composting
333. Brownfields Initiatives
334. Underground and Aboveground Storage Tanks
335. Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste
336. Radioactive Substance Rules
337. Dry Cleaner Environmental Response
338. Aboveground Storage Vessel Safety Program
342. Regulation of Certain Aggregate Production Operations
344. Landscape Irrigation
350. Texas Risk Reduction Program
351. Regionalization
352. Coal Combustion Residuals Waste Management

