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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 307

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will hold a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing in Austin on **May 2, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.** in Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle.

The hearing is offered to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 307, Texas Surface Water Quality Standards, §§307.2, 307.3, 307.4, 307.6, 307.7, and 307.10, under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The proposed rulemaking would provide a periodic public review and revision of the State's surface water quality standards, as provided for in the Texas Water Code, §26.023 and required by the federal Clean Water Act, §303(c). To clarify existing regulations, a proposed change to §307.4 includes the addition of a statement explicitly prohibiting the discharge of visible pre-production plastic.

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 April 29, 2022. 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 April 29, 2022, to those who register for the hearing.

Members of the public who do not wish to provide oral comments but would like to view the hearing virtually may do so at no cost at:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MmU1NjMzOTAtYzdIMC00MGRkLTk2NGItOWNmOTZlOTdhZWYy%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e74a40ea-69d4-469d-a8ef-06f2c9ac2a80%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a

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.

Public Comment for Proposed Rule Revisions

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://www6.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments/>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2020-014-307-OW. **The comment period closes May 2, 2022.** Please only choose one form of submittal when submitting *written* comments.

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 Debbie Miller, Monitoring and Assessment Section, (512) 239-1703.