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Re: Comments related to the proposed amendments to TAC 230
Groundwater Certification Requirements – Rule Project Number 2024-006-230-OW

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this public comment on the proposed amendments identified above. I am Vice-president and Director of Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District of Kerr County, in the Texas Hill Country.

Given that groundwater availability has become critical in this County, and having been identified by TCEQ as a Priority Groundwater Management Area (PGMA), I respectfully request clarification on the form and content needed in regards to existing and new Public Water Systems.

We have found 30 TAC 230.8(a) lacking as written. May it be stated conclusively, in order to establish whether the intent is to allow Section 290 Subchapter D in lieu of Chapter 230.8, or in addition to.

It is vital that we acquire the information needed for modeling our Aquifers. By bypassing 230.8 a new day would be created in Kerr County, potentially negatively affecting the protection of our resources. Currently, we have seen Table 8 (Chapter 230.3) included in Water Availability Studies where the boxes are filled in “not applicable”. More site specific and current data is needed on both existing and new Public Water Systems.