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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 30 TAC CHAPTER 205

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed amendments to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 205, General Permits for Waste Discharges, §205.4 under the requirements of Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B.

The rulemaking would amend 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 205, General Permits for Waste Discharges. Specifically, it would revise §205.4 to clarify that: (1) the executive director shall deny authorization to discharge under an existing general permit if the discharger has an unsatisfactory compliance history rating; (2) once a discharger authorized under a general permit has been denied an authorization, the discharger is not eligible for a general permit again until the ED actively authorizes the discharger to use the general permit; and (3) an automated process cannot be used to approve an application under a general permit following the denial or suspension of an authorization.

The commission will hold a hybrid virtual and in-person public hearing on this proposal in Austin on September 28, 2026, 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 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 at 9:30 a.m.

Individuals who plan to attend the hearing virtually and want to provide oral comments and/or want their attendance on record must register by Thursday, September 24, 2026. 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 Friday, September 25, 2026, 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://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/2a383d9c-6ec5-4e8b-8b09-8e5909e50ddb@871a83a4-a1ce-4b7a-8156-3bcd93a08fba>

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.

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/comment/search>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comments system. All comments should reference Rule Project Number 2026-016-205-OW. The comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. on September 29, 2026. Please choose one of the methods provided to submit your 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 Shannon Gibson, TCEQ's Water Quality Division, (512) 239-4284.