Railroad Commission of Texas
Proposed Rulemaking Summary

16 Texas Administrative Code §3.30, relating to *Memorandum of Understanding between the Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)*

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Public Comment Deadline — 5:00 p.m. CST on Monday, January 4, 2027

Action (new, amend, and/or repeal) — Amendments to Existing Rule

Summary

The RRC proposes the amendments to implement Senate Bill (SB) 1145 (89th Texas Legislature, 2025) which transferred permitting authority for the land application of produced water that is treated for beneficial use from RRC to TCEQ; SB 786 (88th Texas Legislature, 2023) which transferred jurisdiction over closed-loop geothermal injection wells from TCEQ to RRC; SB 1186 (88th Texas Legislature, 2023) which granted RRC authority over brine mining; and House Bill (HB) 1284 (87th Texas Legislature, 2021) which consolidated jurisdiction over onshore and offshore Class VI injection wells with RRC.

The proposed amendments would also make several changes to the MOU to enhance clarity and readability without modifying the substance, intent, or effect of the existing language.

Questions

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