

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS**  
**Oil and Gas Division**

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**NOTICE TO OPERATORS**

**Groundwater Protection Determination**  
**Application Fee and Surcharge**

The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) has adopted amendments to 16 Texas Administrative Code §3.78 (Statewide Rule 78), regarding *Fees and Financial Security Requirements*. Effective February 1, 2016, an application fee of \$100 is required for a Groundwater Protection Determination. The application fee is also subject to a 150 percent (\$150) surcharge required by Statewide Rule 78(n). Therefore a total of \$250 must be remitted to the Commission with each Form GW-1, *Groundwater Protection Determination Request Form*.

When filing the Form GW-1 online, you may also make payment online. For additional information on filing the Form GW-1 online and submitting the required fee online, visit the Commission's website at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/oil-and-gas/applications-and-permits/groundwater-advisory-unit/>.

When filing the Form GW-1 via email or fax, you may make payment by contacting the Commission's Public Sales Section at 512-463-6882. If you send the application via U.S. mail or overnight service, include a check for the appropriate amount.

For further information regarding the adoption of these amendments to Statewide Rule 78, please contact Norman Gearhart at [norman.gearhart@rrc.texas.gov](mailto:norman.gearhart@rrc.texas.gov) or 512-463-2937.

For a limited time, documents related to the rulemaking process will be available on the Commission's website at <https://www.rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/proposed-rules/>.

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