

Railroad Commission of Texas

Notice of a Public Comment Hearing on the proposed amendments to Chapter 5, relating to Carbon Dioxide (CO₂), and on the Commission's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for enforcement primacy of the Class VI Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program.

The Railroad Commission of Texas (Commission) will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Central Daylight Time (CDT) to receive comments on the Commission's proposed amendments to Chapter 5 and on the Commission's application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for primacy of the Class VI UIC program. The first part of the hearing will consist of a brief overview by Commission staff regarding the proposed rule amendments and the Commission's application for enforcement primacy of the Class VI UIC program. The second part of the hearing will consist of public comment on both the proposed amendments and the primacy application.

The hearing will be structured for the receipt of oral comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the virtual hearing; however, Commission staff will be available to discuss the proposal minutes prior to the hearing. Persons or organizations wishing to provide verbal comment during the hearing will be selected on a first-come, first-serve basis. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, the Commission may impose a time limit so that everyone who wishes to make a public comment will have the opportunity to do so.

The hearing will be conducted remotely using an internet meeting service. Individuals who plan to participate in the hearing and provide oral comments and/or want their participation on record must register by submitting the following information to leslie.savage@rrc.texas.gov: request to provide verbal comment, name, title, affiliation, and contact information to include email address and daytime telephone number. Individuals who do not wish to provide oral comments but would like to view the hearing may do so. A link to the webcast will be added on the Commission's website.

Any individual with a disability who plans to participate in the hearing and who requires auxiliary aids or services should notify the Commission as far in advance as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Requests may be made to the Human Resources Department of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967; by telephone at 512-463-6981 or TDD No. 512-463-7284; by e-mail at ADA@rrc.texas.gov; or in person at 1701 North Congress Avenue, Suite 12-110, Austin, Texas.

Comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted to Rules Coordinator, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967; online at www.rrc.texas.gov/general-counsel/rules/comment-form-for-proposed-rulemakings; or by electronic mail to rulescoordinator@rrc.texas.gov. The Commission will accept comments until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2022.