

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE

October 26, 2023, RAQPAC Meeting

Quadrennial Review

- The TCEQ is conducting a review of agency rules in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC). This process is undertaken to comply with statutory requirements at Texas Government Code, Section 2001.039 and the regulations at 1 TAC Chapter 91, Subchapter D. The purpose of rule review is to determine if the need for TCEQ's rules continues to exist and is limited to consideration of its rules for re-adoption, re-adoption with amendments, or repeal every four years. During this review, the commission will assess whether the reasons for initially adopting its rules continue to exist. Recommended changes to the rules in each applicable chapter of the TAC will not be considered for rule amendments as part of this review. Any such changes may be considered in a future rulemaking action by the commission.
- To view the TAC chapters the commission is currently taking comment on, please visit the [Comment Online with TCEQ Public Comments](#) link on TCEQ's [Rules and Rulemaking](#) webpage. Thirty-day public comment periods for the chapters being reviewed open as notices are published in the *Texas Register*. To view the complete rule review schedule, please visit the [View TCEQ's Rule Review Plan](#) link on TCEQ's Rules and Rulemaking webpage.

Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee Nominations

- The Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee provides recommendations to the TCEQ on matters relating to use determinations for pollution control property/equipment and the implementation of Texas Tax Code Section 11.31. The advisory committee is made up of members selected to represent the following groups: industry, appraisal districts, school or junior college district, taxing units, environmental groups, and members who are not representatives of any of those groups but have substantial technical expertise in pollution control technology and environmental engineering.
- Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Advisory Committee members serve four-year staggered terms. The TCEQ accepted applications for potential advisory committee members from the following affiliations: three industry representatives, one taxing unit representative, one environmental group representative, and one representative from a school or junior college district in which property is located that is or was previously subject to an exemption under Texas Tax Code §11.31. The TCEQ is considering the nominations received and is planning to present recommendations to the commission at the December 13, 2023, Commissioner's Agenda.
- For additional questions or information about the committee, please contact Elizabeth Sartain of the Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property Program at Elizabeth.Sartain@tceq.texas.gov.
- Please visit the [Tax Relief for Pollution Control Property](#) webpage for information on the program (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/taxrelief>).

Toxicology: A 90-day Public Comment Period for the Carbon Tetrachloride Proposed Development Support Document (DSD)

- A 90-day public comment period (ending January 12, 2024) has begun for the [Carbon Tetrachloride Proposed DSD](#).
- To submit comments: e-mail: tox@tceq.texas.gov or mail (must be received at the TCEQ no later than 01/12/2024) to: Toxicology Division, MC 168, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX

78711-3087 (or mail delivery services: Toxicology Division, MC 168, TCEQ, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Bldg. F, Austin, TX 78753)

Emissions Inventory (EI) Workshop

- The TCEQ is virtually hosting the EI Workshop on January 25, 2024. The workshop will cover updates for the upcoming 2023 reporting year, basic terms and concepts, guidance for estimating emissions from equipment leak fugitive emissions sources, and Web-EI reporting.
- Registration opens November 7, 2023. Workshop details and instructions for registration, are available on the [TCEQ Events](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/industrial-emissionsinventoryworkshop) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/industrial-emissionsinventoryworkshop>).