



Railroad Commission of Texas Proposed Rulemaking Summary

16 Texas Administrative Code §3.82, relating to *Brine Production Projects and Associated Brine Production Wells and Class V Spent Brine Return Injection*, and various rules in Chapter 3, relating to *Oil and Gas Division*

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Public Comment Deadline — 12 p.m. CST on Monday, December 2, 2024

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

Summary

The RRC proposes the new rule and amendments to implement the provisions of Senate Bill 1186, 88th Legislative Session (Regular), 2023, relating to the regulation of brine mining by the RRC. The new rule implements a regulatory program for brine production projects, which include brine production wells and spent brine return injection wells. Spent brine return injection wells are Class V Underground Injection Control wells and are currently regulated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The new rule will allow the RRC to apply to the EPA for primary enforcement authority for Class V spent brine return injection wells.

The proposed amendments also revise several other rules in Chapter 3 to ensure consistency within the chapter relating to brine production and injection.

Questions

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