NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING ON DRAFT 2027 TEXAS NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

AVISO DE SOLICITUD DE COMENTARIOS PÚBLICOS Y AVISO DE REUNIÓN PÚBLICA SOBRE EL BORRADOR DEL PROGRAMA DE GESTIÓN DE FUENTES NO PUNTUALES DE TEXAS DE 2027

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has made available for public comment the draft 2027 Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft 2027 Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program.

The Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program (Management Program) is the State of Texas's comprehensive strategy to protect and restore water quality in waterbodies impacted by nonpoint sources of water pollution. The Management Program is required under federal Clean Water Act (CWA), §319(b). The Management Program is jointly administered by TCEQ and the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB). The state must have a federally approved Management Program in order to continue receiving federal CWA §319(h) grant monies from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Management Program is updated and revised every five years, and the current version covers 2022-2027. TCEQ and TSSWCB request your review of and comments on the draft 2027 Management Program, which covers 2027-2032.

This draft document has been jointly developed by TCEQ and TSSWCB consistent with regulatory guidance to satisfy requirements of the federal CWA. The document incorporates EPA's eight components of an effective program; establishes long- and short-term goals for the program; provides for the coordination of nonpoint source-related programs and activities conducted by federal, state, regional, and local entities; and prioritizes assessment, planning, and implementation activities in priority watersheds.

After the public meeting and comment period, TCEQ and TSSWCB will address comments received and, if necessary, incorporate them into a final Management Program document that will be submitted to the TCEQ commissioners and TSSWCB board members for approval. Once the document is approved by both agencies, it will be submitted to EPA for approval.

Public Meeting and Testimony. The public meeting for the draft document will be a hybrid meeting **on July 15, 2026, at 10:00 a.m**. The in-person portion will be held at **TCEQ Building F, Room 2210, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753.** To join the Microsoft Teams video conference, follow the Microsoft Teams link (teams.microsoft.com/meet/265615676008826?p=d1Ik2H36g11AQTEdNy).

Please periodically check the TCEQ Nonpoint Source Management Plan website (*tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/nonpoint-source/mgmt-plan*) before the meeting date for related updates.

During this meeting, individuals will have the opportunity to present oral statements. An agency staff member will give a brief presentation at the start of the meeting and will be available to answer questions before and after all public comments have been received.

Written Comments. Please choose one of the methods provided to submit your written comments. Written comments on the draft Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program may be submitted to Kristin DeBone, Water Quality Planning Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC 203, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087; or eFaxed to 512-239-1414. Electronic comments may be submitted at the TCEQ Comment Input website (tceq.commentinput.com). File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the TCEQ Public Comment system. All written comments must be received at TCEQ by August 3, 2026, and should reference *Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program.*

For further information regarding the Texas Nonpoint Source Management Program, please email Faith Hambleton at Faith.Hambleton@tceq.texas.gov. The draft Management Program can be obtained via TCEQ's Nonpoint Source Management Program website (tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/nonpoint-source/mgmt-plan).

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to participate in the meeting should email Faith Hambleton at Faith.Hambleton@tceq.texas.gov. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Para la versión en español de este documento, favor de visitar tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/nonpoint-source/mgmt-plan.