



Water Environment
Association of Texas



Produced Water Bill Bullets: HB 2771 Mandate vis-a-vis WEAT's Mission of Advancing the Water Quality of Texas

- The Texas Legislature recently passed legislation, HB 2771, directing the TCEQ to seek delegation from EPA to issue TPDES permits for discharges of produced water into the state.
- Produced water is primarily formation groundwater that is surfaced alongside minerals extracted in oil and gas hydraulic fracturing.
- WEAT supports a dialogue and regulatory process that is protective of human health and the environment through water quality controls, including appropriate effluent treatment standards and surface water quality standards when issuing discharge permits inline with HB 2771
- As TCEQ proceeds to implement the legislation, WEAT will participate in the stakeholder process addressing water quality protections and controls in the framework developed for the time of any EPA delegation of such authority to TCEQ.