

Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 30	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PART 1	TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
CHAPTER 288	WATER CONSERVATION PLANS, DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLANS, GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS
SUBCHAPTER C	REQUIRED SUBMITTALS
RULE §288.30	Required Submittals

In addition to the water conservation and drought contingency plans required to be submitted with an application under §295.9 of this title (relating to Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plans), water conservation and drought contingency plans are required as follows.

(1) Water conservation plans for municipal, industrial, and other non-irrigation uses. The holder of an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication for the appropriation of surface water in the amount of 1,000 acre-feet a year or more for municipal, industrial, and other non-irrigation uses shall develop, submit, and implement a water conservation plan meeting the requirements of Subchapter A of this chapter (relating to Water Conservation Plans). The water conservation plan must be submitted to the executive director not later than May 1, 2005. Thereafter, the next revision of the water conservation plan for municipal, industrial, and other non-irrigation uses must be submitted not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any revised plans must be submitted to the executive director within 90 days of adoption. The revised plans must include implementation reports. The requirement for a water conservation plan under this section must not result in the need for an amendment to an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication.

(2) Implementation report for municipal, industrial, and other non-irrigation uses. The implementation report must include:

- (A) the list of dates and descriptions of the conservation measures implemented;
- (B) data about whether or not targets in the plans are being met;
- (C) the actual amount of water saved; and
- (D) if the targets are not being met, an explanation as to why any of the targets are not being met, including any progress on that particular target.

(3) Water conservation plans for irrigation uses. The holder of an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication for the appropriation of surface water in the amount of 10,000 acre-feet a year or more for irrigation uses shall develop, submit, and implement a water conservation plan meeting the requirements of Subchapter A of this chapter. The water conservation plan must be submitted to the executive director not later than May 1, 2005. Thereafter, the next revision of the water conservation plan for irrigation uses must be submitted not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any revised plans must be submitted to the executive director within 90 days of adoption. The revised plans must include implementation reports. The requirement for a water conservation plan under this section must not result in the need for an amendment to an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication.

(4) Implementation report for irrigation uses. The implementation report must include:

- (A) the list of dates and descriptions of the conservation measures implemented;
- (B) data about whether or not targets in the plans are being met;
- (C) the actual amount of water saved; and
- (D) if the targets are not being met, an explanation as to why any of the targets are not being met, including any progress on that particular target.

(5) Drought contingency plans for retail public water suppliers. Retail public water suppliers shall submit a drought contingency plan meeting the requirements of Subchapter B of this chapter (relating to Drought Contingency Plans) to the executive director after adoption by its governing body. The retail public water system shall provide a copy of the plan to the regional water planning group for each region within which the water system operates. These drought contingency plans must be submitted as follows.

(A) For retail public water suppliers providing water service to 3,300 or more connections, the drought contingency plan must be submitted to the executive director not later than May 1, 2005. Thereafter, the retail public water suppliers providing water service to 3,300 or more connections shall submit the next revision of the plan not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any revised plans must be submitted to the executive director within 90 days of adoption by the community water system. Any new retail public water suppliers providing water service to 3,300 or more connections shall prepare and adopt a drought contingency plan within 180 days of commencement of operation, and submit the plan to the executive director within 90 days of adoption.

(B) For all the retail public water suppliers, the drought contingency plan must be prepared and adopted not later than May 1, 2005 and must be available for inspection by the executive director upon request. Thereafter, the retail public water suppliers shall prepare and adopt the next revision of the plan not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any new retail public water supplier providing water service to less than 3,300 connections shall prepare and adopt a drought contingency plan within 180 days of commencement of operation, and shall make the plan available for inspection by the executive director upon request.

(6) Drought contingency plans for wholesale public water suppliers. Wholesale public water suppliers shall submit a drought contingency plan meeting the requirements of Subchapter B of this chapter to the executive director not later than May 1, 2005, after adoption of the drought contingency plan by the governing body of the water supplier. Thereafter, the wholesale public water suppliers shall submit the next revision of the plan not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any new or revised plans must be submitted to the executive director within 90 days of adoption by the governing body of the wholesale public water supplier. Wholesale public water suppliers shall also provide a copy of the drought contingency plan to the regional water planning group for each region within which the wholesale water supplier operates.

(7) Drought contingency plans for irrigation districts. Irrigation districts shall submit a drought contingency plan meeting the requirements of Subchapter B of this chapter to the executive director not later than May 1, 2005, after adoption by the governing body of the irrigation district. Thereafter, the irrigation districts shall submit the next revision of the plan not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any new or revised plans must be submitted to the executive director within 90 days of adoption by the governing body of the irrigation district. Irrigation districts shall also provide a copy of the plan to the regional water planning group for each region within which the irrigation

district operates.

(8) Additional submissions with a water right application for state water. A water conservation plan or drought contingency plan required to be submitted with an application in accordance with §295.9 of this title must also be subject to review and approval by the commission.

(9) Existing permits. The holder of an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication shall not be subject to enforcement actions nor shall the permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication be subject to cancellation, either in part or in whole, based on the nonattainment of goals contained within a water conservation plan submitted with an application in accordance with §295.9 of this title or by the holder of an existing permit, certified filing, or certificate of adjudication in accordance with the requirements of this section.

(10) Submissions to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board.

(A) Water conservation plans for retail public water suppliers. For retail public water suppliers providing water service to 3,300 or more connections, a water conservation plan meeting the minimum requirements of Subchapter A of this chapter and using appropriate best management practices must be developed, implemented, and submitted to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group. Any revised plans must be submitted to the executive administrator within 90 days of adoption by the community water system. Any new retail public water suppliers providing water service to 3,300 or more connections shall prepare and adopt a water conservation plan within 180 days of commencement of operation, and submit the plan to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board within 90 days of adoption.

(B) Water conservation plans. Each entity that is required to submit a water conservation plan to the commission shall submit a copy of the plan to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board not later than May 1, 2009, and every five years after that date to coincide with the regional water planning group.

(C) Annual reports. Each entity that is required to submit a water conservation plan to the Texas Water Development Board or the commission, shall file a report not later than May 1, 2010, and annually thereafter to the executive administrator of the Texas Water Development Board on the entity's progress in implementing the plan.

(D) Violations of the Texas Water Development Board's rules. The water conservation plans and annual reports shall comply with the minimum requirements established in the Texas Water Development Board's rules. The Texas Water Development Board shall notify the commission if the Texas Water Development Board determines that an entity has not complied with the Texas Water Development Board rules relating to the minimum requirements for water conservation plans or submission of plans or annual reports. The commission shall take appropriate enforcement action upon receipt of notice from the Texas Water Development Board.

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