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S.B. No. 771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the notice requirements for permits for the commercial surface disposal of oil and gas wastes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 91.116, Natural Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(b) A person who files an application for a permit for a commercial surface disposal facility shall provide ~~publish~~ notice of the application in accordance with this section.

(e) In addition to publishing notice of the permit application as required by Subsection (d), the applicant shall give notice of the permit application to a river authority or groundwater conservation district whose territory contains the tract of land on which a disposal pit will be located or on which the disposal will take place.

SECTION 2. Section 91.116, Natural Resources Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to an application for an oil and gas waste disposal permit that is filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a permit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date of filing, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.