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S.B. No. 2122

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to imposition of application fees for certain permits and permit amendments for the disposal of oil and gas waste.

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

SECTION 1. Section 91.1013, Natural Resources Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) ~~[With each application for a fluid injection well permit, the applicant shall submit to the commission a nonrefundable fee of \$200.]~~ In this section:

(1) "Commercial oil and gas waste separation facility" means a facility that manages but does not dispose of oil and gas waste on site and that is managed by an owner or operator whose primary business is to provide oil field fluid or oil and gas waste management services for compensation.

(2) "Commercial surface oil and gas waste disposal facility" means a facility that disposes of oil and gas waste on site and that is managed by an owner or operator whose primary business is to provide oil field fluid or oil and gas waste disposal services for compensation.

(3) "Fluid[~~,"~~ "fluid"] injection well" means any well used to inject fluid or gas into the ground in connection with the exploration or production of oil or gas other than an oil and gas waste disposal well regulated by the commission pursuant to Chapter

27, Water Code.

(4) "Land application permit" means a permit authorizing the covering of a controlled area with gas plant effluent or low-chloride produced water through the use of a sprinkler or other irrigation system.

(5) "Landfarm permit" means a permit authorizing the disposal of low-chloride, water-based oil and gas waste, including drilling fluid, by mixing or tilling the fluid or waste into the natural soil so that the waste will not migrate from the area covered by the landfarm permit.

(6) "Landtreatment permit" means a permit authorizing the disposal of oil-based oil and gas waste, including oil-based drilling fluid, oil-impacted soil, or other oil and gas waste, by mixing or tilling the fluid, soil, or waste into the natural soil to degrade the fluid, impacted soil, or waste so that the fluid, impacted soil, or waste will not migrate from the area covered by the landtreatment permit.

(a-1) With each application for a fluid injection well permit, the applicant shall submit to the commission a nonrefundable fee of \$200.

(b) An applicant ~~[With each application]~~ for a permit to store, treat, or dispose of certain oil and gas waste ~~[discharge to surface water under this chapter and commission rules, other than a permit for a discharge that meets National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements for agricultural or wildlife use, the applicant]~~ shall submit to the commission a nonrefundable fee for that application as follows:

1 (1) \$500 for an application for a landfarm,
2 landtreatment, or land application permit or permit amendment;

3 (2) \$2,000 for an application for a commercial oil and
4 gas waste separation facility permit;

5 (3) \$1,000 for an application for an amendment to a
6 commercial oil and gas waste separation facility permit;

7 (4) \$3,000 for an application for a commercial surface
8 oil and gas waste disposal facility permit; and

9 (5) \$1,000 for an application for an amendment to a
10 commercial surface oil and gas waste disposal facility [~~of \$300~~].

11 SECTION 2. Section [91.1013](#), Natural Resources Code, as
12 amended by this Act, applies only to an application for the issuance
13 or amendment of a permit that is filed with the Railroad Commission
14 of Texas on or after the effective date of this Act. An application
15 for a permit filed before the effective date of this Act is governed
16 by the law in effect on the date of the filing, and the former law is
17 continued in effect for that purpose.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.