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H.B. No. 3030

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to notice of groundwater contamination that may affect a
3 drinking water well.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter J, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended
6 by adding Section 26.408 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 26.408. NOTICE OF GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION. (a) If a
8 state agency documents under Section 26.406(a) a case of
9 groundwater contamination that may affect a drinking water well,
10 the state agency shall notify the commission.

11 (b) Not later than the 30th day after the date the
12 commission receives notice under Subsection (a) or obtains
13 independent knowledge of groundwater contamination, the commission
14 shall make every effort to give notice of the contamination by first
15 class mail to each owner of a private drinking water well that may
16 be affected by the contamination and to each applicable groundwater
17 conservation district.

18 (c) The committee by rule shall prescribe the form and
19 content of notice required under this section.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
21 applies only to a case of groundwater contamination documented on
22 or after that date. A case of groundwater contamination documented
23 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
24 effect on the date the contamination is documented, and the former

1 law is continued in effect for that purpose.