

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

H.B. No. 3030

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3030 was passed by the House on May 6, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3030 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor