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H.B. No. 3030

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public notice of groundwater contamination.

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 a case of groundwater contamination where a drinking water well is threatened under Section 26.406(a), the state agency shall notify the commission.

(b) On receipt of notice under Subsection (a), the commission shall notify owners of potentially affected private drinking water wells by first class mail.

(c) The commission 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 where a drinking water source is threatened on or after that date. A case of groundwater contamination where a drinking water source is threatened 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 law is continued in effect for that purpose.