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H.B. No. 2939

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the annual reporting of groundwater use in activities  
3 related to the exploration or drilling for or production of oil or  
4 gas by owners or operators of oil and gas wells.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 91, Natural Resources  
7 Code, is amended by adding Section 91.1421 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 91.1421. ANNUAL REPORT OF GROUNDWATER USE. (a) In  
9 this section, "groundwater" has the meaning assigned by Section  
10 36.001, Water Code.

11 (b) An owner or operator who is engaged in the exploration  
12 or drilling for or production of oil or gas shall:

13 (1) maintain an accounting of the amount of  
14 groundwater used by the owner or operator in the exploration or  
15 drilling for or production of oil or gas; and

16 (2) submit to the commission, the Texas Commission on  
17 Environmental Quality, and the Texas Water Development Board an  
18 annual report of the amount of groundwater used by the owner or  
19 operator in the exploration or drilling for or production of oil or  
20 gas in the preceding year.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.