

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Natural Resources & Economic Development
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, September 5, 2018
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Brian Birdwell

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Economic Development will meet on September 5th, 2018 at 9:00 AM in E1.012 to hear invited and public testimony on the following interim charges:

1) Environmental Safety: Study the strategies and best practices for ensuring environmental safety during maintenance, startup, and shutdown activities due to emergencies. Recommend actions to improve safety without compromising compliance or penalizing good actors.

2) Waste Disposal Regulation: Study the permitting and compliance processes for waste disposal and processing, including evaluating the criteria for approval, denial, and application return. Make recommendations for improving and streamlining the permitting and compliance processes while maximizing public participation for effective outreach and education. Review the allocation of the Municipal Solid Waste disposal fees and make recommendations regarding allocation methods to adequately support existing programs.

3) Monitoring: Conduct legislative oversight and monitoring of the agencies and programs under the committee's jurisdiction and the implementation of relevant legislation passed by the 85th Legislature, including:

- Texas Railroad Commission Sunset and funding;
- Environmental Regulatory and Legal Primacy; and
- The effectiveness of emission reductions recognized from the Texas Emissions Reduction Program (TERP) and grant flexibility.

Public testimony will be limited to 3 minutes per person. If submitting written testimony, please provide 15 copies to the committee clerk with your name on each copy.
