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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to groundwater impact contingency planning by pipeline operators.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter J, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.409 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.409.  CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR PIPELINES. (a) The commission by rule shall require the operator of a pipeline that is under the jurisdiction of the pipeline safety and regulatory program described by Section 81.071, Natural Resources Code, to submit to the commission a site-specific contingency plan that describes measures to be taken to control, contain, and collect any discharge of fluids from the pipeline to minimize impacts to groundwater in this state.

(b)  The commission may reject a plan submitted under Subsection (a), and require a new plan, if the commission determines that the submitted plan is insufficient to safeguard present and future groundwater supplies.

(c)  The commission shall send each plan accepted under this section to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration or a successor agency.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.