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H.B. No. 3324

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to groundwater impact contingency planning by pipeline  
3 operators.

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

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

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

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

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

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