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H.B. No. 242

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental  
3 Quality to require water pollution abatement plans from certain  
4 facilities regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended  
7 by adding Section 26.0462 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 26.0462. EDWARDS AQUIFER PLANS ASSOCIATED WITH OIL,  
9 GAS, OR GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES. Notwithstanding another provision of  
10 this chapter or a provision of the Natural Resources Code, the  
11 commission may require the owner or operator of a facility used in  
12 connection with an activity that is associated with the  
13 exploration, development, or production of oil, gas, or geothermal  
14 resources and regulated by the Railroad Commission of Texas to  
15 submit to the commission a water pollution abatement plan for the  
16 facility if the facility is located in the recharge zone of the  
17 Edwards Aquifer, as defined by commission rule.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.