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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain notices provided to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by public water supply systems.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 341.033, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (i) and adding Subsection (i-1) to read as follows:

(i)  An owner, agent, manager, operator, or other person in charge of a public water supply system that furnishes water for public or private use or a wastewater system that provides wastewater services for public or private use shall maintain internal procedures to notify the commission immediately of the following events, if the event may negatively impact the production or delivery of safe and adequate drinking water:

(1)  an unusual or unexplained unauthorized entry at property of the public water supply or wastewater system;

(2)  an act of terrorism against the public water supply or wastewater system;

(3)  an unauthorized attempt to probe for or gain access to proprietary information that supports the key activities of the public water supply or wastewater system;

(4)  a theft of property that supports the key activities of the public water supply or wastewater system; [~~or~~]

(5)  a natural disaster, accident, or act that results in damage to the public water supply or wastewater system; or

(6)  a condition that has caused or could cause a public water supply outage or a public water supply system to issue a boil water notice, a do-not-use advisory, or a do-not-consume advisory.

(i-1)  The commission may collaborate with the Texas Division of Emergency Management in regulating the method of notifications provided under Subsection (i)(6).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.