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S.B. No. 1061

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.

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

SECTION 1. Section 27.0513, Water Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-1) The commission shall prioritize the conservation of regional groundwater water supplies when establishing the methods under Subsection (c) for determining the restoration table values for a portion of an aquifer that the United States Environmental Protection Agency prohibits from being used as an underground source of drinking water.

(d) Notwithstanding Sections 5.551, 5.556, 27.011, and 27.018, an application for an authorization or an amendment to an authorization that allows the permit holder to conduct mining and restoration activities in production zones within the boundary established in the permit is an uncontested matter not subject to a contested case hearing or the hearing requirements of Chapter 2001, Government Code, if:

(1) the authorization is for a production zone located within the boundary of a permit that incorporates, for each production zone addressed in the application, a range table of groundwater quality restoration values used to measure groundwater

restoration by the commission;

(2) the application includes, for each production zone addressed in the application, groundwater quality restoration values falling at or below the upper limit of the range established in Subdivision (1); and

(3) the authorization is for a production zone located within the boundary of a permit that incorporates groundwater baseline characteristics of the wells for the application required by commission rule.

SECTION 2. Sections [27.0513](#)(f) and (g), Water Code, are repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for an authorization or an amendment to an authorization that is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for an authorization or an amendment to an authorization that was submitted to the commission before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the application or amendment was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.