

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: Energy Resources
TIME & DATE: 8:30 AM, Monday, September 14, 2026
PLACE: E2.026
CHAIR: Rep. Drew Darby

To accommodate all attendees wishing to testify, public testimony may be limited at the discretion of the chair.

The House Committee on Energy Resources will meet in a public hearing to hear **public and invited testimony** on the following interim charges:

Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage: Evaluate the continued viability of commercial carbon capture, utilization, and storage in Texas. Analyze the effect of carbon capture projects on energy development and security. Evaluate relevant case law and statutes related to the ownership of pore space, operator liability, and environmental protections. Review how the recent attainment of Class VI primacy may impact the future development of carbon capture projects.

Produced Water: Review the utilization of produced water in Texas. Examine efforts to develop mechanisms for beneficial reuse, barriers to deployment, and other financial impediments limiting the use of produced water. Evaluate the effectiveness of recently passed legislation to address liability concerns and streamline permitting. Make recommendations to encourage greater utilization of this resource.

Seismic Activity and Injection Wells: Study the Railroad Commission of Texas' regulation of disposal and injection wells and determine whether additional measures are needed to protect public safety and critical infrastructure. Review the efficacy of current statutes, rules, and industry practices intended to mitigate seismic activity related to injection and disposal wells.

Online submission of public comments will be available on the following topics:

Produced Water
Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage
Seismic Activity & Injection Wells

Texas residents who wish to electronically submit comments related to agenda items on this notice without testifying in person can do so until

the hearing is adjourned by visiting:
<https://comments.house.texas.gov/home?c=c250>

For those persons who will be testifying, information for in-person witness registration, can be found here:
<https://mytxlegis.capitol.texas.gov/HWRSPublic/About.aspx>

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<https://house.texas.gov/video-audio/>

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