

House Bill 3333
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0275 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0275. RESTRICTION ON PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES INTO CERTAIN SEGMENTS, ASSESSMENT UNITS, AND DRAINAGE AREAS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Assessment unit" has the meaning assigned by the commission's Surface Water Quality Monitoring Program as it existed on September 1, 2025.

(2) "Classified segment" means any portion of Devils River located in Val Verde County and identified in Appendices A and C of 30 T.A.C. Section 307.10 as it existed on September 1, 2025.

(3) "Drainage area" means any unclassified water body that drains to a stream segment or a stream assessment unit to which this section applies.

(4) "Stream assessment unit" means an assessment unit for a stream, creek, or river, or a portion of a stream, creek, or river, that is located within a classified segment that is not a stream segment to which this section applies.

(5) "Stream segment" means a stream, creek, or river, or a portion of a stream, creek, or river, that is a classified segment.

(6) "Unclassified water body" means a water body other than a classified segment or an assessment unit located within a classified segment.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the commission may not issue a new permit authorizing the direct discharge from a domestic, industrial, or commercial wastewater treatment facility of any waste, effluent, or pollutants into a stream segment, stream assessment unit, or drainage area to which this section applies.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 26, Water Code, is amended by adding Section 26.0275 to read as follows:

Sec. 26.0275. RESTRICTION ON PERMITS FOR DISCHARGES INTO CERTAIN SEGMENTS AND DRAINAGE AREAS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Classified segment" means any portion of Devils River located in Val Verde County and identified in Appendices A and C of 30 T.A.C. Section 307.10 as it existed on September 1, 2025.

(2) "Unclassified water body" means a water body other than a classified segment.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the commission may not issue a new permit authorizing the direct discharge from a domestic or industrial wastewater treatment facility of any waste, effluent, or pollutants into a classified segment or an unclassified water body in Val Verde County that drains into a classified segment.

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(c) This section does not affect the authority of the commission to issue:
(1) an individual permit for a municipal separate storm sewer system; or
(2) a general permit for stormwater and associated non-stormwater discharges.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a permit that is submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a permit that was submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect at the time the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

SENATE VERSION (CS)

(c) This section does not affect the authority of the commission to issue:
(1) an individual ~~or general~~ permit for a municipal separate storm sewer system; or
(2) a general permit for stormwater and associated non-stormwater discharges.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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