

Mr. Schar,

The Office of the Governor is in receipt of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) request to temporarily suspend certain specified provisions in 30 TAC 335.5(b) and 335.6. TCEQ asserts that strict compliance with these laws could prevent, hinder, or delay necessary state efforts to respond to and cope with the declared wildfire disaster.

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Office of the Governor grants TCEQ's request to temporarily suspend the specified provisions in 30 TAC 333.5(b) and 335.6, as set forth in TCEQ's request, to the extent that these provisions actually do prevent, hinder, or delay necessary state efforts to respond to declared wildfire disaster and efforts to cope with the declared disaster.

This suspension is in effect until terminated by the Office of the Governor or until the disaster declaration is lifted or expires.

Thank you,

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Dear Ben Haguewood, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor:

Consistent with the Governor's Proclamation on February 27, 2024, the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality requests written approval for the suspension of the following rules because they may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary actions needed to respond to the widespread wildfire event.

1. Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC) § 335.5(b); and
2. 30 TAC § 335.6.

Attached is the request. We appreciate the consideration.

Sincerely,

*Steven Schar*  
*Deputy Executive Director*  
*Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*