

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

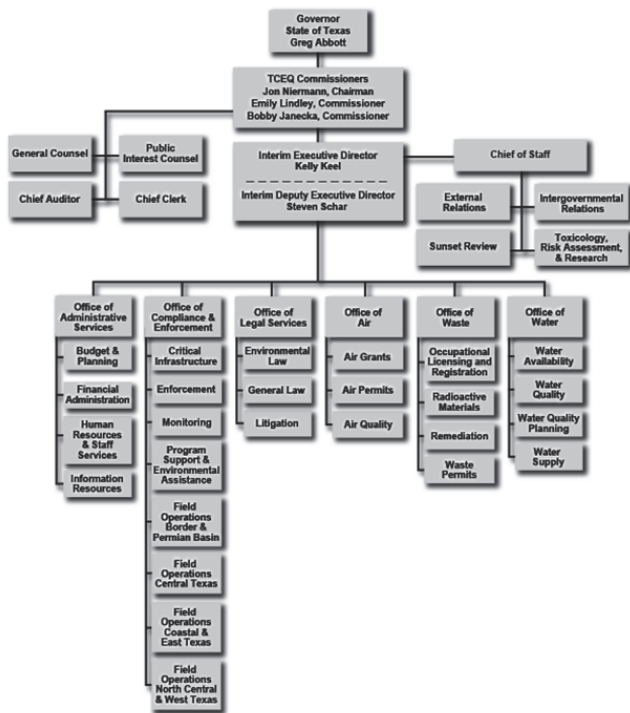
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## MISSION STATEMENT

- “The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality strives to protect our state’s public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. Our goal is clean air, clean water, and the safe management of waste.”

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## AGENCY ORGANIZATION CHART

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## SB 1397 – TCEQ SUNSET

- Senator Schwertner (Georgetown) & Representative Bell (Forney)
- Began Summer 2021 with Self Evaluation Report (SER)
- Passed 6/18/2023 and Effective 9/1/2023
- Main takeaway: Extends Agency until 9/1/2035

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## SB 1397 – TCEQ SUNSET

- Focus:
  - Outreach, notice, education, and public access
  - Revisions to compliance and enforcement processes, including penalties
  - Permitting: codification, notification, and BMPs
  - E-Flows

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## BUDGET AND EXCEPTION ITEM REQUESTS

- HB 1 – Appropriations Bill
- 7 Exception Item Requests:
  - Targeted Salary Increases
  - Agency Website Usability
  - Increase Access to Public Records
  - Maintenance/Security
  - Compliance History Updates
  - Hazardous Dams
  - Changes to Exempt Positions
- SB 30 – Supplemental Appropriation
  - EtO Analyzer – Vehicles - 5% pay increase

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