

Railroad Commission of Texas  
16 TAC Chapter 15—Alternative Fuels Programs

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1           The Railroad Commission of Texas adopts the repeal of 16 Texas Administrative Code Chapter  
2 15, relating to Alternative Fuels Programs, specifically §§15.1 - 15.13, relating to Purpose; Definitions;  
3 Establishment and Duration; Availability of Funds; Eligibility; Application; Conditions of Receipt of  
4 Rebate or Incentive; Selection of Equipment and Installer; Rebate or Incentive Amount; Minimum  
5 Efficiency Factor; or Performance Standard; Verification, Safety, Disallowance, and Refund; Assignment  
6 of Rebate or Incentive; Compliance; and Complaints, without changes to the proposed text as published  
7 in the November 6, 2020, issue of the *Texas Register* (45 TexReg 7921). The repeals are adopted pursuant  
8 to House Bill 1818, 85th Legislative Session (2017) which repealed the statute authorizing the Alternative  
9 Fuels Research and Education program.

10           Texas Natural Resources Code Chapter 113, Subchapter I, provided authority to create the  
11 Alternative Fuels Research and Education Program. In 2013, House Bill 7 (83rd Legislature) repealed  
12 Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 113, Subchapter I, and moved the authority for the program to  
13 Texas Natural Resources Code §81.0681, which read (in part): "The commission shall adopt all necessary  
14 rules relating to activities regarding the use of alternative fuels that are or have the potential to be  
15 effective in improving the air quality, energy security, or economy of this state." Finally, House Bill 1818  
16 of the 85th Legislature repealed §81.0681, thus eliminating the Alternative Fuels Research and Education  
17 Program.

18           The Commission received one comment from CenterPoint Energy in support of the proposed  
19 repeals.

20           The Commission adopts the repeals pursuant to House Bill 1818 (85th Legislature, 2017). House  
21 Bill 1818 repealed Nat. Res. Code §81.0681 which authorized the Commission to adopt all necessary  
22 rules relating to activities regarding the use of alternative fuels that are or have the potential to be  
23 effective in improving the air quality, energy security, or economy of this state.

24           Statutory authority: Texas Natural Resources Code, §81.0681.

25           Cross-reference to statute: Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 81.

26           §15.1. Purpose.

27           §15.2. Definitions.

28           §15.3. Establishment and Duration.

29           §15.4. Availability of Funds.

30           §15.5. Eligibility.

31           §15.6. Application.

32           §15.7. Conditions of Receipt of Rebate or Incentive.

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- 1           §15.8. Selection of Equipment and Installer.
- 2           §15.9. Rebate or Incentive Amount, Minimum Efficiency Factor, or Performance Standard.
- 3           §15.10. Verification, Safety, Disallowance, and Refund.
- 4           §15.11. Assignment of Rebate or Incentive.
- 5           §15.12. Compliance.
- 6           §15.13. Complaints.
- 7           This agency hereby certifies that the rules as adopted have been reviewed by legal counsel and
- 8 found to be a valid exercise of the agency's legal authority.
- 9           Issued in Austin, Texas, on January 26, 2021.
- 10          Filed with the Office of the Secretary of State on January 26, 2021.

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