



# ANNOUNCEMENT

Texas Animal Health Commission  
“Serving Texas Animal Agriculture Since 1893”  
Dee Ellis, DVM, MPA • Executive Director

P.O. Box 12966 • Austin, Texas 78711 • (800) 550-8242 <http://www.tahc.texas.gov>

For more information contact the Communication & PR Dept. at 1-800-550-0710 or at [bonnie.ramirez@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:bonnie.ramirez@tahc.texas.gov)

ANNOUNCEMENT

October 1, 2013

## TAHC Proposes Amendments to Approved Personnel Rule; Seeks Comments

AUSTIN – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled meeting on September 10, 2013. The TAHC proposed amendments to several rules. One of the proposed amendments modifies Chapter 47, Approved Personnel, and is in response to recent legislation which passed that will affect those who perform regulatory disease control or eradication activities.

The Commission is changing the name of this chapter to Authorized Personnel, and is proposing amendments that establish minimum standards, training and recordkeeping requirements that individuals must meet in order to engage in activities that are part of a disease control or eradication program for animals. Existing disease control or eradication programs include, but are not limited to, Brucellosis, Tuberculosis, Trichomoniasis, Piroplasmiasis, Equine Infectious Anemia, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), Pseudorabies and Scrapie. Individuals eligible for authorized personnel status include state and federal animal health officials, accredited veterinarians, veterinarian employees and, for the CWD Program, anyone who collects and submits samples. The proposal also contains standards and procedures for suspending or revoking an individual’s authorized personnel status.

In addition to the authorized personnel general provisions, the Commission is proposing to reorganize existing Brucellosis rules. The amendment would specifically allow authorized veterinarians to adult vaccinate cattle for Brucellosis.

A detailed explanation of the rule proposal will be available Friday, October 4, on the TAHC web site at <http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/regs/proposals.html>.

The rule proposal has a comment period of 60 days. Comments will be accepted starting Friday, October 4, 2013. The TAHC encourages and appreciates all comments.

Comments on the TAHC’s proposed regulations must be submitted in writing to Carol Pivonka, Texas Animal Health Commission, 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758, by fax at (512) 719-0721 or by e-mail to [comments@tahc.state.tx.us](mailto:comments@tahc.state.tx.us).

Founded in 1893, the Texas Animal Health Commission works to protect the health of all Texas livestock, including: cattle, swine, poultry, sheep, goats, equine animals, and exotic livestock.

###

Find us on Facebook and Twitter

