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**EPA Issues Supplemental Definition of Solid Waste Proposal**

On March 15, 2007, the Administrator of the EPA signed a supplemental proposed rule to revise the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA") regulatory definition of solid waste. A copy of the published proposed rule is available at:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/dsw/abr-rule/fr3-26-07.pdf>

**New Circuit Case Deepens Split on Statute of Limitations for PSD Preconstruction Permit Violations**

On March 2, 2007, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals held that the five-year statute of limitations does not apply to violations of New Source Review requirements.

**EPA Issues Final Nanotechnology White Paper**

On February 15, EPA's Nanotechnology Working Group made available its final Nanotechnology White Paper. The White Paper is intended to inform EPA management of the science issues and needs associated with nanotechnology, to support related EPA program office needs, and to communicate these nanotechnology science issues to stakeholders and the public.

**TCEQ Seeks Public Comment on Draft 2006 Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) List**

TCEQ has released for public comment its draft 2006 Texas Water Quality Inventory and 303(d) list. This report describes the status of the state's surface waters including concerns for public health, fitness for aquatic species and other wildlife, and specific pollutants and their possible sources.

**Texas Legislature Highlights**

With March 9th as the bill filing deadline, a flurry of bills were filed covering environmental topics such as compliance history, air toxics, global warming, air and waste permitting, computer recycling, coal-fired plants and petroleum storage tanks.

**H.S. "Buddy" Garcia Confirmed as Commissioner for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

On March 13, 2007, the Texas Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment of H.S. Buddy Garcia to serve as a Commissioner of TCEQ.

**TCEQ Rolls-Out New E-Alert Service**

TCEQ has launched a new e-mail service that provides users with e-alerts as soon as the commission posts announcements or new information on its website.

## [Recent Texas Rules Updates](#)

Click on the above link for highlights of significant proposed and adopted Texas rule changes.

## [Firm News and Events](#)

- ◆ Paul Hagen and Russ LaMotte will speak at the ALI-ABA International Environmental Conference to be held April 12-13, 2007 at the Hotel Monaco in Washington, D.C.
- ◆ Lydia González Gromatzky, Paul Hagen, Russ LaMotte, and Jackson Morrill will speak at the Electronic Industries Alliance Environmental Issues Council Spring 2007 Meeting, to be held April 18-19, 2007 at the Hotel Washington in Washington D.C.
- ◆ The 2007 Texas Environmental Trade Fair and Conference will be held May 1-3, 2007 at the Austin Convention Center.

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