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## TAHC Commissioners Adopt Rule Amendments Chapter 40, Chronic Wasting Disease

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting November 12, 2024, at its headquarters in Austin. The following amendments were adopted and go into effect December 10, 2024.

### **Chapter 40, Chronic Wasting Disease**

The adopted changes eliminate all surveillance zones and all other references to surveillance zones throughout the section. Additionally, all requirements related to surveillance zones, including carcass movement requirements, are eliminated.

The amendments add a new containment zone in Coleman County in response to the detection of CWD in a free-range white-tailed deer, and a new containment zone in Collingsworth County in response to high-risk elk from an adjacent farm.

The updated rule is available in the Texas Administrative Code under [Title 4, Part 2, Chapter 40](#). The Texas Administrative Code can be accessed through the [TAHC website](#).

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