

Resolution whereby the general public is notified about an extension to the term to file application to extend the validity term of concession or assignment titles, and/or wastewater discharge permits, which expired during the COVID-19 emergency suspension period in terms of article 24 of the National Waters Law

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On September 7, 2020, the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources ("SEMARNAT") published in the Federal Official Gazette ("DOF") the "Resolution whereby the general public is notified about an extension to the term to file application to extend the validity term of concession or assignment titles, and/or wastewater discharge permits, which expired during the COVID-19 emergency suspension period in terms of article 24 of the National Waters Law" ("SEMARNAT Resolution").

SEMARNAT Resolution establishes that, those concession or assignment titles, and/or wastewater discharge permits, which term to apply for an extension of the validity term (procedure CONAGUA-01-021), in accordance with articles 22 and 24 of the National Waters Law expired during the period designated as non-business days by SEMARNAT, due to the sanitary situation generated by SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19), is extended **until October 30, 2020**, unless the health authorities provide otherwise ("Extension Application"). The suspension period ran from March 23 to August 23, 2020.

In order to file the Extension Application, the Comprehensive Service Centers of the National Water Commission ("CONAGUA" for its acronym in Spanish) will remain open for the reception of procedures, providing advice to applicants and receiving the applications and promotions that are filed in accordance with the applicable regulations, from Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., as long as a prior appointment has been made through the website <https://citas.conagua.gob.mx/citas/>.

Additionally, the Extension Application may be filed through the electronic system called *Con@gua en Línea*, in the following electronic address <https://buzondelagua.conagua.gob.mx/>.

In all of the abovementioned cases, the health and distance regulations must be rigorously observed, giving priority to the use of electronic means in communications between administrative units, or in their interactions with other public bodies, as well as in those corresponding to individuals, avoiding, as much as possible, the physical concentration, transit, or movement of people.

In case of any questions or assistance required, please contact the members of our Environmental practice area.

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