

The Advocate



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Calendar Items

Reports Due and Other Reminders

April

- 1 • Investor-owned or privately-owned water and wastewater: annual report
- Stage 2 Disinfection By-products Monitoring for systems with population 100,000 or more
- Any system providing water to a community water system shall deliver the applicable Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to receiving systems
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Quarterly Biomonitoring DMR and Tables
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

June

- 15 • Liquid waste transporter: annual summary

- 30 • Categorical industrial users that discharge to a publicly owned treatment works without an approved pretreatment program: semiannual report

July

- 1 • Toxics Release Inventory
- Sludge transporter: renewal of registration, every two years; annual summary report
- Community water systems: CCR Certificate of Delivery to TCEQ
- Waste Reduction Policy Act: annual progress report
- All community water systems: CCR report due to customers
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Quarterly/Semiannual Biomonitoring DMR and tables
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee ■

Attend a Small Public Water System Management Workshop This Spring or Summer

Are you struggling to keep up with maintenance on your water system? Are you concerned about having adequate supply for your community?

We will conduct free workshops this spring and summer to help system owners, managers, and operators create an inventory and budget, identify maintenance needs, and assess their sources.

Workshops are planned for the following locations:

- Amarillo, May 15
- Conroe, May 29
- Tyler, June 12
- Nacogdoches, June 13
- New Braunfels, June 26

For more information about the workshops call our Small Business and Local Government Assistance Hotline at 1-800-447-2827. ■

Submit Your Drought Contingency Plans by May 1

Drought contingency plans are due to the TCEQ by May 1, 2014.

WHO NEEDS TO PREPARE A DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN?

- retail public water suppliers
- wholesale public water suppliers
- irrigation districts

What should my drought contingency plan include?

Drought contingency plans should include:

- Specific, quantified targets for water use reductions
- Drought response stages
- Triggers to begin and end each stage
- Supply management measures

- Demand management measures
- Descriptions of drought indicators
- Notification procedures
- Enforcement procedures
- Procedures for granting exceptions
- Public input to the plan
- Ongoing public education
- Adoption of the plan
- Coordination with regional water planning group

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Submit Your Drought Contingency Plans by May 1 (continued)

DO I NEED TO SUBMIT MY PLAN TO THE TCEQ?

All the entities listed above need to submit their plans, *except retail public water suppliers serving fewer than 3,300 connections*. Those water suppliers do not need to submit their plans to the TCEQ, but must keep them available for TCEQ inspection upon request.

HOW OFTEN DO I NEED TO UPDATE MY PLAN?

After preparing and (if required) submitting your new or revised plan by

May 1, 2014, you also must revise your drought contingency plan every five years thereafter to coincide with the regional water planning group process. Those entities required to submit their plans to the TCEQ must submit these new or revised plans within 90 days of the plan's adoption by their entity's governing body.

Reminder: Any change in the current drought stage described in your drought contingency plan should be reported online at <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/drought-form> or reported by calling 512-239-4691.

HOW DO I SUBMIT MY PLAN?

For plans requiring submission to the TCEQ, e-mail them to <wcp@tceq.texas.gov> or mail them to the following address:

Resource Protection Team, Water Availability Division, MC 160
TCEQ

P.O. Box 13087
Austin TX 78711-3087

Learn more about drought contingency plans at <www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_rights/contingency.html>. ■

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You have free, confidential help right in your backyard.

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Occupational Licensing Requires Criminal History Background Check

On Aug. 20, 2012, the TCEQ Operating and Licensing Section expanded the Criminal History and Background Check, using the Department of Public Safety records, to comply with the current state statute.

When you apply for a TCEQ occupational license, either a new license or a renewal, you must complete a Criminal History Notification form. You must report all arrests and/or convictions above a Class C Misdemeanor, including deferred or dismissed cases. You can complete the form online or download it and send by fax or e-mail.

If you do not fully complete the form or if you fill in inaccurate information, we will send you a deficiency letter and you may face a delay in processing the application. Should your background check result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of your license, the rules allow you to discuss your case at a formal hearing. If you apply for an initial license, you can request that the TCEQ evaluate your criminal history prior to applying for the license. We recommend that you submit a renewal application 60 days prior to the expiration of your license. This will allow

you to address any deficiencies that could occur as a result of the background check or other issues before the license expires. For more information, please visit <www.tceq.texas.gov/licensing> or call 512-239-6133. ■

CALL ON US

Toll Free & Confidential:

1-800-447-2827

Get free, confidential help with questions on air, water, waste, or pollution prevention issues from this special section of the TCEQ. SBLGA works for you by:

- providing local environmental assistance when and where it's needed;
- communicating technical information in plain language; and
- giving small business and local government a voice in TCEQ rule and policy-making.

On the Web at:

TexasEnviroHelp.org

SBLGA is entirely separate from TCEQ's enforcement program.

Adopted Rule Changes in Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC)

Chapter 330: HB 2694, Article 2, from the 82nd Legislature. This legislation transferred from the TCEQ to the Railroad Commission of Texas duties relating to the protection of groundwater resources from oil- and gas-associated activities.

Chapter 111: Add Wildfire Hazard Mitigation to the State's Prescribed Burn Rule. This rule adds "hazard mitigation" to the exception authorized for prescribed burning in 30 TAC, Section 111.211.

Find out the status of current TCEQ rule projects including public com-

ment period, adoption dates, effective dates, and rule project managers and contact information from our website at www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ >

Current TCEQ rule projects include:

- Flexible Permits State Implementation Plan Conformity Rule – Project No: 2014-00 1-116-AI
- Upper Neches River Municipal Water Authority Petition – Project No: 2014-013-PET-NR
- House Bill (HB) 3233: Interbasin Transfers of Surface Water – Project No: 2013-055-295-OW
- HB 1814, HB 252, HB 1973 and Senate Bill (SB) 1086: Water Shortage and Fire Flow – Project No: 2013-047-290-OW
- Revisions to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) 321 Related to Revised Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) Rules – Project No: 2009-011-321-OW
- Amendments to 30 TAC 312 Sludge Use, Disposal and Transportation – Project No: 2014-010-312-OW
- HB 1796: Texas Clean School Bus – Project No: 2014-008-114-AD
- Evaporation Ponds General Permit at Industrial and Water Treatment Facilities – Project No: 2014-005-OTH-NR
- HB 788: Greenhouse Gas Permitting – Project No: 2013-040-116-AI
- Stage I Testing Requirements Rule Revisions (Gasoline Dispensing Facilities) – Project No: 2013-022-115-AI
- Renewal of the John Graves General Permit, TXG500000 – Project No: 2013-003-OTH-NR
- SB 1727: Texas Clean Fleet Program – Project No: 2013-038-114-AI
- SB 1727: Emission Reduction Incentive Grants Program – Project No: 2013-036-114-AI
- Amendments to 30 TAC 311 Subchapter G: Watershed Protection – Project No: 2014-006-311-OW
- Amendments to 30 TAC 305.541 to Adopt New Federal Airport De-icing Rules by Reference – Project No: 2013-052-305-OW
- HB 7, HB 2694 and SB 819: Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Tipping Fees & Exemptions, Railroad Commission (RRC) Transfer and Permit by Rule (PBR) for Disposal of Demolition Waste – Project No: 2013-050-330-WS
- HB 798, HB 1659, HB1846 and SB 162: Occupational Licensing – Project No: 2013-044-030-WS
- Emissions Inventory State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard for the Houston, Galveston and Brazoria (HGB) and Dallas Ft. Worth (DFW) areas – Project No: 2013-016-SIP-NR
- Emission Banking and Trading Updates – Project No: 2014-007-101-AI



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Find registration information for all events at www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events.

Environmental Trade Fair and Conference

May 6-7, 2014,
Austin Convention Center.

Dam Safety Workshop

June 4, 2014,
J.J. Pickle Center in Austin.

Dam Safety Workshop

June 26, 2014,
Granbury Resort
Conference Center

For more information on these or other active TCEQ rulemaking please visit www5.tceq.state.tx.us/rules/index.cfm?fuseaction=external_reports.approvalReport. ■



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