



# **Waste Management for Authorized Facilities: Responding to Hurricanes**

If you must respond to damage from a hurricane, this information will help you understand relevant environmental rules and decide on a reasonable course of action to follow. If you have any questions, please contact your TCEQ regional office.

Find contact information for the regional office that serves you at:  
<[www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/region](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/region)>.

For information about other types of disasters, i.e.; spills, wildfires and other environmental emergencies or situations, go to <[www.tceq.texas.gov/response](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response)>.

## **Municipal Solid Waste Facilities:**

### **May Municipal Solid Waste facilities make changes such as extending operating hours or expanding capacity to address impacts of declared disaster events?**

- Inside the impacted area, the TCEQ regional office may grant temporary authorization for some regulated activities to prevent the disruption of municipal solid waste services.

This authority is provided for under TCEQ rules at Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Section 330.135(c) [30 TAC 330.135(c)].

- Outside the impacted area, the TCEQ MSW Permits Section may expedite requests for temporary authorizations. The TCEQ will provide follow-up approval documentation by mail.

Please contact the MSW Permits Section at 512-239-2335 to request authorization verbally, or in writing:

MSW Permits Section, MC 129  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

## **Can quarterly tipping fees be waived or extended?**

A fee may be waived if the disposal facility donates the costs of the waste disposal resulting from the disaster. This exemption only applies to a municipality, county or other political subdivision.

If disposal fees are not waived by the disposal facility, the municipality, county or other political subdivision may request an extension to pay the fee under emergency conditions.

Submit the request in writing to the TCEQ Municipal Solid Waste program fee coordinator at:

MSW Program Fee Coordinator, MC 124  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

## **Petroleum Storage Tank Facilities:**

### **Is construction notification required if petroleum storage tank systems are damaged or dislodged as a result of disaster-related effects?**

If you, as an owner or operator, are unable to meet pre-construction notification requirements of 30 TAC 334.6(2)(E) for removing or repairing a tank because of damage from a disaster, provide the notification form (TCEQ-495) to the TCEQ as soon as feasible after the removal or repair occurs.

Find the Underground & Aboveground Storage Tank Construction Notification Form (TCEQ-495) at <[tceq.texas.gov/goto/PST\\_form](http://tceq.texas.gov/goto/PST_form)> and send to:

PST Registration & Self-Certification Team, MC-138  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, TX 78711-3087

## **Industrial Hazardous Waste Facilities:**

### **How should I dispose of any hazardous waste that is generated as a result of the disaster?**

Hazardous waste generated by the disaster should be separated from other waste and disposed of at an authorized hazardous waste management facility.

## **Can an extension be granted to temporarily store hazardous waste on-site until it can be transported or processed?**

Under non-disaster conditions, 30 TAC 335.69 provides timeframes under which a hazardous waste generator may store or process on-site generated waste in tanks or containers using the following guidelines:

- Large-quantity generators —90 days,
- Small quantity generators —180 days.

The TCEQ's executive director may grant an extension of up to 30 days if hazardous wastes must remain on-site for longer than these standard timeframes due to unforeseen, temporary, and uncontrollable circumstances.

To request an extension, the generator may call the Industrial and Hazardous Waste Permits Section at 512-239-2334 or write a letter to:

Industrial and Hazardous Waste Permits Section, MC 130  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
P.O. Box 13087  
Austin, Texas 78711-3087