

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

December 8, 2016

2016 PRIORITIES

1. Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses.
2. Strengthen partnerships with local environmental programs.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 AM. Each of the participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

TCEQ Austin Update

Shannon Watson, TCEQ Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) section team leader, provided the SBAC with TCEQ program updates. Many updates are available through the online publication [The Advocate](#) and include:

- The TCEQ SBLGA section conducted extensive outreach in the last year to wineries and petroleum storage tank (PST) facilities. Outreach to wineries included developing the guidance document "[Wineries: Am I Regulated?](#)" (RG-532). PST outreach included conducting 18 workshops across the state and developing the [compliance notebook](#) for PST facilities.
- The 85th Texas Legislative Session begins Jan. 10, 2017.
- The TCEQ has begun the process of renewing the 2013 [Stormwater Construction General Permit \(CGP\)](#) which will expire on March 4, 2018.
- On Oct. 19, 2016, TCEQ commissioners adopted the renewal of the [Ready Mixed Concrete General Permit](#) which authorizes discharges from ready-mixed concrete plants, concrete products plants, and their associated facilities.
- On Dec. 7, 2016, TCEQ commissioners adopted rules to [expand the use of graywater](#).
- On Dec. 7, 2016, TCEQ commissioners adopted rules to update Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) and Generally Available Control Technology (GACT) standards referenced in 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Ch. 113.
- On Dec. 15, 2016, TCEQ commissioners adopted rules that would revise 30 TAC Ch. 115 to implement RACT requirements for VOC storage vessels in the Houston Galveston Brazoria area.

Open Discussion

The SBAC members then discussed meeting dates and possible new meeting locations. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 8, 2017.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Finalize dates and locations for upcoming meetings.

Next SBAC Meeting: TBD