Drive a Clean Machine—AirCheckTexas

Coming this December, up to 1.9 million households may qualify for vouchers to replace or repair their car or truck. Individuals could qualify for up to $3,500 towards replacing a vehicle. Replacement assistance is available on the following:

• $3,000 for a car, current model year or up to three model years old
• $3,000 for a truck, current model year or up to two model years old
• $3,500 for a hybrid vehicle of the current or previous model year

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Emissions-related repairs are available for up to $600 per year per vehicle for emissions-related repairs performed by DPS-recognized emission repair facilities.

You must meet these conditions:

• Failed an emissions test,
• Registered in your program area for at least 12 months preceding your replacement application

OR

• At least 10 years old and gasoline powered,
• Registered in your program area for at least 12 months preceding your replacement application

Size of Household | Maximum Net Income Per Year
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1 | $30,630
2 | $41,070
3 | $51,510
4 | $61,950
5 | $72,390
6 | $82,830
7 | $93,270
8 | $103,710
Over 8 | Add $10,400 for each add’l. member

Your vehicle must be registered in one of these participating counties:

Austin Program Area:
- Travis
- Williamson

Dallas-Fort Worth Program Area:
- Collin
- Kaufman
- Dallas
- Parker
- Denton
- Rockwall
- Ellis
- Tarrant
- Johnson

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria Program Area:
- Brazoria
- Harris
- Fort Bend
- Montgomery
- Galveston

Passed a DPS motor-vehicle safety inspection or safety and emissions inspection within 15 months of your replacement application

Call (toll-free) 800-913-3321 to find out if you are eligible. Also visit <www.driveacleanmachine.org>.

Same Newsletter…
New Look

Have you noticed the new logo gracing the front of The Advocate?

The newsletter now participates in the TCEQ’s new Take Care of Texas program, a personal responsibility campaign that encourages individuals to make a personal commitment to do their part to protect the Texas environment—and save money at the same time. Visit <www.takecareoftexas.org>.

Take Care of Texas—
It’s the only one we’ve got.

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2008 Due Dates to Remember

The TCEQ requires a number of reports, plans, and fees at different times throughout the year. To give small businesses and local governments a handy guide, the following list gives due dates for common TCEQ reports and fees. Please remember that this list may not be all-inclusive; also, these items will not be applicable to all entities.

**January**
1. Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA) plan
10. Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR) due to the TCEQ for groundwater or purchased water systems
18. Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) usage reports for grant recipients
25. Industrial and hazardous waste annual summary report (paper filers)
   • Used oil collection center report and re-registration
26. Drinking water state-revolving fund packets due to Texas Water Development Board
30. Water and wastewater investor-owned utilities, districts, water supply corporations, and affected counties regulatory assessment fees
   • Dry cleaner: quarterly registration fee
31. Stage II vapor recovery exemption confirmation form

**February**
15. Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO) annual report

**March**
1. Water rights holder: annual water use report
   • Scrap-tire transporter: annual activity report
   • Scrap tire and storage site combined: annual activity report
   • Industrial and hazardous waste: annual summary report (electronic filers)
   • Medical waste transporter and self transporter: annual waste report
   • Report for on-site treatment of medical waste on mobile vehicles
   • Tier II reports
31. Multi-sector general permit for discharges from industrial activities
   • Benchmark monitoring summary
   • Numeric effluent limit (annual hazardous metals) discharge monitoring reports (DMRs)
   • DMRs on sector-specific, numeric effluent limits
   • Construction storm water general permit
   • DMRs for concrete batch plants
   • Air Emissions Inventory
   • Annual report on air emissions events

**April**
1. Investor-owned or privately owned water and wastewater: annual report
   • Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) sample plan or waiver for community public water systems serving 50,000 to 99,999 people
   • Any system providing water to a community water system shall deliver the applicable Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) information required by 30 TAC §290.272 to the receiving systems
10. DLQOR due to the TCEQ for groundwater or purchased water systems
   • Nomination form for public drinking water recognition program
30. Dry cleaner: quarterly registration fee

**June**
30. Semiannual report for categorical industrial users that discharge to a publicly owned treatment works without an approved pretreatment program

**July**
1. Toxics Release Inventory
   • Liquid waste transporter: annual summary
   • Water systems: CCR to customers and Certificate of Delivery to TCEQ
   • Waste Reduction Policy Act: annual progress report
   • Analytical data generated by a non-exempt laboratory–must get accredited by the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference to submit to the TCEQ
10. DLQOR due to the TCEQ for groundwater or purchased water systems
18. TERP usage reports for grant recipients
30. Dry cleaner: quarterly registration fee

**August**
1. Dry cleaner: annual renewal registration form

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Exemptions are also in place for labs that:
- are accredited under federal law,
- generate data needed for emergency-response activities when a laboratory accredited under the Texas Laboratory Accreditation Program is not available,
- and
- supply data for which the TCEQ does not offer accreditation.

This new requirement will affect data that is submitted to all agency programs, including data used for commission decisions on permits or other authorizations, compliance matters, enforcement actions, or corrective actions.

The accreditation process requires that labs be certified for each individual matrix (water, waste, soil, biologic material, and air), method, and analyte combination. For example, a total suspended solids test for wastewater would require the lab to be certified for wastewater (media) and the filter test (EPA Method 160.2.)

The Texas Laboratory Accreditation Program uses quality control checklists to verify that labs conform to NELAC standards and advises laboratory management to use these checklists to assess their quality systems and documentation before signing the certification of compliance and submitting an application for accreditation. Each laboratory receives a unique certification number from the Texas Laboratory Accreditation Program. To meet the July 1, 2008, deadline, in-house laboratories that are not exempt should begin applying immediately for accreditation. Others should review the exemptions above to make sure your in-house labs meet the requirements.

The TCEQ’s Web site has useful resources on accreditation, finding a certified lab, and applicable rules. For more information, visit <www.tceq.state.tx.us/compliance/compliance_support/qa/env_lab_accreditation.html>.

Meet the New Small Business Ombudsman

Grace Montgomery Faulkner

Welcome

There’s a new face representing small business and local government issues at the TCEQ. Luckily, this new face is an old hand around the TCEQ!

Grace Montgomery Faulkner was appointed Director of the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division (SBEA) on July 1, 2007. She comes to SBEA with an abundance of experience and knowledge after 22 years with the TCEQ and its predecessor agencies. SBEA’s mission targets its services to small businesses, local governments, large industry, and Texans who need assistance with regulatory, pollution-prevention, and conservation issues.

Before coming to SBEA, Ms. Montgomery Faulkner served as deputy director of the Office of Administrative Services, supporting the agency and its environmental mission through internal support of administrative functions. She also previously served as a field investigator, enforcement coordinator, corrective action team leader, section manager, and director of the Registration, Review & Reporting Division. In these capacities, she came face-to-face with the issues that small businesses and local governments must overcome to achieve compliance with state environmental regulations.

In addition, she served 24 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserve where she worked in civil engineering, military personnel, and logistics careers.

Ms. Montgomery Faulkner grew up in San Antonio enjoying the local culture and food, and then went on to root for her alma mater’s football team at Southwest Texas State University, now Texas State.

Now returning to the roots of her education as a science major in environmental management, Ms. Montgomery Faulkner will focus on environmental and customer-focused programs in the areas of pollution prevention, conservation, and compliance. She is dedicated to working with small businesses and local governments, using innovation to advance the agency’s mission of a clean, sustainable environment in Texas.
**Occupational Licensing Rule Changes May Affect You**

Occupational licensing rules found in Chapter 30 of Texas Administrative Code were revised in September. These rules affect a wide range of operators including municipal solid waste, water treatment, wastewater, and on-site sewage, as well as landscape installers, leaking petroleum tanks project managers, and backflow prevention assembly testers.

The majority of revisions focus on municipal solid waste facility supervisors. The revisions address provisional letters, type of license needed based on facility, exemptions, renewals, training, and training providers. Supervisors have until September 2009 to obtain or renew their required license.

For further information on what type of license a municipal solid waste facility operator must have, see [www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/rules/current.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/rules/current.html), Title 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 30, Subchapter F, or call the Compliance Support Division at 512-239-6300.

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**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: [www.sblga.info](http://www.sblga.info)

SBLGA is entirely separate from TCEQ’s enforcement program.

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