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Agricultural Waste Pesticide Collections

Upcoming dates for September and October events are posted at www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/AgWaste/schedule.html. You can also sign up for e-mail updates at www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/gov-delivery. ■

Petroleum Storage Tank Workshops

The TCEQ is holding PST Compliance Assistance Workshops in cities across Texas this fall. You can find more information and register to attend a free workshop at: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/sblga/industry/pst/pst_wkshp.html#about. ■

Date:	Location:
Oct 5	Houston
Oct 7	Ft. Worth
Oct 12	Waco
Oct 15	San Antonio
Oct 21	San Angelo
Oct 22	Midland
Oct 26	Houston
Oct 28	Dallas
Nov 3	Harlingen
Nov 4	El Paso

Deadlines Approaching for Auto Body Shops, Surface Coaters, and Paint Strippers

The National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) has upcoming deadlines for auto body shops, surface coaters, and paint strippers that are classified as area sources of hazardous air pollutants (sources that emit less than 10 tons annually of a single hazardous air pollutant or less than 25 tons annually of a combination of hazardous air pollutants). Existing sources—defined as those in operation prior to Sept. 7, 2007—are required

to be in compliance with Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations Part 63, Subpart HHHHHH by Jan. 10, 2011. Existing sources must certify they are in compliance by March 11, 2011. You must comply with this federal rule in addition to your state air authorization. Fact sheets, forms, and more information are available at



at www.texasenvirohelp.org; click on “NESHAP Assistance Tools.” ■

TCEQ Names New Ombudsman for Rural Areas

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality recognizes that the needs of rural communities differ from those of other areas of the state. As a result, the agency created a rural ombudsman position. Jason Robinson has been selected as the agency’s first rural ombudsman. He will use his 12 years of experience working for a small community to link small, local governments with TCEQ assistance programs, regulators, and other associations and state agencies. He also will bring specific concerns to the attention of agency leaders and rule makers to facilitate better communication and compliance. ■

New Website Address That’s Easy to Remember!

There is a new way to get to the Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) home page. The website www.texasenvirohelp.org will redirect you to the SBLGA home page. If you currently have www.sblga.info bookmarked, that address will continue to work. We think our new Web address will be easier for our customers to find and remember. Tell a friend about www.texasenvirohelp.org today! ■



2011 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, we have put together the following list that 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 organizations.

JANUARY

- 1 • Waste Reduction Policy Act: Executive Summary of Five-Year Pollution Prevention Plan, every fifth year
- Clean Rivers Water Use Assessment Fee: bills sent in January and payment due 30 days later
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: Biomonitoring Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) if applicable
- 22 • Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) usage reports from grant recipients
- 25 • Industrial and hazardous waste: annual summary report (paper filers)
- Used-oil collection center: report every year
- 30 • Water and wastewater investor-owned utilities, districts, water supply corporations, and affected counties: regulatory assessment fees
- Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee
- 31 • Computer recyclers: report on amount collected from manufacturers

FEBRUARY

- 15 • Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO): annual report

MARCH

- 1 • Water rights holder: annual water-use report
- Scrap-tire transporter: annual activity report
- Combined scrap tire and storage site: annual activity report
- Industrial and hazardous waste: annual summary report (electronic filers)

- Medical waste transporter and self transporter: annual waste report
- Medical waste: annual registration and summary
- Tier II reports
- 31 • Multi-sector general permit (MSGP)
 - ♦ Benchmark monitoring summary
 - ♦ Discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) on numeric effluent limit (annual hazardous metals)
 - ♦ DMRs on sector-specific, numeric effluent limits
- Air Emissions Inventory
- Annual report on air emissions events

APRIL

- 1 • Investor-owned or privately owned water and wastewater: annual report
- Any system providing water to a community water system shall deliver the applicable Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to receiving systems
- Household Hazardous Waste: reporting form for amount of materials collected by local programs due
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: Biomonitoring Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) if applicable
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

JUNE

- 15 • Liquid waste transporter: annual summary
- Sludge Transporter: renewal of registration, every two years; annual summary report
- 30 • Categorical Industrial Users that discharge to a publicly owned treatment works without an approved pretreatment program: semiannual report

JULY

- 1 • Toxics Release Inventory
- Waste Reduction Policy Act: annual progress report
- All community water systems: CCR report due to customers and

- Certificate of Delivery to TCEQ
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 18 • TERP usage reports for grant recipients
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: Biomonitoring Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) if applicable
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

AUGUST

- 1 • Dry cleaners: annual renewal registration form

SEPTEMBER

- 1 • Liquid waste transporter fee
- Storm water general permit: annual water-quality fees assessed for MSGP & Phase II municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s)
- 30 • Wastewater irrigation: annual soil analyses and irrigation effluent analyses (or as otherwise established in the authorization)

OCTOBER

- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: Biomonitoring Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

NOVEMBER

- 12 • Phase II MS4: annual report
- 15 • Municipal solid waste facilities: annual report
- Mercury switch annual survey

DECEMBER

- 31 • All public drinking-water-systems: public health service fee is due to the TCEQ
- Categorical Industrial users that discharge to a publicly owned treatment works without an approved pretreatment program: semiannual report
- MSGP and Phase II MS4s: annual water quality fees ■

Are You Confused about the TCEQ's Water Supply Regulations?

The Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) section develops and maintains publications to provide guidance in an easy-to-understand manner. These tools may be found on our website at <www.texasenvirohelp.org> or may be ordered from the forms and publications page at <www.tceq.state.tx.us/goto/publications>. Here are some of our recent updates or additions to help you if you own or operate a public water system:

Landowner's Guide to Plugging Abandoned Water Wells, RG-347

Guidance on how to properly plug an abandoned water well.

Water Supply Corporations: Frequently Asked Questions, GI-047

Explains what a "Water Supply or

Sewer Service Corporation" (WSC) is, how to join, and the alternatives to joining.

Preparation of a Drinking Water Survey Report, RG-428

Anyone who reports groundwater contamination may use this document to guide them in submitting a drinking water survey report.

A Public Water System Guide to Responding to a Backflow Incident, RG-476

Detailed instructions for dealing with backflow incidents for public water systems.

A Public Water System Guide to Preparing a Backflow Incident Emergency Response Plan, RG-477

A guide to help public water systems to prepare an emergency response

plan for dealing with a backflow incident. The TCEQ recommends the preparation of an emergency response plan as a best management practice.

Protesting a Rate Change made by a Private or Investor-Owned Utility, GI-266

A customer guide to the public hearing process.

Appealing a Rate Change Decision, GI-024

Information for water or sewer utility customers on how to appeal a rate change decision made by a board of directors, a city council, or county commissioners. ■

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2011 Underground Storage Tank Delivery Certificate Renewal Schedule

If the owner # ends in:	Certificate Expires:	Renewal Date:	Renewed Delivery Certificate Posted By:
1	Jan 31	Jan 2	Feb 1
2	Feb 28	Jan 30	Mar 1
3	Mar 31	Mar 2	Apr 1
4	Apr 30	Apr 1	May 1
5	May 31	May 2	Jun 1
6	Jun 30	Jun 1	Jul 1
7	Jul 31	Jul 2	Aug 1
8	Aug 31	Aug 2	Sep 1
9	Sep 30	Sep 1	Oct 1
10	Oct 31	Oct 2	Nov 1

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

Small Business Advisory Committee (SBAC)

Houston Galveston Area Council
 Dec. 16, 10 a.m.–noon
 3555 Timmons Lane, Conference Room C, Houston
Contact: Matthew Boger, 713-767-3693

Pollution Prevention Workshops

Oct. 21–22, Fort Worth, Automation & Robotics Research Institute at The University of Texas at Arlington
 Nov. 10–11, Houston, Hilton University of Houston
 For additional information, visit <www.p2plan.org> or contact Susan Palachek, 512-239-3106.

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- 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.texasenvirohelp.org

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