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Date Change for Valley Environmental Summit

The date of the Environmental Summit in the Valley has been changed to Oct. 24. The location remains at the South Padre Island Convention Center. You still have time to register. The event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register at <TexasEnviroHelp.org>. For more information, contact Imelda Peña, 956-389-7427. ■

Last Chance to Apply for Environmental Excellence Awards!

The deadline for applications for the 2014 Texas Environmental Excellence Awards has been extended until Oct. 11, 2013! Know of a great environmental project? Check out <www.TEEA.org> to learn more and apply! ■



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2014 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: Executive Summary of Five-Year Pollution Prevention Plan, every fifth year
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)
- 20 • Quarterly Biomonitoring Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) and Tables
- 25 • Industrial and Hazardous waste: annual summary report (paper filers)
 - Used-Oil collection center: annual report
 - Used-oil filter handlers: renew registration and report in even-numbered years
- 30 • Water and wastewater investor-owned utilities, districts, water supply corporations, and affected counties: regulatory assessment fee
 - Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

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 facility 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
- 20 • 2013 Scrap Tire Transporter Annual Report
- 20 • 2013 Tire Facility and Storage Site Combined Annual Activity Reports
- 31 • Air Emissions Inventory Annual Report on air emissions events
- 31 • Multi-sector general permit (MSGP) for:
 - ~Industrial stormwater discharges
 - ~Benchmark monitoring summary
 - ~DMRs on numeric effluent limit (annual hazardous metals)
 - DMRs on sector-specific, numeric effluent limits

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

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2014 Dates to Remember (continued)

- 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

- 1** • Annual emissions and inspection fee basis forms
- 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: annual reports due to the EPA
- 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

August

- 1** • Dry cleaners: annual renewal registration form

September

- 1** • Liquid waste transporter fee
- MSGP and Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4): annual water-quality fees assessed
- 30** • Sludge DMRs

October

- 10** • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR

- 20** • Quarterly/Semiannual Biomonitoring DMR and tables
- 30** • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

November

- 1** • Annual emissions and inspection fee payment
- 12** • Phase II MS4: annual report

December

- 30** • All public drinking water systems: public health service fee
- 31** • 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 invoiced ■

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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:

TexasEnviroHelp.org

SBLGA is entirely separate from TCEQ's enforcement program.

Planned Maintenance, Startup and Shutdown at Oil and Gas Handling and Production Facilities

On July 26, 2013, TCEQ commissioners adopted the Oil and Gas Maintenance Startup and Shutdown Permit by Rule (PBR), Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Section 106.359. The rule became effective on Sept. 10, 2013 and the compliance deadline is Jan. 5, 2014. The PBR provides applicants a streamlined authorization mechanism for planned MSS at oil and gas production sites. It requires that the permit holder develop and implement a maintenance program and use best management practices (BMPs) to minimize emissions.

For more information on the rule, a link to the rule language, and information on compliance tools, please visit the rule Web page at: <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/pbr-mss>. ■

TCEQ Offers Hotlines on Several Topics

In addition to the **Small Business and Local Government Assistance hotline, 800-447-2827**, which is intended to provide assistance to small businesses and local governments with their regulatory issues, the TCEQ has three other hotline numbers that might be helpful to you. These numbers are intended to assist the general public with questions about permits, electronics recycling, and general customer service questions.

- **Public Participation in Permitting | 800-687-4040**

The Public Education Program provides information to the public on the status of applications and the permitting process. www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/permitting-participation/pub_part.html

- **TV Recycling | 855-887-3292**

Provides guidance for consumers, manufacturers, retailers, and recyclers on the Texas television recycling program. www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/recycle/electronics/tv_recycling.html

- **Compact with Texans | 855-685-8237**

Provides a means for citizens to give feedback on the customer service they receive from the TCEQ. www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/compact.html

For a complete list of TCEQ toll-free numbers, visit www.tceq.texas.gov/about/directory/tollfree.html. ■

Additional Compliance Assistance Available for Water Systems

The ongoing drought continues to affect water systems around the state, particularly smaller water systems. For the health of citizens throughout Texas, it is important for our public water and wastewater systems to remain financially sound as they provide clean drinking water, collect and treat wastewater, and reuse or discharge that treated wastewater properly.

Without help, some water or wastewater systems might fall out of compliance with regulations designed to protect human health and the environment. The TCEQ's Office of Water offers assistance at no charge to water and wastewater systems. Financial, managerial, and technical assistance is provided through a contract with utility professionals. Services include drought assistance, alternate source assessment, rate studies, and many others.

The contractors can provide a water system (or the utility operating it) help that is tailored to their specific need. They can even help struggling water or wastewater systems carefully consider whether consolidation with a neighboring system would be a reasonable way to solve long-term problems.

For more information, visit www.tceq.texas.gov/utilities/fmt or contact Stacy Foster at 512-239-3105, stacy.foster@tceq.texas.gov. ■

Free Help Available to General Recyclers

Are you a recycler? Our Compliance Commitment Program is expanding to include general recyclers! Do you know what environmental rules apply to you? Or, would you just like to know that you're doing things the right way? You may be eligible for a free and confidential compliance assessment from our contractor. Visit our website, www.texasenvirohelp.org, or call our toll-free hotline at 800-447-2827 for more information. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS

From the general calendar of events at www.tceq.texas.gov/events

Get Involved with the Small Business Advisory Committee (SBAC) Near You

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- Fort Worth Small Business Advisory Committee
Contact: Kathryn Bazan, 817-588-5827
- Golden Triangle Small Business Advisory Committee
Contact: Lori Palmer, 409-899-8789
- Houston Small Business Advisory Committee
Next Meeting: Dec. 5, 2013
Contact: Stephen Scalise, 713-767-3726

To check the dates, times, and locations of these meetings, or to register to attend, please visit www.tceq.texas.gov/assistance/advise/sbac/sbac.html.

For more information, contact our Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section at 800-447-2827 or by e-mail at sbap@tceq.texas.gov.

Industrial Emissions Inventory

Jan. 23, 2014

*The University of Texas, J.J. Pickle Center, Commons Bldg.,
10100 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78758*

Information: www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/etfc/industrialemissionsinventory

TCEQ's Environmental Trade Fair and Conference

May 6-7, 2014

Austin Convention Center

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