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Remember These Dates in 2015

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)
- 15 • Quad OOOO reports due
- 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
- 30 • Water and wastewater investor-owned utilities, districts, water supply corporations, and affected counties: regulatory assessment fee
 - Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

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 • 2014 Scrap Tire Transporter Annual Report
- 2014 Tire Facility and Storage Site Combined Annual Activity Reports
- 29 • Air Emissions Inventory
 - Annual Report on air emissions events
- 31 • Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO): annual report
 - 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 • Stage 2 disinfection by-products monitoring for systems with population 100,000 or more
- Public drinking water systems that provide water to community water system(s) deliver the applicable Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) information to their receiving systems

- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Quarterly biomonitoring DMR and tables
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

May

- 1 • Public drinking water systems that provide water to a community water system(s) certify to the TCEQ that the applicable CCR information was delivered to their receiving systems

June

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

July

- 1 • Toxics Release Inventory
- Sludge transporter: 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 and to TCEQ
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR

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Remember These Dates in 2015

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- 20 • Quarterly/semiannual biomonitoring DMR and tables
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

August

- 1 • Dry cleaners: annual renewal registration form
- 4-5 • Public Drinking Water Conference

September

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

October

- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Quarterly/semiannual biomonitoring DMR and tables
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

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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TCEQ Events Now Accepting Registrations

Public Water System—Asset Management Workshops

We will be conducting free workshops to help system owners, managers, and operators create an inventory and budget, identify maintenance needs, and assess their source. Three CEUs will be offered to water system operators.

Workshops are planned for the following locations:

El Paso | Oct. 16, 2014

1:00 – 4:40 p.m.
Tech2O Center
10751 Montana Ave
El Paso, TX 79935

Weslaco | Oct. 21, 2014

1:00 – 4:40 p.m.
Texas A & M Agri-Life Extension Center
2401 E. Highway 83
Weslaco, TX 78596

For more information about the workshops visit <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/small-pws-workshop/>.

Environmental Summit on the Border

The Laredo Environmental Summit engages the general public, political leaders, neighborhood associations, nonprofits, businesses, and students to discuss and resolve environmental challenges in their areas. While the summit is free and open to the public, registration is required.

Laredo Environmental Summit

Nov. 6, 2014 | 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Texas A&M International University (TAMIU),
5201 University Blvd., Laredo, Texas 78401
Contact: Carmen Ramirez, 956-721-8457
Register: <TexasEnviroHelp.org>
Information: <www.laredoenvironmentalsummit.com>

Texas Environmental Excellence Awards

Each year, the TCEQ commissioners and the governor's office honor the state's most outstanding environmental projects through the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards (TEEA). Winners from across the state are chosen who represent ways Texans set the standard for ensuring clean air, clean water, and safe management of waste. Applications are now open.

The deadline to apply for the Texas Environmental Excellence Awards has been extended to October 10! Highlight your outstanding environmental project now at <www.teea.org/apply>.

Advanced Air Permitting Seminar

Oct. 15-16, 2014, at the Austin Convention Center
Exhibitor and attendee registration is **now open**.
Get more information at <www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/air-permitting.html>. ■

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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:

TexasEnviroHelp.org

SBLGA is entirely separate from TCEQ's enforcement program.

TCEQ Offers Free and Confidential Site Visits

Through a contracted environmental consultant, the TCEQ offers free, confidential, on-site, compliance assessments of:

- Individually owned and operated small businesses
- Facilities owned and operated by small local governments
- Independent school districts

Those who demonstrate 100 percent compliance with the program requirements may receive a Compliance Commitment (C2) certificate and can earn up to a two-year exemption from routine investigations from the TCEQ,

the EPA, and participating local entities. For more information or to request a visit, contact our toll free hotline at 800-447-2827.

New Name, Same Assistance

Effective Sept. 1, 2014, the Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division became the *Environmental Assistance Division*.

We made this change in order to:

- Reduce confusion about who we assist; local governments make up a large number of our customers.

- Include the many other functions we perform, such as hosting seminars and the Environmental Trade Fair and Conference, and assisting the public with permitting information.

Our new name better reflects the functions of our whole division and the wide range of our customers.

All our phone numbers and contact information will remain the same.

Web pages will be updated as quickly as possible. ■

Local Compliance Assistance Specialists are Ready to Help You!

You have free, confidential help right in your backyard.

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Online Resource Launched for Deepwater Horizon Recovery Efforts

The State of Texas has unveiled <RestoreTheTexasCoast.org>, a dedicated online resource for Deepwater Horizon recovery efforts. <RestoreTheTexasCoast.org> features links and background information on the available funding sources, as well as details associated with the state's efforts to implement the RESTORE Act in Texas.

With passage of the federal RESTORE Act, funds will be made available to the five Gulf States, including Texas, from civil and administrative penalties assessed against responsible parties associated with one of the largest environmental disasters in U.S. history. Use of these funds will facilitate efforts to sustain a coordinated and integrated approach to appropriately respond to various coastal needs, both environmentally and economically.

Information on how the public can participate in these efforts, including submitting project proposals, has been posted on the website. The website will be updated as needed. ■

Rule Updates

Find out the status of current TCEQ rule projects including public comment period, adoption dates, effective dates, and rule project managers and contact information from our website at <www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules>.

Current TCEQ rule projects include:

- Revisions to CAFO rules-Project No:2014-011-321-OW
- MSW Tipping Fees & Exemptions, RRC Transfer, and PBR for Disposal of Demolition Waste-HB 7 & 2694 and SB 819 Project No:2013-050-330-WS
- Flexible Permits State Implementation Plan Conformity-Project No:2014-001-116-AI
- Occupational Licensing-Project No:2013-044-030-WS
- Airport De-icing Rules-Project No:2013-052-305-OW
- Light Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program-Project No:2013-039-114-AI ■



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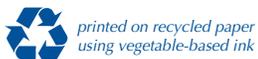
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