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Reminder: Application Deadline Extension Notice State Fiscal Year 2018 Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds

Sept. 2017 - Due to the historic rainfall and flooding events occurring from Hurricane Harvey, the Texas Water Development Board is granting a three-week extension for the first-round deadline of State Fiscal Year 2018 Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds applications.

The new deadline will be **Thursday, Oct. 5, 2017**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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Stormwater Construction General Permit Comment Period and Public Meeting

Aug. 2017 - The Stormwater Construction General Permit (CGP) TXR150000 will be renewed in March 2018.

Stakeholders will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed draft permit during the public comment period of Aug. 18, 2017, through Sept. 18, 2017. During that time, comments may be submitted electronically to the Stormwater and Pretreatment Team at swgp@tceq.texas.gov, subject line "2018 CGP Renewal."

A public meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 18, 2017, at the TCEQ Park 35 Campus, Bldg. E, Room 201S Agenda Room, at 1:30 PM.

The draft permit will be posted in the *Texas Register* and [will be available online Aug. 18, 2017](#).

PLEASE NOTE: Permittees with current (active) authorizations should not attempt to renew their authorization before the new permit has been issued and made effective on March 5, 2018. Permittees with current authorizations will have a 90-day grace period to renew their authorizations starting on March 5, 2018.

For additional assistance, contact the Small Business & Local Government Assistance hotline at 800-447-2827.

One Year Extension of NetDMR Electronic Reporting Waivers for MSGP Stormwater Permittees

Aug. 2017 - On Sept. 24, 2015, the EPA signed the final rule that requires NPDES* regulated entities to electronically submit specific permit and compliance-monitoring information electronically.

The Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) requires all discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) to be submitted online using the NetDMR reporting system. However, the option for MSGP permitted facilities to report electronically is not available at this time.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has issued a second temporary waiver for electronic reporting of MSGP DMRs that will expire on Aug. 31, 2018. Continue to submit paper DMRs. Starting Sept. 1, 2018, MSGP DMRs must be submitted electronically using the NetDMR system unless another waiver is issued.

To learn more, please visit the TCEQ's [NetDMR electronic reporting system webpage](#). If you have questions, please call the Small Business and Local Government Assistance hotline at 1-800-447-2827 or visit www.TexasEnviroHelp.org.

*National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Texas Water Development Board: Regional financial assistance workshop to be held in Mount Pleasant on August 8

July 2017 - Regional financial assistance workshop to be held in Mount Pleasant on August 8



The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will hold a financial assistance workshop in Mount Pleasant, Texas, on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. The workshop will provide valuable information and one-on-one opportunities to discuss your project needs. The TWDB regional project team for your area, along with TWDB program coordinators, will be at the workshop to discuss specific projects and answer any questions you may have.

The workshop will take place at the Mount Pleasant Civic Center, 1800 N. Jefferson, Mount Pleasant, Texas, at 9:00 a.m.

The workshop will include:

- A brief but informative overview of the TWDB and the types of financing available
- A handout with financial program updates
- One-on-one meetings with TWDB staff to explore funding options for your projects
- A one-hour presentation. Meetings with TWDB staff will follow the presentation.

Registration information

Please email your name, title, entity, email, telephone number, and the workshop location you are planning to attend to srfworkshops@twdb.texas.gov. General questions may be directed to your [regional project team manager](#).

Please register as soon as possible, as venues are subject to capacity limitations.

Please visit the [TWDB website](#)  to view future dates and locations for TWDB financial assistance workshops.

Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council Applications now being accepted

July 2017 - The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is now accepting applications for new and vacant positions for the Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council. The deadline to apply is July 31, 2017.

The Municipal Solid Waste Management and Resource Recovery Advisory Council was created by the 68th Legislature in 1983 and is comprised of 18 members who serve staggered six-year terms. The composition of the council is prescribed in [Section 363.041](#) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The council performs several duties including:

- reviewing the effect of state policies and programs on MSW management;
- making recommendations to the TCEQ on matters relating to MSW management;
- recommending legislation to encourage the efficient management of MSW;
- recommending policies for the use or distribution of funds for the Regional Solid Waste Grants Program;
- recommending special studies and projects related to MSW management.

More information on term expirations and vacant positions and the [Application form](#) is available on the [council webpage](#).