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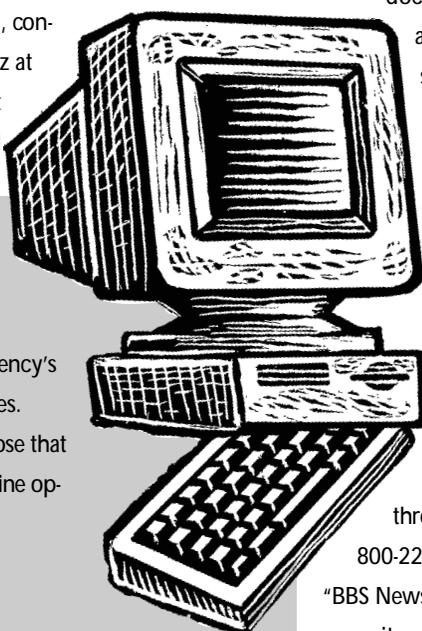
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Foundry Initiative Underway

The TNRCC's Foundry Initiative continues through August 31, 1997. Under this program, foundries have the opportunity to correct violations and comply with environmental rules without facing penalties. The TNRCC will suspend routine inspections (except in instances of citizen complaint), conduct workshops, distribute multimedia compliance materials, and provide free confidential technical assistance such as site visits.

Businesses participating in the Foundry Initiative can learn how to reduce their waste and emissions. Upon completing the initiative, foundries will receive a certificate of participation. They are also eligible for the Clean Industries 2000 program. For more information, contact Jim Fernandez at the SBAP office at 1-800-447-2827. ■



TNRCC Online - How to Access Rules Free and Fast:

The TNRCC has both an electronic bulletin board system (BBS) and a Internet web site for access to the agency's programs, documents and rules. The BBS operates on any personal computer and supports up to 14,400 baud modems. Set your modem software to ANSI and the following communication settings: **NO parity; 8 databits; 1 stop bit; FULL duplex (N,8,I,F).** Using your computer modem, you can dial the bulletin board at 512-239-0700. There is a brief registration process, but the service is free. Toll free calling is available through the Comptroller's BBS at 1-800-227-8392. Simply sign on, select "BBS News and Table of Contents," and menu item #3, "Connect to Other Government BBSs." This will give you a menu of State BBSs including TNRCC Online.

You also can use the Internet's World Wide Web to sign onto the TNRCC home page. The site is at:

<http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us> ■

MACTs:

The TNRCC is proposing to incorporate seven federal Maximum Achievable Technology Control (MACT) standards into the agency's rules. The rules control hazardous air emissions from specific sources. Small businesses most likely to be affected by these new rules are those that do halogenated solvent cleaning, marine vessel loading, Stage I gasoline operations, and secondary lead smelting.

Deadline Passed? Get Your Paperwork In!

Just because the deadlines for notification and other responsibilities have passed doesn't mean that you are exempt from submitting the necessary paperwork. On the contrary, if the date for a requirement has passed, it is urgent that you comply with the rule now, because you are subject to notices of violation. In addition to notification requirements, businesses may have other responsibilities for compliance. For questions on MACT requirements, call the SBAP hotline at 1-800-447-2827. Below are several industries and the dates that apply to them for MACT regulations:

Industry Type	Effective Date (Initial Notification Due)	Compliance Date
Perc Dry Cleaners	6/18/94	9/23/96
Chrome Platers	7/24/95	1/25/96 (decorative) 1/25/97 (hard/anodizing)
Halogenated Solvent Cleaning	8/29/95	12/2/97
Secondary Lead Smelting	10/23/95	6/23/97
Marine Tank Vessel Loading	9/19/96	9/19/99
Wood Furniture Manufacturing	9/3/96	11/21/98
Printing	5/30/98	5/30/99

New CAP Members:

The Governor has made two new appointments to the Texas Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP). The CAP meets twice yearly to oversee activities of the Small Business Assistance Program. The two new members are:

- Arthur Leroy Guess, Guess Uniform and Towel Supply, Inc., San Antonio
- Ken J. Legler, Houston Wire Works, Houston

CESQG Tips:

When it comes to creating or "generating" waste, a small business is often a "Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator", or CESQG. A business is a CESQG if they do not generate more than 220 pounds (about half of a 55-gallon drum of liquid) of hazardous waste per month. Federal and State rules specifically DO NOT require CESQGs to have EPA or TNRCC waste registration numbers. Instead, they may write the letters "C-E-S-Q-G" in the spaces normally reserved for a generator ID number on shipping manifests and other waste accounting forms. Note: "C-E-S-Q" may be used when there are only four spaces on a form. ■

Next month: Problems with hazardous waste haulers

Rule Roundup: A Summary of Recent Regulatory Developments

Out of State Hazardous Waste Shipments (TNRCC #96169-335)

This proposal makes changes to rules for hazardous waste shipment summaries that generators must complete. Hazardous waste generators that ship waste out of state would no longer have to send monthly reports to the TNRCC. Because out of state waste shipments are already reported on the annual waste summaries, the TNRCC is eliminating the requirement to report each month. The TNRCC is currently accepting comments on this rule change. A final decision is expected by June.



Aquaculture facilities include operations that raise shellfish, finfish, and other aquatic organisms. The rules would require small aquaculture facilities to register with the state and provide a plan for preventing water pollution and managing any wastewater discharged from facility ponds into state water. Large facilities, such as coastal shrimp farms, would be required to apply for individual wastewater discharge permits. The comment period has ended, and a final rule is due out in April.

than six gallons per day of total solvents, coatings, and stripping agents; and one gallon per day of methylene chloride. This rule should be finalized in early June. ■

Wood Products Industry Standard Exemption (TNRCC # 96183-106)

A standard exemption for wood products manufacturers has been published in the Texas Register and the agency accepted comments through March. The standard exemption would apply to facilities using less

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Aquaculture (TNRCC #96171-321)

New rules for aquaculture operations are designed to protect water quality.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY	Foundries Workshop Metal Finishing Workshop Foundries Workshop RCRA Recordkeeping Kit Workshops <i>Dallas/Fort Worth SBAC Meeting</i>	May 7 May 8 May 13 May 13-30 May 15
JUNE	RCRA Recordkeeping Kit Workshops Houston/Galveston SBAC Meeting CAP Meeting Golden Triangle SBAC Meeting	June 3-24 June 5 June 6 June 26

* Call SBAP at 1-800-447-2827 for dates.