

# Take Care OF Texas NEWS you can use

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## Are You Interested in Serving on the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee?

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality seeks nominations to fill several positions on the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee. The legislatively created advisory committee advises the commission on the state's policy and goals for pollution prevention and waste minimization.

The committee is composed of nine voting members who offer a balanced representation of environmental and public interest groups and the regulated community.

If you are interested in being considered by the commission to serve on this committee, or if you would like more information, visit [www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/P2Recycle/ppac/PollutionPreventionAdvisoryCommittee.html#contact](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/P2Recycle/ppac/PollutionPreventionAdvisoryCommittee.html#contact).

You may also call Karley Eaves, Small Business and Environmental Assistance, at 512-239-0989 with questions about the Pollution Prevention Advisory Committee and the current nominations process.

## Drive A Clean Machine Logo Contest Begins

As part of the TCEQ's AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine program, a logo contest is under way for Texas high school students. Drive a Clean Machine is an expansion of the AirCheckTexas Repair and Replacement Assistance Program recently passed by the Legislature.

Under the terms of the contest, Texas high school students are invited to use their artistic talents to create a logo that represents the value of cleaning up Texas air by getting older, high-pollution cars off of Texas roads.

All logos submitted to the contest must incorporate the program slogan: Drive a Clean Machine. The winner will have his/her entry showcased statewide as the logo on AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine materials.

The top 10 students, teachers, and schools will receive recognition at a public meeting at the Texas Capitol where their



artwork will be displayed. Additionally, the top three finalists and their teachers will receive monetary prizes.

The Drive a Clean Machine Logo Contest is accepting logo submissions from any Texas high school student currently in grades 9-12 (public, private, or home-schooled).

Entries must be postmarked no later than January 4, 2008. Additional information and an invitation from Senator Kip Averitt, Chair, Senate Committee on Natural Resources, is available at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/mobilesource/vim/logo\\_contest.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/mobilesource/vim/logo_contest.html).

## Who Will Win the Drive Clean Across Texas Sweepstakes?



When you tune into the Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Redskins game on Sunday, Dec. 30, you'll find out who wins the Drive Clean Across Texas Sweepstakes. One lucky Texan will get to own a new Ford Escape Hybrid courtesy of the Drive Clean Across Texas campaign and its partners: the Dallas Cowboys, Sam Pack Ford Auto Group, and Blue Star Media.

Another Ford giveaway sweepstakes is slated for this spring. For more information on how you can improve the air we breathe by driving cleaner, check out the tips on the Drive Clean Across Texas Web site at [www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org](http://www.drivecleanacrosstexas.org).

## National Partnership for Environmental Priorities

The National Partnership for Environmental Priorities Program (NPEP) encourages public and private organizations to form voluntary partnerships with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce the use or release of any of 31 priority chemicals. (A list of the priority chemicals is available at [www.epa.gov/wastemin/chemlist.htm](http://www.epa.gov/wastemin/chemlist.htm).) NPEP



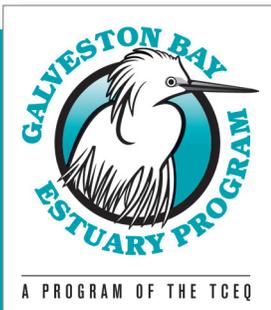
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is part of the EPA's National Waste Minimization Program and the Resource Conservation Challenge, a national effort to conserve natural resources and energy by managing materials more efficiently.

In addition, the EPA has established a National Waste Minimization Goal to act as a measurement of program success. The goal is to work with industry and the public to reduce the use or release of 4 million pounds of priority chemicals by 2011.

The EPA welcomes organizations interested in helping to meet this goal. Organizations that become NPEP partners are eligible to receive public recognition for their contributions to NPEP's reduction goal. Visit <[www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/npep/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/npep/index.htm)> for more information about the NPEP.



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### Highlighted Publications from TCEQ

You Can Take Care of Texas Too! (GI-379) is a bright and colorful poster for kids in grades K-6 featuring Take Care of Texas mascots River and Sky. The poster offers tips kids can use to help protect the environment.

Conducting a Watershed Survey (GI-232) is a booklet designed to help your group learn how to explore your watershed and make a record of its history and geography, land and water uses, and potential and actual pollution sources.



Tell Us How You Take Care of Texas (M-021) is a coloring sheet featuring the Take Care of Texas mascots River and Sky. Order a set for your classroom or group.



Six Ways to Take Care of Texas (GI-324) is a bookmark in English and Spanish offering simple tips to reduce pollution. The bookmark is suitable for all ages.

To view any of the above publications, visit <[www.tceq.state.tx.us/publications](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/publications)> and in the publication number box enter the number you are interested in viewing.

### Storm Drain Marking Manual and Stencils Available

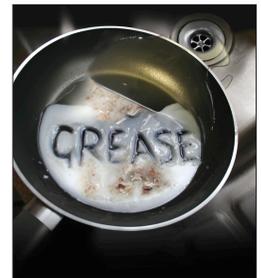
Looking for a project for your class, group, or community that is fun, educational, and helps the environment? The TCEQ has Storm Drain Stencils and a how-to manual that can help you get started. The Storm Drain Marking Manual (GI-212) offers information about nonpoint source pollution and instructions on starting your Storm Drain Marking Program. To view the manual, visit <[www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm\\_exec/forms\\_pubs/pubs/gi/gi-212.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/comm_exec/forms_pubs/pubs/gi/gi-212.html)>. To order the stencils and manual, e-mail <[educate@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:educate@tceq.state.tx.us)>.



### Take Care of Texas Tip

#### Collect Food Scraps, Oil, and Grease

A clogged drain at home can be a real nuisance. Clogged sewer lines can cause overflows that pollute nearby creeks and streams. By using strainers to catch food scraps and collecting cooking grease in a container for disposal, you can keep fats, oils, and grease from clogging up your home's drain pipes or the city's sewer line.



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