

EnviroMentors

Bryan Shaw

You know, at TCEQ we regulate literally hundreds of thousands of entities across the state.

Jon Niermann

One of the challenges that small businesses, small local governments, and independent school districts face is they don't have the bandwidth or the expertise to understand what can sometimes be complex environmental regulations.

Bryan Shaw

Businesses generally want to comply with environmental regulations. Often times, the fly in the ointment, if you will, is understanding the complexities, and so we try to make sure that we're working with those individuals that want to comply but find the complexity very daunting.

Jon Niermann

That's why our EnviroMentors program is so important, because it matches qualified professionals with community members that are really in need.

Bryan Shaw

We have about 265 EnviroMentors across the state.

Toby Baker

They're made up of attorneys, licensed operators, engineers, folks who are really professionals at dealing and working within the state regulatory framework that we have.

Cathy Dougherty

Let's go through this fleet management checklist, okay?

Toby Baker

It's a complete volunteer run program that we oversee, but it allows us to focus our resources on places where we really need it and forms a great bond between the regulated entities and the agency.

Cathy Dougherty

It's all about the giving back. It's all about guiding these people who want to do the right thing.

Robert Miller

If we wouldn't have had access to the EnviroMentor program, I would have been completely lost in how to get our landfill back up to the current standards that TCEQ requires.

John Clawson

The EnviroMentor, in our case, came in and made sense of where our violations were, gave us a point-by-point corrective action plan of how to move forward, and also served to communicate with TCEQ on our behalf.

Toby Baker

By those volunteers coming forward, they're helping those businesses really get on-line, comply with the laws, driving the economy forward but also helping protect public health and the environment.

Therese Baker

Let's be sure we get this swept up. You can see this is an unauthorized discharge from the job site.

Bryan Shaw

EnviroMentors across the state, thank you so much for what you do, not only for TCEQ, but you're also helping those people across the state to be good neighbors, you're helping them to comply, and you're helping us and them take care of Texas, so thank you.

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