

Dr. Paul E. Askenasy, P.E.

Water Quality Assessment Team
Water Quality Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Current Position

Dr. Paul E. Askenasy is a Professional Geoscientist and Certified Nutrient Management Specialist in the state of Texas. Since 2004, he has worked as an agronomist/soil chemist for the Water Quality Division of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality in the review of permits and registration applications dealing with beneficial uses of waste (from municipal, industrial and agricultural sources) on land. He is also responsible for the assessment of soil and vegetation management plans and review of significant amounts of monitoring data.

Prior Experience and Education

He received his Bachelor of Science in Agronomy (1969), Master of Science in Clay Mineralogy (1971) and Ph.D. (1977) degree in Soil Chemistry from Texas A&M University. In 1972, he worked as an agronomist in a golf course near Heidelberg, Germany. He worked for the United Fruit Company from 1977 to 1980 as Research Director in Colombia. His work included the completion and management of an analytical laboratory responsible for the nutrient status of over 40,000 acres of cropland, cleaning of irrigation wells, and assessment of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems in semi-arid and high rainfall areas. From 1981 to 1983, he worked as a soil scientist and agronomist for Espey Huston and Associates, an engineering and environmental consulting firm in Richardson, Texas. His work there included the elaboration of reclamation and revegetation plans for surface coal and phosphate mines and underground coal mines. From 1983 to 2003, he worked as a soil scientist and agronomist for the Surface Mining and Reclamation Division of the Railroad Commission. His work in that agency included the assessment of reclamation and revegetation plans of large-scale soil disturbances due to coal and uranium mining. This work also included the elaboration of technical guidance documents to facilitate permitting activities, assessment of large amounts of analytical data, and development and teaching of several short courses on remediation of lands affected by acid- and toxic-forming materials.

Contact Information

Telephone: (281) 486-1246

E-mail: Paul.Askenasy@tceq.texas.gov