

# TPDES Application for NPDES Authorization

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The application of the State of Texas for authorization to administer the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) consisted of a letter from Governor George W. Bush (now President Bush) requesting the program, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC, now TCEQ) in Chapter 1, a program description detailing all aspects of TPDES in Chapters 2 through 7, and a description of our legal authority, called the Attorney General's Statement in Chapter 8. The application includes several appendices where additional information on the TPDES program is described. The following application components are available here in Portable Document Format (PDF). (Help with [PDF](#).)

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## TCEQ Rules and MOUs

The TPDES application also includes copies of the following TCEQ rules and memoranda of understanding (MOUs), as adopted in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code ([30 TAC](#)). More information on TCEQ rules is available at [http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/rules/rules\\_rulemaking.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/nav/rules/rules_rulemaking.html).

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## Applications for Viewing

The TCEQ maintains an up-to-date copy of the TPDES application, available for a fee, in [Central Records](#) and in each of the [TCEQ Regional Offices](#) where it is available for viewing purposes only.