

The TCEQ Compliance Commitment (C2) Program Free Help Meeting Environmental Rules

Free and Confidential

Environmental rules affect...

- auto repair shops
- auto body shops
- fleet maintenance facilities
- dry cleaners
- metal finishing facilities
- printers
- concrete batch plants
- surface coating operations
- foundries
- many other small business and local government operations

Do you know which rules affect you?

Or how to comply?

Could you use free, confidential help from an environmental professional? Many small businesses and local governments are unaware of state and federal rules intended to minimize pollution. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) provides FREE site visits through a special program of its Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) section. It's called the Compliance Commitment (C2) Program. Participating in the C2 Program could help you qualify for up to a two-year exemption from scheduled TCEQ inspections.

Small businesses and local governments all over Texas say the Compliance Commitment Program is a "huge help."

Are you eligible?

To be eligible to participate, a site or facility must be:

- An independently owned company that employs a companywide total of 100 or fewer employees; OR
- A county with a population of 100,000 or fewer; OR
- A city with a population of 50,000 or fewer; OR
- An independent school district (ISD) serving a student population of 100,000 or fewer students; AND
- Not owe any fees or penalties to the TCEQ; AND

- Not be involved in a current TCEQ enforcement action at the facility.

Confidential and at No Risk*

- All information from the site visit is confidential; it is not provided to TCEQ enforcement staff.
- The site visit contractor is completely separate from state environmental field inspectors.
- Site visits will not lead to an inspection or citation.

*However, if imminent threat to human health or the environment is discovered during the site visit, the contractor is required to report this information to the TCEQ.

Want to know more?

For more information, contact the SBLGA at 800-447-2827 or www.TexasEnviroHelp.org.

Just 3 Easy Steps

Step 1: Call SBLGA at 800-447-2827 to request a site visit. Our contracted consultant will call you back to schedule a site visit.

Step 2: During the site visit, the consultant uses a checklist to identify any compliance problems. After the visit, you will receive a report detailing recommended actions you can take to resolve those problems. Many times, these options can save you money by improving the efficiency of your process and reducing the time you spend on paperwork.

Step 3: You'll have three to six months to correct deficiencies. You'll then be contacted to schedule a follow-up site visit. If you have made all necessary corrections, you will be eligible for SBLGA's Compliance Commitment (C2) Certificate.

The C2 Certificate will exempt your facility from TCEQ-scheduled inspections for up to two years.

"I can honestly say that this program has greatly contributed to my company's environmental integrity. The agents performing our on-site audits have worked extensively with us in achieving our environmental goals, all the while showing a genuine interest in our company and its processes. The TCEQ has developed a program here that should be viewed upon as a benchmark for all other state agencies throughout our country."

— Timothy R. H. Schulz, Fort Worth Aluminum Foundry, Inc.

"We have found the Site Compliance Evaluation to be courteous, knowledgeable, and confidential; and I commend the staff at the TCEQ for their guidance and assistance throughout the process. Certification has real benefits and is well worth the effort for any small business committed to 100 percent compliance. I recommend it."

— Owen Daniel, Midland Manufacturing

The C2 Certificate Benefits

The C2 Certificate will EXEMPT your facility from TCEQ-scheduled inspections for up to two years. The following programs also recognize the C2 Certificate:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- City of Corpus Christi, Storm Water Department
- City of Dallas, Air Pollution Control
- City of Dallas, Public Works and Transportation and Storm Water Management
- City of El Paso, Environmental Services–Air Quality Program
- City of Fort Worth, Department of Environmental Management
- City of Houston, Bureau of Air Quality Control
- City of Houston, Public Works and Engineering
- City of Pasadena, Public Works and Engineering
- City of Waco, Water Utility Services
- Brazoria County Environmental Health Department
- Fort Bend County Environmental Health Department
- Galveston County Health District
- Harris County Pollution Control Services Division
- Montgomery County Environmental Health Services

Call 800-447-2827 to schedule your site visit.

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www.TexasEnviroHelp.org

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