

# TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

## DEADLINE FOR SECONDARY CONTAINMENT FOR DRY CLEANERS

### **Why we're sending this to you**

A deadline for dry cleaning facilities using chlorinated solvents is quickly approaching. State law requires that secondary containment must be installed by January 1, 2015, for:

- dry cleaning machines using chlorinated dry cleaning solvents and
- storage areas where chlorinated solvents or wastes are stored.

### **Who must comply?**

If your facility uses chlorinated solvents, you must comply with these regulations, regardless of your facility's gross receipts.

### **How do I comply?**

To comply with the secondary containment requirements, dikes and other containment structures must be:

- Installed around dry cleaning units that use chlorinated dry cleaning solvents and each storage area for chlorinated dry cleaning solvents or waste.
- Able to contain any leak, spill, or release of chlorinated dry cleaning solvent.
- Made of epoxy or steel, or another TCEQ approved material impervious to chlorinated dry cleaning solvents, if approved by the executive director.
- Sealed with sealant and caulk that must be impervious to and compatible with the dry cleaning solvent, dry cleaning waste, or dry cleaning wastewater used or stored within the secondary containment structure.
- Able to store 110% of the capacity of the substance stored in the dry cleaning machine and storage areas and must be kept free of all materials or objects that would diminish its capacity to contain a leak, spill, or release.
- Inspected weekly to ensure the structure is not damaged.

In addition to secondary containment structures, owners must keep logs of inspections that provide the following information:

- the date and time of each inspection;
- the name of the person conducting the inspection;
- a brief notation of findings; and
- the date and nature of each repair or other action taken

### **Where can I get assistance or more information?**

- Review a copy of TCEQ's RG-479 – Dry Cleaner Compliance Resources: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-479.html>
- Visit the TCEQ's Small Business & Local Government's webpage at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assistance/industry/txdrycln.html> or call the compliance assistance hotline at 800-447-2827.