

Houston Small Business Advisory Committee Minutes

June 7, 2017

SBAC PRIORITIES:

1. Provide input on TCEQ rules and policies to represent small businesses.
2. Strengthen partnerships with local environmental programs.

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 AM. Each of the participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

Stormwater Presentation

Alison Steele with Steele Environmental Services presented on *What are we supposed to do with these samples? An overview for NELAP laboratories of the challenges associated with the Texas Industrial Stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP)*. The presentation covered the basics of the MSGP and also touched on common sampling issues and concerns associated with the permit.

TCEQ Austin Update

Shannon Watson, TCEQ Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) section team leader, provided the SBAC with updates on the legislative session and other TCEQ programs. Many updates are available through the online publication [The Advocate](#) and include:

- The 85th Texas Legislative Session ended on May 29, 2017.
- Senate Bill (SB) 1045 relating to the consolidation of public notice requirements for certain air quality permit applications and House Bill (HB) 4181 relating to the electronic transmission of certain notice required for air quality permits were both signed by Gov. Abbot and become effective on 9/1/17.
- During the session, a scrap tire bill SB 570 was introduced that would require additional security requirements for scrap tire generators and registration requirements for scrap tire transporters and processors. However, on June 15th it was announced that this bill was vetoed by Gov. Abbott.

Shannon also attended an [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Stakeholder Meeting Seeking Input on Federal Regulations](#) on April 20, 2017. Overall, stakeholders commented on regulations they find onerous or difficult to comply with. Several air regulations were mentioned including NESHAP 6H, 3J, and 4W. Other suggestions included allowing public notice to be published electronically, revising the drinking water regulations to reduce the burden on smaller water systems, revising the definition of “waters of the U.S.” to be less broad, simplifying the sampling requirements for the industrial MSGP, and providing more guidance on qualifying rain events for the MSGP.

Next SBAC Meeting: TBD