



## TCEQ GENERAL INFORMATION

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# TCEQ Flood Resources

TCEQ's Small Business and Local Government Assistance section offers free, confidential help to small businesses and local governments working to follow state environmental regulations. Call us at **800-447-2827** or visit our webpage at [TexasEnviroHelp.org](https://www.texasenvirohelp.org).

If you have questions, you may contact the TCEQ Region 13, San Antonio office, Small Business and Local Government Assistance Specialists:

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## Drinking Water

A water system that has had their business impacted by the flood and is unable to resume business can be temporarily inactivated as a public water system (PWS). This will allow them to forgo meeting the requirements in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 290, including the monthly bacteriological sampling.

To inactivate a system, please contact TCEQ Region 13, San Antonio office. Once they are ready to reactivate, they can contact the region office again (see contact information above).

We also have some online resources that may be of help:

- See webpage: [After the Flood: Is Your Water Safe to Drink?](#)
- See webpage [Submit Public Water System Plans for Review](#). A PWS must notify the TCEQ about any proposed new system or significant changes to existing systems. If you plan to rebuild the system in compliance with previously approved plans (i.e. like for like) then resubmission of plans and specifications is not required.
- See webpage: [List of Licensed Water Haulers](#). Please ensure any water used in association with your system is obtained from a public water system through a licensed water hauler to avoid the need for system remediation prior to returning to routine service.

For free, on-site assistance with water system compliance requirements, emergency planning, natural disaster preparedness and response, source water assessment, alternative source evaluation, and to learn about funding opportunities contact our Financial, Managerial, and Technical (FMT) assistance program at [FMT@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:FMT@tceq.texas.gov).

## Construction Stormwater General (CGP) Permit

To get started quickly, see [2023 Construction Stormwater General permit](#) TXR150000.

If you have questions, you may contact the TCEQ Stormwater Program for assistance: Hannah Cobos, [hannah.cobos@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:hannah.cobos@tceq.texas.gov), (512) 239-4830 or [SWG@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:SWG@tceq.texas.gov).

Stormwater discharges associated with a construction activity may need authorization depending on the area of land disturbed. The CGP regulates stormwater discharges into surface waters in the state from regulated *construction activities* and *construction support activities* that have a total soil disturbance of one acre or more in the state of Texas. TCEQ categorizes these discharges based upon the total area of land disturbed. Both of the following are regulated under the Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) program:

- **Large construction activities**—disturb five or more acres or are part of a larger common plan of development that disturbs five or more acres.
- **Small construction activities**—disturb at least one but less than five acres or are part of a larger common plan of development that disturbs at least one but less than five acres).

Construction activities that disturb less than one acre and are not part of a larger common plan of development that would disturb one or more acres are not regulated by this general permit.

The CGP defines construction activity and construction support activity as follows:

- **Construction Activity:** Includes soil disturbance activities, including clearing, grading, excavating, construction-related activity (e.g., stockpiling of fill material, demolition), and construction support activity. This does not include routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the site (e.g., the routine grading of existing dirt roads, asphalt overlays of existing roads, the routine clearing of existing rights-of-way, and similar maintenance activities).
- **Construction Support Activity:** A construction-related activity that specifically supports construction activity, which can involve earth disturbance or pollutant-generating activities of its own, and can include, but are not limited to, activities associated with concrete or asphalt batch plants, rock crushers, equipment staging or storage areas, chemical storage areas, material storage areas, material borrow areas, and excavated material disposal areas. Construction support

activity must only directly support the construction activity authorized under this general permit.

Operators of ***both regulated large and small construction sites*** are required to develop and implement a **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3)** and implement **best management practices (BMPs)** prior to starting land disturbance and construction activities. The SWP3 must address potential sources of pollution expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction site and must describe BMPs that will be used to prevent and minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater discharges. If a construction site is located in the Recharge or Contributing Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, it is subject to a separate pre-construction and discharge authorization that may include special conditions to protect the Edwards Aquifer.

Operators of regulated ***large construction sites*** are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) through TCEQ's e-permitting system, [State of Texas Electronic Reporting System \(STEERS\)](#), to obtain authorization under this general permit. Operators of small construction activities are required to follow the same provisions in the CGP, but they are not required to submit an NOI to TCEQ.

Operators of ***both large and small construction sites*** are required to post the applicable **site notice** at the entrance of the site that is viewable to the public and indicates that construction activity is occurring. Operators of construction sites must also submit a copy of the notice to the local municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operator. The CGP also requires periodic site inspections and evaluation of the selected BMPs to determine the effectiveness of controlling stormwater leaving the property.

Permit coverage is required to be maintained until construction activities are complete and final stabilization of the soil has been achieved. The operator then needs to submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) to terminate coverage at the site. Once construction is complete, the site is stabilized and the permit authorization is terminated; there are no additional stormwater permitting requirements.

The 2023 CGP, fact sheet, site notices, SWP3 template, and additional guidance for regulated construction activities under the CGP can be found on TCEQ's [Stormwater General Permit for Construction Activities](#) webpage.

- See [Assistance Tools for Construction Stormwater General Permits](#).
- Submit via [STEERS](#).

A fully developed and implemented Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3) is required before starting any soil-disturbing activities. See our CGP SWP3 Template—RG-639—for guidance ([RG-639 in Word](#) or [RG-639 in PDF](#)).

## Debris Management

- See [RG-518a Managing Debris From Declared Disasters](#)

## Additional Resources

- See [Floods: Debris, Drinking Water, and Other Environmental Concerns.](#)
- See [TCEO Resources for You in the Aftermath of a Flood.](#)
- See [Disaster assistance | U.S. Small Business Administration](#) (for eligible nonprofits or small businesses).