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Answers to Your Questions

- ! CONFIDENTIAL technical assistance
- ! COMPLETELY SEPARATE from TCEQ enforcement
- ! NO RISK
- ! FREE to small businesses, local governmental entities



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Technical Assistance

- ! Toll-free hotline: 1-800-447-2827
 - ! Field staff in all 16 TCEQ regions
 - ! Two Houston field staff
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- ! Clarence Gray: (713) 767-3582
 - ! Cynthia Williams: (713) 767-3549



Site Visits

- ! Another FREE and CONFIDENTIAL program
- ! Professional environmental consultant
- ! Identifies compliance issues, solutions
- ! Positive factor in Compliance History
- ! Over 300 Site Visits conducted in 2004



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Fully compliant? Now you're eligible for...

Compliance Commitment Partnership

One-year exemption from TCEQ scheduled inspections!

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- ! Consultants
- ! Attorneys
- ! Engineers



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Industry Checklists

- ! **Autobody**
- ! **Automotive Repair**
- ! **Auto Salvage**
- ! **Dry Cleaners**
- ! **Fleet Maintenance**
- ! **Foundry**
- ! **General**
- ! **Metal Finishers**
- ! **Printers**
- ! **Surface Coating**
- ! **Wood Products Manufacturing**



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Compliance Guides

- ! **Auto Body Shops**
- ! **Automotive Repair Shops**
- ! **Dry Cleaners**
- ! **Metal Finishers**
- ! **Thermoset Resin (Fiberglass/ Marble) Facilities**
- ! **Wood Product Facilities**
- ! **Surface Coating Operations**
- ! **Foundries**
- ! **Printers**
- ! **Waste Generators**

Questions about the guides? 1-800-447-2827



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Rules Updates

The Advocate

For and about small businesses and local governments affected by environmental regulations

Permits by Rule: New Record-Keeping Requirements

Anti-bribe and anti-trust laws, protective orders, water transfers, asbestos/lead testing and asbestos abatement, and various other rules. These are just a few of the facilities affected by new record-keeping requirements for businesses changing air permits by rule.

Effective April 1, the rules that these facilities must follow to "keep by rule" or TDR must keep records showing that they have obtained the general emission limits. PERs show certain types of facilities that emit low levels of air contaminants to operate without obtaining a site-specific permit so long as they comply with the additional limits listed in 30 Tex. TDR.

Facilities with a PER authorization that only states the type of facility and does not have any specific requirements must keep normal business records such as production or purchase documents and make these available to the TNRCC upon request.

Facilities obtaining a PER that has specific requirements must maintain records sufficient to show that they meet all applicable PER conditions. If you are a source owner and subject to federal record-keeping requirements, you must keep such records for five years. All other facilities in

2002 Dates to Remember

- February
 - 25: Industrial & Nonferrous Metals Annual Waste Summary Report (EPA only)
 - 28: Used Oil Collection Center Annual Report
 - 29: Used Oil Processor and Refiners Annual Report
 - 3: Solid Fiber Handler Biennial Report and Re-Registration
 - 31: Stage II Vapor Recovery Certification Tests
- March
 - 11: Annual Water Use Report by Water Right Holders
 - Industrial & Nonferrous Metals Annual Waste Summary Report (EPA only)
 - Medical Waste Disposal Annual Waste Report
 - On Site Treatment of Medical Waste as Infectious Agent Report
 - Stage I Vapor Recovery Annual Activity Report
 - Using Gas Facilities and Storage Air Condition Annual Activity Report
- April
 - 15: Environmental Claims Presentation Week
 - 22: Earth Day
- May
 - 4: TNRCC Environmental Week of Observance
 - 7: Texas Environmental Trade Show (Austin, TX)
- June
 - 15: Waste Transport Annual Report
 - 30: Semi-annual report due to TNRCC from all regulated Industrial Users (IUs) that discharge process wastewater to Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) or lacking an approved User Pollution Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) pretreatment program (see also Dec. 15)
- July
 - 1: Deadline for Submitting Consumer Confidence Reports for drinking water quality to community water system owners. Deadline for submitting User Pollution Inventory Form B to TNRCC and EPA
- August
 - 1: Certificate of Delivery of Consumer Confidence Reports
- September
 - 10-22: National Pollution Prevention Week
- November
 - 4: Application deadline for 2003 Texas Environmental Trade Show (Austin)
 - 15: Texas Recycling Day
- December
 - 10: Submission report from CER's tracking process submitted to TNRCC, including approved UPDES pretreatment programs (see also June 15)



Local Government Advisory Committee

UPDATE

Meeting Local Government about environmental issues that may affect their constituents and customers

TNRCC Rules & Regulations...

On-site Sewage Facilities (OSSF) Rules Approved By TNRCC

Rules for on-site sewage facilities (OSSF), more commonly known as septic systems, have undergone recent changes. The Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) amended Title 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 285, effective June 13, 2001. These amendments primarily clarify the rules which make them easier to understand and enforce. The amendments also revised the apprenticeship requirement for the installer license and keep the permitting fees the same as previously specified in this rule. The TNRCC did not amend the portion of the TAC rules to address the possibility of OSSF charge-back fees as originally proposed. Meetings with stakeholders are underway to consider options which may lead to a future rule revision. The revised rules can be viewed by going to the TNRCC's web site at <http://www.tnrc.state.tx.us> and clicking the letter "O" on the web page index. Workshops will be held at various locations throughout the state to better inform those affected by the rule changes. To obtain more information about the workshops, you may call the Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section (SBLGA) hotline at 1-800-447-2827 or the OSSF Program at (512) 239-0314.

Outdoor Burning Regulations That Apply To Local Governments

The outdoor burning rule, Title 30 TAC Chapter 111.201 - 111.221, prohibits outdoor burning anywhere within the state of Texas. The rule allows for exceptions for specific situations where burning is necessary and does not pose a threat to the environment. Some exceptions have notification requirements and others require TNRCC approval prior to burning. The TNRCC's outdoor burning guidance document, *Outdoor Burning in Texas* (RCA), describes the notification requirements for each exception. To obtain a copy of this document, call the SBLGA hotline. One exception to this rule refers to burning domestic waste such as household trash or rubbish. Domestic waste may be burned only if the local governmental entity does not provide or authorize a private contractor to provide collection of domestic waste. Additional exceptions to the rule may include the following: • bulgular burning • fires for recreation, catering, cooking, or warmth • land-clearing (when there is no practical alternative) • prescribed burns (certain slash grass burning has specific notification requirements) • pipeline breaks and oil spills • other special situations authorized by the TNRCC regional or executive director. Authorizations may be revoked at any time if the burning causes a nuisance, violates any provisions of an applicable authorization, causes a violation of any air quality standard, or does not conform to specific conditions.

For Your Information...

Storm Water Program

The Commissioners of the TNRCC conditionally approved the multi-sector general storm water permit for industrial activity in May 2001. Prior to the permit being issued, the EPA must review and provide final approval of the proposed regulations. Once this process is complete, the permit will be signed by the Commissioners and become effective. Copies of the industrial storm water permit and all relevant forms should be posted on the TNRCC web site as soon as the permit is adopted. The storm water general permit for small regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s) is being developed and should

Read them online:

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