Compliance Resources

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- Small Business & Local Gov’t. Assistance
- Rural Ombudsman
- Pollution Prevention & Education
- Special Projects Coordinator
Advocacy

• Rulemaking
  • Rule review teams
  • Stakeholder meetings
  • National committees
• Information and notifications
  • Newsletter *The e-Advocate*
• Advisory groups
  • Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP)
  • Small Business Advisory Committees (SBAC)
Outreach

• Partnerships
  • External
  • Internal

• Compliance Resources
  • Industry-specific web pages
  • Plain-language publications
  • Multi-media compliance checklists
Technical Assistance

• Free and Confidential
• Multi-media
• Compliance Hotline
• One-on-one help from regional staff
• EnviroMentor Program (if eligible)
What about this super-secret confidentiality stuff?
Confidential means...

- Without the threat of enforcement
- Exception of imminent threat
- Still subject to open records act
Who does SBLGA help?

- Airports
- Auto Body / Repair
- Building Contractors
- Car Washes
- Compost Operations
- Concrete Batch Plants
- Drinking Water Plants
- Dry Cleaners
- Foundries
- **Local Governments**

- Marinas
- Metal Finishers/Fabricators
- PST Facilities (fuel)
- Print Shops
- Manufacturing Facilities
- Reinforced Plastics
- Surface Coaters
- Trade Associations
- Transportation/Distribution
- Wastewater Plants
- Wood Products
EnviroMentor (EM)

• Qualified professionals
  • Consultants, engineers, lawyers, utility operators

• Volunteer to help those with fewer resources (no $)
  • Improve recordkeeping practices
  • Prepare permit renewal applications
  • Troubleshoot water/wastewater problem
  • Develop stormwater pollution prevention plan

• Spanish-speaking available
EM Eligibility

Small Business
Any independently owned and operated company with 100 or fewer employees
EM Eligibility

Local Governments

- City with population of $\leq 50,000$
- County with population of $\leq 100,000$
- ISD serving $\leq 100,000$ population
We can’t help...

- $$

- Bad actors

- Environmental Health and Safety Audit
Assistance Referrals

- Referrals can come from:
  - TCEQ
    - Regional Investigators
    - Permitting
    - Enforcement Coordinators
  - Local Inspectors

- We need to know:
TexasEnviroHelp - Small Business and Local Government Assistance

Resources specifically tailored to help small businesses and local governments comply with environmental regulations.

![TexasEnviroHelp.org](image)

The Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) program provides confidential technical assistance without the threat of enforcement.

- Call us toll free at 1-800-447-2827.
- Find the nearest Compliance Assistance Specialist.
- Read more about rule changes that impact small businesses and local governments in *The Advocate*.
- **Sign up to receive an e-mail or text alert** when TCEQ posts information regarding
  - Municipal Solid Waste Rules
  - Petroleum Storage Tank Rules
  - Public Water System Rules
  - Landscape Irrigation Rules
  - Wastewater Rules
  - Septic System (OSSF) Rules
  - Stormwater Permits and Rules

Learn more about environmental compliance assistance

- **Small Business Assistance**
- **Local Government Assistance**
Assistance Tools for Stormwater Permitting

Resources for small businesses and local governments regarding stormwater permits.

Discharges from industrial and construction activities often contain pollutants in quantities that could adversely impact water quality. To protect our water quality, stormwater permits regulate industrial, construction, and municipal separate storm system discharges to Texas waters.

- Check the status of your stormwater permit online
- Industrial Stormwater General Permit
- Construction Stormwater General Permit
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s)

Where can I find more information and assistance?

The TCEQ’s Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section offers free, confidential help to small businesses and local governments working to comply with state environmental regulations. Call us at 800-447-2827 or visit our Web page at TexasEnviroHelp.org.
Construction Stormwater

- Primary and Secondary Operations
- EPA Common Plan of Development
- SWP3 Worksheets and Instructions
- Erosion Control Best Management Practices
- Atlas of Texas Surface Waters
- Delegation of Signatories to Reports
- Texas Integrated Report of Surface Water Quality
- Segments with Total Maximum Daily Loads
- USGS Latitude and Longitude lookup
A Guide to Creating an Account in STEERS E-Permitting

This guide is for anyone who needs to create a new account in the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS). This document outlines the steps you take to create your STEERS account.

Why should I use STEERS E-Permitting?

Using STEERS for eligible notifications, registrations, and certifications simplifies the application process, shortens review time, and gives you immediate confirmation when your submittal is accepted.

Tips for Using STEERS

When using STEERS be sure to:

- Turn off any pop-up blocking features in your web browser.
- Click the question mark icon 🤔 to open the help dialog box. The dialog box will contain specific instructions for each field, examples, and helpful tips.
- Click the magnifying glass icon 🔍 in the Activities screen to preview the permit application questions and a summary of the answers provided.

Using browser navigation while in STEERS will terminate your session. To prevent accidental termination of your session, which will require you to log back in to STEERS do not:

- Use your browser’s forward or back buttons.
- Refresh the page to restart the page timer.

About STEERS Accounts

Creating a STEERS account is your first step in submitting an online notification, registration, or certification. The account that you create will be for you as an individual user, not for your facility or entity. To create your account you must have a personal unique email address that is not associated with any other STEERS account. Do not use a generic shared company email address.

New accounts are probationary and have limited access until STEERS receives a signed electronic or paper copy of your STEERS Participation Agreement (SPA). If your signed SPA is not received by the STEERS team within:

- 15 days of the creation date, your account will be locked.
Industrial Stormwater

- Claiming No Discharge
- Conditional No Exposure Exclusions
- Delegation of Signatories to Reports
- Quarterly Visual Monitoring
- Regulated Standard Industrial Classification Codes
- Sampling Guide *
- SWP3 Worksheets and Instructions
Industry-Specific Web Tools

- Auto - Body, Fleet, Repair, Salvage and Washing
- Dry Cleaners
- Foundries
- Manufacturing
- Medical Facilities
- Petroleum Storage Tanks
- Public Water Systems
- Recycling – Electronics, Industrial and Municipal
- Reinforced Plastics
- Sawmill Operations
- Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Wood Products Manufacturing
Assortment of Publications

- RG-389  Grease Traps, Grit Traps, and Septic Tanks
- RG-409  Guide to Pollution Prevention Planning
- RG-434  Environmental Rules for Car Washes
- RG-455  Illegal Dumping: LG Guide
- RG-475  Petroleum Storage Tank – Super Guide
Outdoor Burning in Texas

Field Operations

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

RG-049 includes rules and common questions
TCEQ REGULATORY GUIDANCE
Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division
RG-499 • March 2012

RV Parks: Am I Regulated?

Who Should Use This Guide?
This guide is intended to inform owners of recreational-vehicle parks that some of their activities may be regulated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. This publication is not a substitute for the rules. You can download the TCEQ’s rules at <www.tceq.texas.gov/rules>. In addition to the TCEQ, local governments and other state and federal agencies may have rules that apply.

Is My RV Park Regulated by the TCEQ?
If you own or manage an RV park in Texas, you may be regulated by the TCEQ if you:
- supply water for drinking, hand washing, dish washing, cooking, or bathing
- treat or dispose of wastewater
- dispose of waste
- disturb 1 acre or more of land during construction

Am I a Public Water System?
If you supply water for drinking, hand washing, dish washing, cooking, or bathing to 15 connections or more or 25 people or more, for at least 60 days out of the year, then you may meet the TCEQ’s definition of a “public water system” and need to comply with the TCEQ’s regulations. You may meet the definition of a public water system if you supply drinking water from a well or other sources—such as springs or lakes—or from another water provider.

How Can I Comply with the TCEQ’s Rules for Public Water Systems?
The TCEQ’s regulations are put in place to ensure that every water system serves a safe, adequate supply of water. Your water system must meet the TCEQ’s rules for water treatment, quality, source approval, disinfection, distribution, storage, and capacity. The TCEQ’s rules for public water systems can be found in Title 30, Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC),
TCEQ REGULATORY GUIDANCE
Small Business and Environmental Assistance Division
RG-511 • November 2012

Emergency Control of Mosquitoes: Texas Requirements

Common questions from local governments about the emergency application of pesticides to control health risks and how to comply with the Pesticides General Permit TXG870000.

What is a pest emergency situation?

A pest emergency situation occurs when any level of government determines that a pest condition presents a significant risk either to human health or the environment and must be controlled through the application of a pesticide. For example, an outbreak of West Nile Virus may require the urgent application of pesticides before a Notice of Intent (NOI) can be submitted for coverage under the Pesticides General Permit.

How should I respond to a pest emergency?

When a governmental entity declares a pest emergency, the TCEQ automatically authorizes immediate pesticide application for that area.

Level IA Operators:

You must submit an NOI to the TCEQ no later than 30 days after the emergency pesticide application begins.

Not all pesticide applications require an NOI for authorization.

Level IB Operators:

You must submit a Self-Certification form to your TCEQ regional office. Find your regional office at <www.tceq.texas.gov/about/directory/region/county.html>.

Level II and III Operators:

Though there are permit requirements, as a Level II or III operator, you do not need to submit paperwork to the TCEQ unless we request it.
TCEQ Resources

- Assistance Tools for Stormwater Permitting
  - Check the status of permits online
  - Industrial
  - Construction
  - Small MS4s
    - Model Ordinance Guide
    - Annual Report - form 20561
    - Surface Water Maps
    - Water Quality Data

- 319 Non-point Source Grant
  - Focused on Watershed Protection Plans rather than individual MS4s
More TCEQ Resources

Permit and Technical Questions

- 512-239-4671
- wqap@tceq.texas.gov
- Stormwater & Pretreatment Team, MC-148
  Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
  P. O. Box 13087
  Austin TX 78711-3087
Texas Water Development Board

• **Clean Water State Revolving Fund**
  - Public entities - cities, counties, districts
  - Eligible projects include:
    • Stormwater pollution control
    • Wastewater recycling, reuse, treatment
    • Non-point source pollution control
  - Low interest rate loans and loan forgiveness
  - Projects added throughout the year

• **Contact:**
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  - 512-463-8510
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

- **Water Infrastructure Finance & Innovation Act**
  - Public and private entities
  - Broad scope of projects:
    - Stormwater
    - Wastewater
    - Drinking water
  - Long-term and low, fixed-rate loans

- **Contact:**
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Other EPA Resources

- 2010 Urbanized Area Maps
- Training and Webcasts
- Fact Sheets and Guidance:
  - MS4 Measurable Goals Guide
  - MS4 Program Evaluation Guide
  - Model SWMP
  - Green Infrastructure / Green Streets
  - Smart Growth
  - BMPs for Industry
  - Low Impact Development
Additional Resources

- Other MS4s
- Texas Watershed Steward Program
- Texas Water Resources Institute
- Texas Coastal Watershed Program
- Water Environment Federation
- Water Environment Association of Texas
- Forester Media
- International Erosion Control Association
- Councils of Government
- Texas Municipal League
Take Care of Texas

It’s the only one we’ve got.
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