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## Go Online to Notify TCEQ of Recycling Activities

You can now go online to submit the form, *Municipal Solid Waste Notice of Intent to Operate a Recycling Facility*. Released on April 20, this form allows applicants to notify the TCEQ of their intent to operate a recycling facility and/or a composting or mulching operation.

Applicants must create a STEERS account at <<https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>> to complete the form. For questions about creating a STEERS account, contact the STEERS Program Area at 512-239-6925 or send an e-mail to <[steers@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:steers@tceq.texas.gov)>. For questions on completing the recycling portion of the form, please call Elizabeth Slone, TCEQ Waste Permits, at 512-239-5773. ■

## Get New Checklists for Compliance Commitment

Are you an e-recycler or an aggregate production facility? If you are confused about what environmental rules apply to you, ask us for our new compliance checklists. Also, you may be eligible for a free compliance assessment. Visit our website, <[TexasEnviroHelp.org](http://TexasEnviroHelp.org)>, or call our toll-free hotline at 800-447-2827 for more information. ■

## New TV Recycling Rules in Effect



A new television recycling program went into effect in Texas on May 1, 2012. If your business sells, manufactures, or recycles televisions, you should be aware of specific requirements under the new law. As of July 1, 2012, TV retailers must provide consumers with

information on recycling televisions, and meet other TV sales requirements.

TV manufacturers and recyclers must register and meet additional requirements by Jan. 31, 2013. For details on these requirements, please visit <[www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org](http://www.TexasRecyclesTVs.org)>. You can find the rules online, <[www.sos.texas.gov](http://www.sos.texas.gov)>, at 30 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 328, Subchapter J. ■

## TCEQ Adopts Compliance History Rule Changes

On June 27, 2012, TCEQ commissioners adopted revisions to the Compliance History rule. This rule allows the TCEQ to rate owners and operators of facilities regulated by certain state environmental laws. The TCEQ considers these ratings when issuing or renewing permits, when calculating penalties, and when determining a facility's eligibility for innovative TCEQ programs.

The following is a brief summary of some of the changes:

- Notices of Violations used in the ratings calculation will be limited to those issued one year prior to the date of the ratings calculation.
- Only major violations of the same nature and associated with the same environmental media (air, water, or land) will be considered when designating a *repeat violator*.
- Facilities will now be classified as *unsatisfactory performers* (formerly

called *poor performers*) for having a rating calculation of more than 55 points. Under the previous rule, a poor performer was a facility with more than 45 points.

- The compliance history calculation will include credit for compliance with the ordering provisions of agency-issued Agreed Orders. Fourteen industry groups based on the North American Industry Classifications System were added to effectively compare and account for differences among regulated entities.
- The new rules became effective Sept. 1, 2012. You can find the Compliance History rule at 30 TAC Chapter 60. For more information on this rule, visit <[www.tceq.texas.gov/enforcement/history/about.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/enforcement/history/about.html)>, or call TexasEnviroHelp (Small Business and Local Government Assistance section) on our toll-free hotline at 800-447-2827. ■

# 2013 Dates to Remember

The TCEQ requires a number of reports, plans, and fees at different times throughout the year. To give small businesses and local governments a handy guide, the following list gives due dates for common TCEQ reports and fees. Please remember that this list may not be all inclusive; also, these items will not be applicable to all entities.

## January

- 1 • Waste Reduction Policy Act: Executive Summary of Five-Year Pollution Prevention Plan, every fifth year
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)
- 18 • TERP usage reports for grant recipients
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: Biomonitoring Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)
- 22 • Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) usage reports from grant recipients
- 25 • Industrial and hazardous waste: annual summary report (paper filers)
  - Used-oil collection center: report every year and renew registration in odd numbered years
  - Used-oil filter handlers: renew registration and report in even-numbered years
- 30 • Water and wastewater investor-owned utilities, districts, water supply corporations, and affected counties: regulatory assessment fees
  - Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

## February

- 15 • Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFO): annual report

## March

- 1 • Water rights holder: annual water-use report
- Scrap-tire transporter: annual activity report
- Combined scrap tire and storage site: annual activity report

- Industrial and hazardous waste: annual summary report (electronic filers)
- Medical waste transporter and self transporter: annual waste report
- Medical waste: annual registration and summary
- Tier II reports
- 29 • Air Emissions Inventory
  - Annual report on air emissions events
- 31 • Multi-sector general permit (MSG) for:
  - ▼ Industrial stormwater discharges
  - ▼ Benchmark monitoring summary
  - ▼ DMRs on numeric effluent limit (annual hazardous metals)
  - ▼ DMRs on sector-specific, numeric effluent limits

## April

- 1 • Investor-owned or privately owned water and wastewater: annual report
- Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Monitoring for systems with population 100,000 or more
- Any system providing water to a community water system shall deliver the applicable Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to receiving systems
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: DMR
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

## June

- 15 • Liquid waste transporter: annual summary
- 30 • Categorical industrial users that discharge to a publicly owned treatment works without an approved pretreatment program: semiannual report

## July

- 1 • Toxics Release Inventory
- Sludge Transporter: renewal of registration, every two years; annual summary report

- Community water systems: CCR Certificate of Delivery to TCEQ
- Waste Reduction Policy Act: annual progress report
- All community water systems: CCR report due to customers
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 19 • TERP usage reports for grant recipients
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: Biomonitoring DMR if applicable
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

## August

- 1 • Dry cleaners: annual renewal registration form

## September

- 1 • Liquid waste transporter fee
- MSGP and Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4): annual water-quality fees assessed
- 30 • Wastewater irrigation: annual soil analyses and irrigation effluent analyses (or as otherwise established in the authorization)

## October

- 1 • Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Monitoring for systems with population 50,000–99,999
- 10 • Groundwater or purchased water systems: DLQOR
- 20 • Wastewater Discharge: DMR
- 30 • Dry cleaners: quarterly registration fee

## November

- 11 • Phase II MS4: annual report

## December

- 30 • All public drinking-water systems: public health service fee
- 31 • Categorical industrial users that discharge to a publicly owned treatment works without an approved pretreatment program: semiannual report
- MSGP and Phase II MS4s: annual water quality fees are invoiced ■

## 2013 Underground Storage Tank Delivery Certificate Renewal Schedule

If the owner # ends in:	Certificate Expires:	Renewal Date:	Renewed Delivery Certificate Posted By:
1	Jan 31	Jan 2	Feb 1
2	Feb 28	Jan 30	Mar 1
3	Mar 31	Mar 2	Apr 1
4	Apr 30	Apr 1	May 1
5	May 31	May 2	Jun 1
6	Jun 30	Jun 1	Jul 1
7	Jul 31	Jul 2	Aug 1
8	Aug 31	Aug 2	Sep 1
9	Sep 30	Sep 1	Oct 1
10	Oct 31	Oct 2	Nov 1

### New Pubs Available

**RG-475o** - *Training for Underground Storage Tank Operators: A guide for owners and operators of USTs (5/2012)*. Read it at <[www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-475o.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-475o.html)>, or send an e-mail to <[puborder@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:puborder@tceq.texas.gov)> for a copy.

**RG-496** - *You're a PWS...Now What? (7/2012)*. Provides information to new or existing water systems that become public water systems. Read it at <[www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-496.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications/rg/rg-496.html)>, or send an e-mail to <[puborder@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:puborder@tceq.texas.gov)> for a copy. ■

## Upcoming Environmental Summits

The summits engage the general public, political leaders, neighborhood associations, nonprofits, businesses, and students to discuss and resolve environmental challenges in their areas. While the summits are free and open to the public, registration is required.

### Valley Environmental Summit

Oct. 4, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.  
Brownsville Events Center  
1 Event Center Blvd., Brownsville, 78526  
Contact: Imelda Peña, 956-389-7427  
Register: [TexasEnviroHelp.org](http://TexasEnviroHelp.org)  
Information: [www.valleyes.org](http://www.valleyes.org)

### El Paso Environmental Summit

Oct. 12, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.  
El Paso Marriott Hotel  
1600 Airway Blvd., El Paso, 79925  
Contact: Pamela Aguirre,  
915-834-4974  
Registration: [TexasEnviroHelp.org](http://TexasEnviroHelp.org)  
Information: [ecowiseelpaso.org](http://ecowiseelpaso.org)

### Laredo Environmental Summit

Oct. 18, 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.  
Texas A&M International University (TAMIU)  
5201 University Blvd., Laredo, 78041  
Contact: Carmen Ramirez,  
956-721-8457  
Registration: [TexasEnviroHelp.org](http://TexasEnviroHelp.org)  
Information: [www.laredoenvironmentalsummit.com](http://www.laredoenvironmentalsummit.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pollution Prevention Workshops

Oct. 16–18, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Automation & Robotics Research Institute  
The University of Texas at Arlington  
7300 Jack Newell Blvd. S., Fort Worth 76118

Nov. 6–8, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Hilton University of Houston  
4800 Calhoun Road, Houston, 77004

Information and registration:  
<[www.zerowastenetwork.org/workshops](http://www.zerowastenetwork.org/workshops)>  
or Zero Waste Network, 512-904-2281.

### OSSF Designated Representative Workshop

Oct. 25, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Collin County Commissioners Court, Collin County Administration Building, 2300 Bloomdale Rd., Suite 4192, McKinney 75071.

Dec. 12, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.  
Angelina County & Cities Health District  
503 Hill Street, Lufkin, 75904

Jan. 16–13, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Wharton County, Annex D  
315 E. Milam St., Wharton, 77488–5023

For questions and to RSVP: Mike Price, 512-239-2150,  
or <[Mike.Price@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Mike.Price@tceq.texas.gov)>.



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- providing local environmental assistance when and where it's needed;
- communicating technical information in plain language; and
- giving small business and local government a voice in TCEQ rule and policy making.

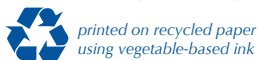
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