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City of Grand Prairie

## Annual Awards Luncheon

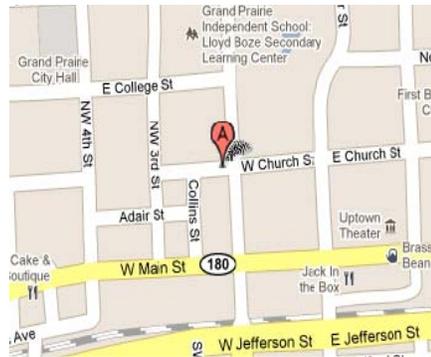
Please join us on September 30, 2011, for the annual award luncheon recognizing Grand Prairie industries achieving 100% compliance and pollution prevention award winners.

The luncheon will be held from 11:30 – 1:00 at the Environmental Service Department office located in the **Development Center at 206 W. Church Street, 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Floor.** The Development Center is located across from City Hall at the intersection of Church and NW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. To get to the second floor, take either of the outside staircases located on the east side of the building or you may use the elevator.

Please complete the attached registration form and return it by fax

to 972-237-8228 or email to [chebison@gptx.org](mailto:chebison@gptx.org).



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## 100% Compliance



Congratulations to the following Grand Prairie industries for achieving 100% compliance during the 2010-2011 pretreatment year. These companies are recognized for compliance with effluent limits, reporting requirements, storm water regulations, and cross connection requirements. Your commitment is appreciated!

• ABC Compounding

- American Eurocopter
- Fruit of the Earth
- Harris Manufacturing
- International Paper Bag Plant
- International Paper Box Plant
- Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control - LOSAT
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- Pepsico
- Pratt & Whitney Inc. - 1174
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- Smurfit-Stone
- Steelcase Inc.
- Strayer Voigt
- Sun Chemical
- Triumph Accessory Services
- Turbomeca-USA and Microturbo, Inc.
- Valspar Coatings
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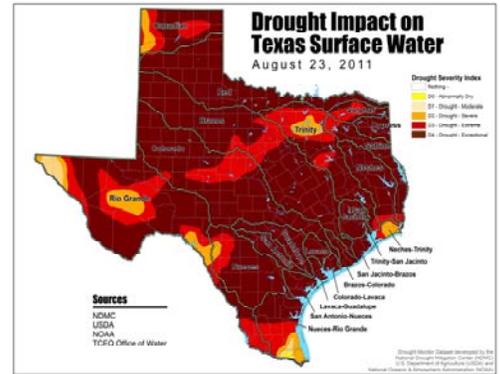
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# Historic Texas Drought of 2011

Texas is suffering from the third-worst drought in the state's history. The 10 months from October 2010 through July 2011 have been the driest for that 10-month period in Texas since 1895, when the state began keeping rainfall records. As of August 2011, 78% of the state is in "exceptional drought" compared to only 6% during the drought of 2007-08. Exceptional drought is when the situation extends beyond what could be considered part of normal risk management. The historic drought has depleted water resources with damage to the state economy already measured in the billions of dollars and continues to mount.

Due to the severe temperatures and subsequent high water demand, the City of Grand Prairie has enacted mandatory water restrictions to help manage the use of its water supply.

- No watering on Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday
- Even numbered addresses water lawns on Mondays and Thursdays
- Odd numbered addresses water lawn on Tuesdays and Fridays
- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.



## Sunset Review—TCEQ



While the sun sets every day on the rest of the world, it sets once every twelve years for the TCEQ. In 1977, the Texas legislature created the Sunset Advisory Commission to question the need to continue 130 agencies, including the TCEQ, and make recommendations to eliminate waste, duplication, and inefficiency. This review is conducted approximately every 12 years. The last review of the TCEQ was completed in January 2011.

The major issues considered and the recommendations of the advisory commission are:

- 1) Texas has a continuing need for the TCEQ.
- 2) The TCEQ's public assistance efforts lack coordination and focus.
- 3) Make changes to more accurately measure compliance histories of regulated entities.
- 4) Increase public visibility and enhance statutory authority to the enforcement process.
- 5) Provide more tools to protect surface water availability during drought conditions.
- 6) Fill gaps in current PST regulations and maintain state's ability for clean ups.
- 7) Address funding of Texas Low level Radioactive waste disposal.
- 8) Adjust the annual emission tonnage

cap of 4,000 tons for the Air emissions fee to adequately fund the Title V operating permit program.

9) Transfer responsibility for regulating water and waste water rates and services from the TCEQ to PUC.

10) Abolish the independent On-Site Waste Water Treatment Research Council and transfer authority to award grants to the TCEQ.

The full report of the Sunset Advisory Commission can be viewed at:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/sunset/>

## P2 and Leak Detection

Fixing leaks once is not enough. Incorporate a leak prevention program into your facility's operations. It should include identification and tagging, tracking, repair, verification, and employee involvement. Set a reasonable target for cost-effective leak reduction; 5-10% of total system flow is typical for industrial facilities.

Once leaks are repaired, re-evaluate your compressed air system supply. Work with a compressed air systems specialist to adjust compressor controls. Also look at alternatives to some compressed air uses. If a compressor can be turned off, benefits include cost savings and a system backup.



# Texas Trouble

A welding and oil field equipment repair shop in Gregg County was assessed \$1,050 for failing to obtain permit authorization for a source of air emissions prior to the commencement of operations of a facility which emits air contaminants.

An oilfield services facility in Parker County was assessed \$800 for failing to prevent nuisance dust emissions from impacting off property receptors.

A machine shop in Tarrant County was assessed \$2,200 for failing to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with industrial activities under the TPDES Multi-Sector Permit.

*“An iron foundry in Cooke County was assessed \$56,465 for failing to manage industrial solid waste...”*

An iron foundry in Cooke County was assessed \$56,465 for failing to manage industrial solid waste in a manner as to prevent unauthorized discharge, failing to maintain an accurate Notice of Registration, failing to complete an Annual Waste Summary, failing to provide proper training to personnel handling hazardous baghouse dust, failing to maintain a contingency plan, failing to properly store and manage paint waste, failing to store hazardous waste for less than 90 days, failing to conduct hazardous waste determinations, and by failing to maintain paint booth filters to ensure 95% removal efficiency.



A scrap metal recycling business in Ellis County was assessed \$26,400 for failing to obtain authorization to discharge storm water associated with industrial activities under the TPDES.

A solid waste hauling company in DeWitt County was assessed \$900 for failing to ensure that all waste collected in unloaded only at facilities authorized to accept the type of waste being transported.

An auto body shop was fined \$900 for failing to get a permit for a source of air emissions prior to the starting of operations.

## OSHA's Distracted Driving Initiative

Employers should prohibit any work policy or practice that requires or encourages workers to text while driving. Texting while driving greatly increases the risk of being injured or killed in a motor vehicle crash. Prohibiting texting while driving is the subject of the [Executive Order](#) [57 KB PDF, 3 pages] signed by President Obama last year for Federal employees, and the subject of rulemaking by the Department of Transportation. We call upon all employers to prohibit any work pol-

icy or practice that requires or encourages workers to text while driving. The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) is clear—employers must provide a workplace free of serious recognized hazards. It is well recognized that texting while driving dramatically increases the risk of a motor vehicle injury or fatality. It is im-



perative that employers eliminate financial or other incentives that encourage workers to text while driving. Employers who require their employees to text while driving—or who organize work so that doing so is a practical necessity even if not a formal requirement - violate the OSH Act.

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### TCEQ Changes Email and Domain Name

TCEQ has changed employee e-mail addresses to

[Firstname.Lastname@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:Firstname.Lastname@tceq.texas.gov)  
and group e-mail addresses to end in  
[@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:@tceq.texas.gov). The Web site addresses  
are changing from [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us)  
to [www.tceq.texas.gov](http://www.tceq.texas.gov).

You may notice these changes in correspondence you receive from the agency. The old e-mail addresses and domain name will still work for at least five years; however, they encourage you to update your bookmarks and e-mail address book.

TCEQ is phasing in the changes, but much of the changeover was rolled out on January 15, 2011. For more information, visit <http://www.tceq.texas.gov>.



## Registration Form

### Environmental Compliance Workshop

### Annual Awards Luncheon

### Environmental Services Department

### City of Grand Prairie Development Center

206 W. Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

September 30, 2011

11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

(Lunch Provided)

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to give a brief overview of my company at this meeting.

**PLEASE RETURN BY MAIL OR FAX TO:**

**Environmental Services Department**

**P.O. Box 534045**

**Grand Prairie, TX 75053-4045**

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## Stormwater Industrial Permit Renewal Deadline: November 14, 2011

Facilities with industrial activities covered under the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) TXR050000 need to renew their coverage with the TCEQ if they have not already. The current MSGP was issued on August 14, 2006 and expired on August 14, 2011. Permittees who want to renew permit coverage have until November 14, 2011 to submit the required application form (NOI or NEC), which is 90 days after the effective date of the reissued permit. In addition, a \$200 annual water quality fee will be assessed to permittees who did not desire to renew coverage and failed to submit an NOI before September 1, 2011.

Several key changes were made to the new permit. These changes include more comprehensive requirements regarding discharges to water quality impairment, automatic authorization designations, materials handling and storage, benchmark changes, and clarifications in sector specific applicability language.

### Key Dates

- Effective date of new permit – August 14, 2011

- Last day to terminate coverage if not renewing coverage – September 1, 2011 (to avoid annual water quality fee assessment)
- First day to apply for coverage – August 15, 2011
- Last day to apply for renewal coverage – November 14, 2011

For more information on the permitting process or to view the permit changes visit [www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/permits/sw\\_industrial.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/permits/sw_industrial.html).