

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE

December 12, 2024, RAQPAC Meeting

2024 Primary Annual Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS

- On February 7, 2024, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized its revision of the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS to 9.0 µg/m³ and published in the *Federal Register* on March 6, 2024.
- TCEQ held an informal comment period from July 30, 2024, through August 30, 2024, to solicit information relevant to the development of area designations for the 2024 new standard.
- The recommended designations will go before the commission on December 18, 2024. If approved, the designations will be sent to the governor for consideration. State designation submissions are due to EPA by February 7, 2025.
- For more information, please visit the [Air Pollution from Particulate Matter](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-pm/#latest) webpage (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-pm/#latest).

Executive Director's Recommended 2025 Regional Haze Progress Report

- On December 18, 2024, the commission will consider adoption of the executive director's recommended 2025 Regional Haze Progress Report for the second planning period.
- An electronic version of the report, appendices, and Federal Land Manager comments are available on the [Regional Haze](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/bart/haze_sip.html) webpage (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/bart/haze_sip.html).

Emissions Inventory (EI) Workshop

- The TCEQ is virtually hosting the EI Workshop on January 23, 2025. The workshop will cover updates for the upcoming 2024 reporting year, basic terms and concepts, guidance for estimating emissions from equipment leak fugitive emissions sources, and Web-EI reporting.
- Registration is currently open. For more information, please visit the [Emissions Inventory Workshop](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/industrialemissionsinventoryworkshop) webpage (https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/industrialemissionsinventoryworkshop).

Update Air EI Contact Information by December 15, 2024

- Before the calendar year (CY) 2024 air EI courtesy notifications are sent, please ensure the EI contact information is correct and send updates to psinvent@tceq.texas.gov by December 15, 2024. No action is required if the EI contact information is correct.
- For sites subject to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §101.10, a completed EI is required to be submitted to TCEQ by March 31, 2025, or as directed by the commission.
- For sites currently on the mailing list, TCEQ will e-mail the courtesy notification letter to the e-mail on file by December 31, 2024. In addition, for sites subject to the special inventory, the notification letter will also be mailed to the mailing address on file. Emissions inventories must be submitted electronically through the [State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System \(STEERS\)](https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/) (https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/). If the site is not subject to 30 TAC §101.10, a rule inapplicability notification letter may be submitted in lieu of a STEERS submittal, but a hard copy with a wet ink signature must be mailed.
- For more information and questions, please contact the EI program at psinvent@tceq.texas.gov or at 512-239-1773.

Annual Reporting Requirements for Certain Air Permits and New Source Review Groups

- The [STEERS](https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/) (<https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>) functionality is now available to report the operational status for the new annual reporting requirement for certain temporary permits or permits without an expiration date (open-ended). The initial report is due by December 31, 2024. Then, annual reporting will be required by December 31 of each year. Operational status should be reported electronically through STEERS.
- For more information on the requirements, please visit the [Annual Reporting Requirement: Certain Air Permits](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/annual-reporting-requirements-airpermits) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/annual-reporting-requirements-airpermits>).

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT) STEERS Guidance is Now Available

- The EBT team is pleased to announce a new guidance document for [STEERS](https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/) (<https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>) is now available on the [EBT](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/banking) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/banking>). Starting January 1, 2025, all EBT applications will be required to be submitted electronically through STEERS.
- The new STEERS Guidance document provides detailed information on how to set up a STEERS account, access EBT Portfolios, and prepare applications for submission. Users can also update EBT facility and account contact information via STEERS.
- For more information, please visit the [EBT](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/banking) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/banking>) and for questions, please contact ebt@tceq.texas.gov.

Texas Voluntary Marginal Conventional Well Plugging (TxMCW) Program

- TCEQ is preparing for the launch of the [TxMCW program](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/txmcw/well-plugging-grants) (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/txmcw/well-plugging-grants>). This new federally funded program aims to reduce methane, criteria pollutants, and other air emissions across the state.
- Starting in 2025, TxMCW will open its application process, offering financial incentives for owners and operators to voluntarily plug low-producing conventional oil and gas wells, commonly referred to as marginal conventional wells.
- For more information about program opportunities, please visit the new [TxMCW](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/txmcw/well-plugging-grants) website (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/txmcw/well-plugging-grants>) and [join the email list](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=TXTCEQ_365) (https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new?topic_id=TXTCEQ_365) to receive the latest updates and information about the application process.