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The

CLEAN TEXAS

PROGRAM





Program Goals

- ✓ Increase environmental performance throughout Texas
- ✓ Provide benefits for exceptional voluntary efforts





Levels of Participation

✓ **BRONZE LEVEL**



✓ **SILVER LEVEL**



✓ **GOLD LEVEL**



✓ **PLATINUM LEVEL**



Equivalent to EPA National Performance Track





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Program Benefits



Benefits

- ✓ Benefits are provided to CLEAN TEXAS members at each level
- ✓ The higher you go in CLEAN TEXAS, the better the benefits





Benefits

✓ Recognition

- ★ Use of CLEAN TEXAS logo and stars
- ★ Recognition at Environmental Trade Fair
- ★ On-site media recognition
- ★ Agency media release
- ★ Recognition in CLEAN TEXAS program materials





Benefits

- ✓ **Regulatory Benefits**
 - ★ **Expedited Permit Review**
 - ★ **Exemption from Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA) requirements**
 - ★ **Reduced state investigation frequency**





Benefits

✓ Other Benefits

- ★ **Technical assistance**
- ★ **Reduced fees for TCEQ training events**





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Joining Clean Texas

A Level For Everyone



Bronze Level

- ✓ Measurable environmental improvement goals beyond or outside requirements
- ✓ Community environmental service project
- ✓ Annual progress report on environmental goals





Silver Level

- ✓ Certified Environmental Management System (EMS)
- ✓ Compliance assurance goals
- ✓ Environmental improvement goals – as outlined in their EMS
- ✓ Annual progress report on environmental goals set in EMS





Gold Level

- ✓ Certified Environmental Management System (EMS)
- ✓ Two environmental improvement goals
- ✓ Compliance assurance goals
- ✓ Two community environmental projects
- ✓ Annual progress report





Platinum Level

- ✓ Certified Environmental Management System (EMS)
- ✓ Four environmental improvement goals
- ✓ Compliance assurance goals
- ✓ Three community environmental projects
- ✓ Annual progress report





What is required in
an EMS?



Steps to a Clean Texas EMS

- 1. Set an environmental policy**
- 2. Determine significant environmental impacts**
- 3. Set goals for compliance and environmental performance**
- 4. Assign responsibility**
- 5. Implement and document programs**
- 6. Evaluate and measure effectiveness**
- 7. Demonstrate performance**



EMS Assessment and Verification

- ✓ Site must use an independent party to assess EMS implementation
- ✓ TCEQ will verify EMS implementation





Take the First Step

CLEAN TEXAS resources and materials are available online at: www.cleantexas.org

- ✓ **Download an application**
Click the “Join Now” link
- ✓ **Find guidance on filling out an application**
Click Publications, click on “CLEAN TEXAS Program Guide”
- ✓ **Find more information on EMS**
Click Publications, click “CLEAN TEXAS Independent Assessment Criteria” and “TCEQ Verification Visit Protocol”





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