

State Assistance for Systems Under a Compliance Order

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Small Business and Local Government
Assistance Program (SBLGA)



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SBLGA Programs Offer:

- Technical Assistance
- One to One Help
- Compliance Tools
- Free & Confidential



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Small Local Government



- City of 50,000 or Fewer
- County of 100,000 or Fewer
- ISD with 100,000 or Fewer Students



SBLGA Referral Assistance

- Guidance through enforcement process
- Discuss options for compliance
- Discuss what is expected, deadlines and how to submit documentation



SBLGA Referral Benefits

- Compliance is our goal as well
- Streamline the enforcement process
- Make the process easier for customers



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Wastewater Assistance

- Filling out a DMR
- Understanding sampling requirements
- Understanding permit terms
- Leading customer through application process



NetDMR Assistance

- Texas allows some systems to apply for electronic reporting waiver
- Facilities that apply receive additional on-site training from SBLGA staff



SBLGA Programs

- Hotline
- EnviroMentor
- Regional staff
- Advisory and advocacy groups
- Email outreach



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Getting Help

- Hotline
 - 1-800-447-2827
 - M-F 8:00am-5:00pm
- TexasEnviroHelp website
- Office & Site Visits



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EnviroMentor Program

- Technical Assistance
- Volunteer Professionals
 - Consultants
 - Engineers
 - Lawyers
 - Operators



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Case Study

- Enforcement order official July 2014
- Pond system
- Violations
 - Failed to submit five months of DMRs and annual report
 - Failed to maintain BOD, TSS, and pH levels



Case Study

- Resolved reporting requirements
- Had issues lowering BOD levels
- City Manager was cooperative
- Assigned an EnviroMentor



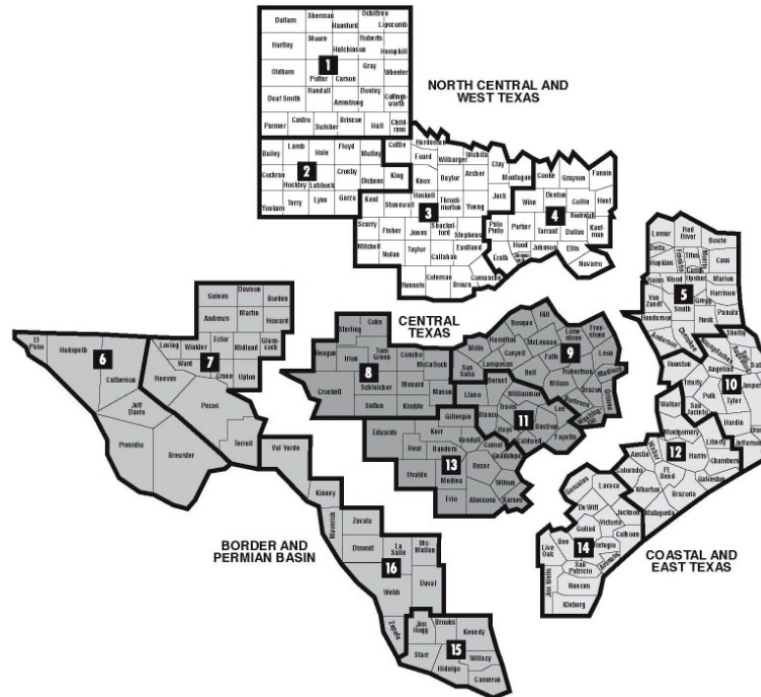
Case Study

- EnviroMentor assessed the situation
- Led the city to:
 - Repair lift station
 - Better maintain vegetation
 - Repair aeration sprinklers
- In 2019, system was out of enforcement



Local Staff Available

TCEQ Areas, Regions, and Small Business and Environmental Assistance (SBEA) Regional Team Members



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Rural Ombudsman

- Liaison between TCEQ and Local Governments
- Outreach and education
- Partnership development
- Provides Local Government perspective on TCEQ Rules and policy



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Information Resources

- *The Advocate*
 - Rule Change Outreach
 - Compliance Initiatives
 - Workshops & Seminars
 - Online & Print Publications



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FMT Assistance

- Free financial, managerial, and technical assistance
- For wastewater systems
- Examples of topics
 - Wastewater Treatment Optimization
 - Sampling Techniques
 - Compliance Violations



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Compliance SEPs

- Enforcement fine goes towards fixing plant and resolving violations
- Only available to local governments
- Region staff also evaluate
- Submit periodic reports



Wastewater Funding Sources

- Texas Water Development Fund
- Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee
- Economically Distressed Areas Program



Wastewater Tools

Managing Small Wastewater Systems

- Asset Management
- Sustainable Systems
- Operation and Maintenance
- Compliance



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Wastewater Tools

- Troubleshooting Bacterial Levels
- Geometric Mean Calculator
- Records Investigators Request



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