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**The**

# CLEAN TEXAS

**PROGRAM**





# Program Goals

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





# Levels of Participation

✓ **BRONZE LEVEL**



✓ **SILVER LEVEL**



✓ **GOLD LEVEL**



✓ **PLATINUM LEVEL**



- **Equivalent to EPA National Performance Track**





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Joining Clean Texas



# 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
- ✓ Compliance Assurance goals
- ✓ Annual progress report on environmental goals set in EMS





# Gold Level

- ✓ Certified Environmental Management System
- ✓ Two measurable environmental improvement goals beyond requirements
- ✓ Compliance Assurance goals
- ✓ Two community environmental service projects
- ✓ Annual progress report on environmental goals set in your EMS





# Platinum Level

- ✓ Certified Environmental Management System
- ✓ Four measurable environmental improvement goals beyond requirements
- ✓ Compliance Assurance goals
- ✓ Three community environmental service projects
- ✓ Annual progress report on environmental goals set in your EMS





# Platinum Level Benefits

- ✓ In addition to Silver and Gold level benefits, Platinum members get:
  - Stringency evaluation under air programs so sites are held to only one standard versus two
  - Low EPA inspection priority
  - Reduced reporting under Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT)
  - Reduced reporting and monitoring under discharge monitoring report provisions





# Program Benefits





# Benefits

- ✓ Each level of Clean Texas has benefits ranging from recognition to reduced regulatory burden
- ✓ The higher you go in Clean Texas, the better the benefits.
  - See incentives handout for details





# How does an EMS Work?





# 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





# Verification

- ✓ Require a Pre-approval Verification Visit
  - **One day risk-based assessment to determine if membership entry requirements are met**
  - **Focus on major impacts, compliance, and priority issues**
- ✓ Use Verification Visit Protocol
- ✓ All Gold and Platinum, some Silver





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# Compliance Requirements



# Bronze Level ★

- ✓ Average or high compliance history rating
- ✓ No state or federal court orders for one year prior
- ✓ No criminal convictions for 5 years prior
- ✓ No significant problems or patterns of noncompliance





# Silver Level



- ✓ Average or high compliance history rating
- ✓ No state or federal court orders for two years prior
- ✓ No criminal convictions for 5 years prior
- ✓ No significant problems or patterns of noncompliance





# Gold Level



- ✓ Average or high compliance history rating
- ✓ No state or federal court orders for three years prior
- ✓ No criminal convictions for 5 years prior
- ✓ No significant problems or patterns of noncompliance





# Platinum Level State



- ✓ Average or high compliance history rating
- ✓ No state or federal court orders for three years prior
- ✓ No criminal convictions for 5 years prior
- ✓ No significant problems or patterns of noncompliance





# Platinum Level Federal



- ✓ No more than two significant violations for three years prior
- ✓ No unresolved, unaddressed significant noncompliances/violations
- ✓ No on-going EPA or state litigation
- ✓ In compliance with schedules and terms of any order or decree





# Common Questions?

- ✓ How do I locate my Compliance History score?
  - <http://www2.tnrcc.state.tx.us/ch/index.cfm>
- ✓ How do I locate my Regulated Entity Number?
  - <http://www4.tceq.state.tx.us/crpub/>
- ✓ Is there guidance on filling out an application?
  - [www.cleantexas.org](http://www.cleantexas.org), click on Publications, click on “Clean texas Program Guide”
- ✓ Where can I find more information on EMS
  - [www.cleantexas.org](http://www.cleantexas.org), click on Publications





# Questions?

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