

Supplemental Environmental Projects Webinar Questions and Answers November 12, 2019

- 1. Could Supplemental Environmental Project Funds be used to help fund a conservation easement transaction or purchase of development rights?
 - a. Proposed SEP projects involving conservation easements and property acquisitions for habitat restorations, native species protections, and the like will be considered, and similar projects have been approved.
- 2. Are respondents required to fund an SEP that's in the area (watershed, air control region, etc.) where the violation occurred, or can they pick from any third-party administrator in Texas? Further, if they are required to fund an SEP in that is in the selected area, can they pick which one they want to fund, or does the TCEQ decide that?
 - a. Respondents opting to contribute to a third party SEP will choose a project related to the violation media (Air SEPs for Air violations, water/waste SEPs for water and waste violations) as well as to a project that will benefit the community in which the alleged violations occurred (levels of community include City, County, River Basin, Aquifer, Air control regions).
- 3. Why was there a big decrease in administrative order dollars between 2018 and 2019?
 - a. Increases and decreases in administrative order dollars can vary based on the number of settlements achieved in a given year as well as the nature of respondents' violations and associated assessed penalty for those violations.

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