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## MEETING NOTICE

Please join us on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 for the next Environmental Compliance meeting to hear from City of Grand Prairie staff regarding Stormwater & Good Housekeeping. The meeting will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 am at the Environmental Service Department office located in the Development Center at 206 W. Church Street.

To register, or for more information, contact Jody Cason at (972) 237-8070 or [jcason@gptx.org](mailto:jcason@gptx.org), or fax your registration form to (972) 237-8228.

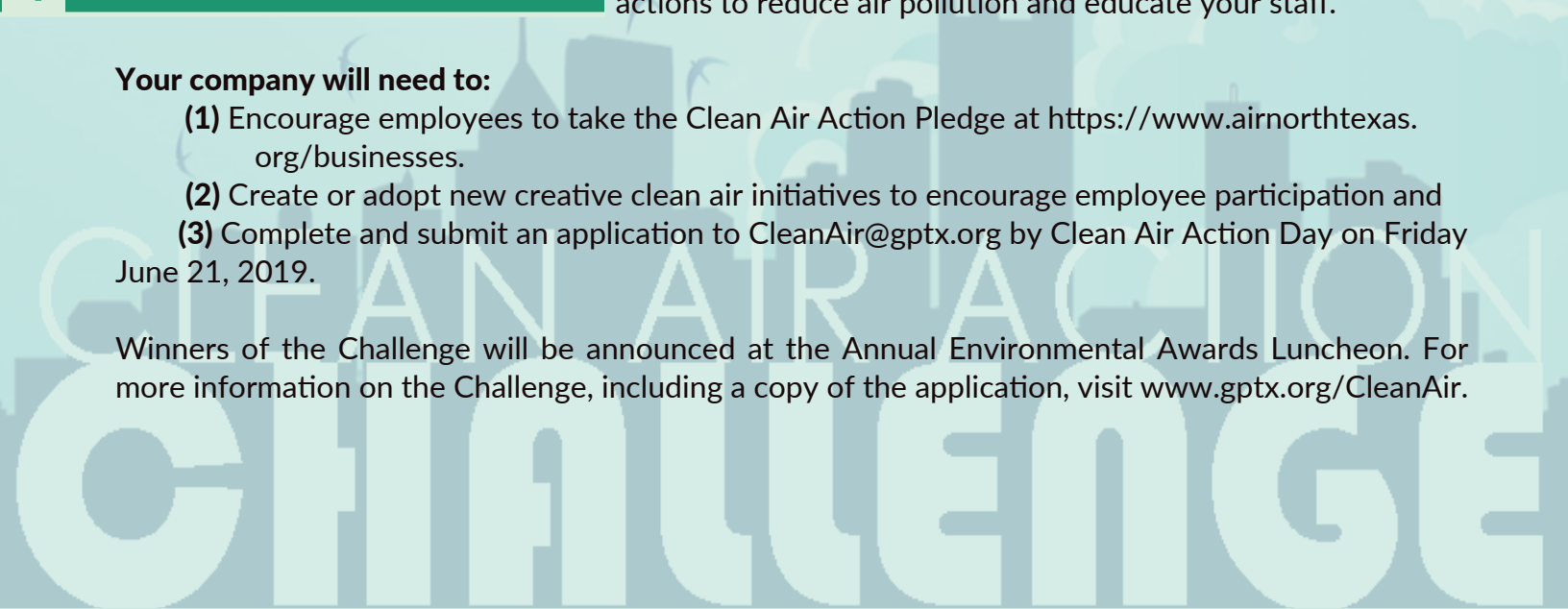
## CLEAN AIR ACTION CHALLENGE

The City of Grand Prairie is challenging your company to take actions to reduce air pollution and educate your staff.

### Your company will need to:

- (1) Encourage employees to take the Clean Air Action Pledge at <https://www.airnorthtexas.org/businesses>.
- (2) Create or adopt new creative clean air initiatives to encourage employee participation and
- (3) Complete and submit an application to [CleanAir@gptx.org](mailto:CleanAir@gptx.org) by Clean Air Action Day on Friday June 21, 2019.

Winners of the Challenge will be announced at the Annual Environmental Awards Luncheon. For more information on the Challenge, including a copy of the application, visit [www.gptx.org/CleanAir](http://www.gptx.org/CleanAir).



The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the 2018 Year in Review report in January 2019 outlining accomplishments and environmental progress by the agency during the past year. Some of the highlights included the following:

**AIR:** EPA proposed the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule in August 2018 to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions and launched the Cleaner Trucks Initiative (CTI) in November 2018. Both will assist areas such as the Dallas-Fort Worth region to progress toward attainment of ozone and particulate matter standards.

**WATER:** EPA proposed a revised definition for Waters of the United States (WOTUS) in December 2018 to more clearly define which water resources are subject to federal regulation. EPA Region 6 and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are collaborating with the North Texas Municipal Water District to provide an additional drinking water reservoir for population.

**LAND:** EPA remediation of 2018 enabled deletion of 22 List (NPL), one of which is (ESCO) manufacturing facility Delfasco Forge Site in Grand due to chlorinated solvent contamination in September 2018.

**INTERNATIONAL:** EPA led international environmental efforts through first-time-ever articles in Chapter 24 of the United States-Mexico-trade signed in November 2018, including from ship pollution and plastic litter.



The complete 2018 Report can be viewed at: <https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/epa-year-review-2018>.

## CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

Earth day is a worldwide celebration that occurs on April 22nd to demonstrate support for environmental protection. This year, Earth Day's theme will be "Protect Our Species", but have you decided how you will celebrate? Here are some ways to celebrate at work:

### 1. Organize Employee Events

- Some options could be watch an environmental movie or create a recycling competition.

### 2. Raise Awareness

- Send an email or PDF regarding good environmentally friendly practices.
- Post on social media to raise awareness to your followers.

### 3. Make a Commitment

- Set long-term environmental goals for your company.

### 4. Volunteer in the Community

- Participate in local environmental organizations or organize a neighborhood clean-up.

### 5. Get Out and Experience Nature

- Schedule an employee outing at a nearby park or nature reserve.



# WASTE REDUCTION POLICY ACT

The Waste Reduction Policy Act (WRPA) of 1991 was adopted by the Texas Legislature to reduce the volume, toxicity, adverse public health, and environmental effects of pollutants in Texas. The TCEQ adopted the corresponding rule under 30 TAC 335 Subchapter Q. This act requires the following from certain facilities:

- Prepare a five-year Pollution Prevention (P2) Plan,
- Submit an Executive Summary of the P2 Plan, and
- Report annually on their activities to prevent pollution.

The Waste Reduction Policy Act applies to:

- Large and Small Quantity Generators of hazardous waste
- Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Form R reporters



The Pollution Prevention Plan must be updated and a new executive summary must be submitted to the TCEQ every 5 years until such time as WRPA no longer applies to the facility. Additionally, all large quantity generators of hazardous waste and all TRI Form R reporters, with a P2 Plan covering the calendar year 2018, are required to submit Annual Progress Reports (APRs) covering the calendar year of 2018. These reports are due by July 1, 2019. Small quantity generators who do not report on the TRI form R are not required to submit APRs, but must still prepare a P2 Plan and submit the Executive Summary to TCEQ. For more information go to [www.p2plan.org](http://www.p2plan.org).



All staff whose job duties have potential to affect stormwater quality should be properly trained to prevent contaminants from entering stormwater. It is much easier and cheaper to avoid pollution than to try to treat it after it occurs. When developing your stormwater training program, be sure to include the following elements:

- An overview of the Stormwater Multi Sector General Permit requirements and the specific actions the facility takes to comply with the permit
- How to implement and maintain Best Management Practices (BMPs) at the facility, including good housekeeping practices, maintenance requirements, and material management practices
- The facility's spill response and reporting procedures
- Safety considerations
- Contents and requirements of the SWPPP
- How to update the SWPPP
- The location of the facility's sampling sites, spill kits, and drains
- The facility's monitoring requirements
- What to look for when observing evidence of illicit stormwater discharges

To make your stormwater training program more effective, make training sessions site-specific to your facility. Include hands-on training, such as spill response drills, and involve coworkers in developing and teaching subjects during the training. Proper training can help every employee to become a valuable resource and a part of your facility's spill prevention, cleanup, and stormwater management strategy.

# Texas Trouble

A fleet refueling facility in Dallas County was assessed \$12,603 for failing to investigate a suspected release of regulated substance within 30 days of discovery and by failing to report a suspected release to the TCEQ within 24 hours of discovery.

The DFW International Airport in Tarrant and Dallas Counties was assessed \$4,500 for failing to prevent the unauthorized discharge of industrial waste into or adjacent to any water in the state.

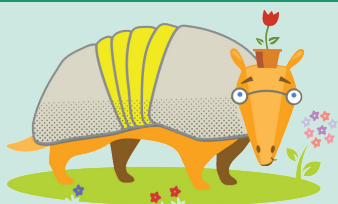
An aerospace manufacturer in Dallas County was assessed \$15,938 for failing to create and maintain a monthly summary of particulate matter emissions for each abrasive blasting booth, failing to report all instances of deviations, and failing to submit a deviation report no later than 30 days after the end of the reporting period.

An insulation manufacturing facility in Ellis County was assessed \$15,000 for failing to prevent unauthorized emissions.

A rubber manufacturing plant in Jefferson County was assessed \$60,000 for failing to not cause the unauthorized disposal of industrial hazardous waste at the facility.

A wholesale automotive transmission rebuilder in Bexar County was assessed \$20,250 for failing to conduct hazardous waste determinations and waste classifications and for permitting the unauthorized storage or disposal of industrial solid waste.

A dry cleaning facility in Tarrant County was assessed \$5,222 for failing to renew registration, failing to install secondary containment around each storage area for waste, solvents, and wastewater, and failing to inspect each containment structure weekly for structure damage.



Spring is blooming in Grand Prairie. A prime time to keep in mind that conservation of water or electricity helps us breathe clean air. #AirNTX



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Environmental Compliance Meeting Registration Form

## Stormwater & Good Housekeeping

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