

Clean Air Act: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality issues 2015 Emissions Inventory Guidelines



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The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("TCEQ") issued a January 2016 document titled *2015 Emissions Inventory Guidelines* ("Guidelines").

The Clean Air Act requires that states develop and periodically update an emission inventory.

TCEQ states that is authorized to request emissions inventories and supporting documentation under the provisions of the:

- Clean Air Act
- Texas Clean Air Act, Texas Health and Safety Code Section 382.014
- Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, Section 101.10

The *Guidelines* state that the Texas agency uses the emissions inventory to:

... plan pollution control programs, promote compliance with laws and regulations, conduct permit reviews, develop airshed modeling and rulemaking activities, and supply required data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ...

The Emissions Assessment Section of TCEQ's Office of Air utilizes the emissions inventory to:

- Ensure that the data requested in the emission inventory meet the requirements of the federal Clean air Act and various other federal and state mandates;
- Collect data in a standard format using the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS) – Air Emissions Inventory Reporting (AEIR) Web-E1 system, EAS forms, and the emissions inventory questionnaire (EIQ);
- Ensure that companies consistently use the most current and accurate information available for determining their emissions;
- Help industry accurately report emissions data, especially by offering assistance through the EAS Help Line (512-239-1773);
- Maintain data in a standard format using the State of Texas Air Reporting System (STARS) database;
- Supply data to other TCEQ personnel; and
- Continually update TCEQ publications in order to improve communication with companies submitting emissions inventories.

Topics addressed include creation of an initial emissions inventory, updating emissions inventory, and data request, etc.

The Appendices address:

- selected combustion sources
- cooling towers
- fugitive of emissions from piping components
- flares
- marine facilities
- aboveground liquid storage tanks

A link to the 212 page *Guidelines* can be found here

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/pubs/rg/rg360/rg360-15/rg-360.pdf.