

Supplemental Environmental Projects



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What is a SEP?

Environmental enhancement project that is used to offset a fine in an enforcement matter.

SEPs help improve the Texas environment one project at a time.

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Purpose of a SEP

- Prevents pollution
- Reduces the amount of pollutants reaching the environment
- Contributes to the public awareness of environmental matters.
- Enhances the quality of the environment

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Three Key Criteria

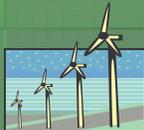
- Be environmentally beneficial
- Be done as a result of a settlement of an enforcement action
- Go beyond compliance requirements



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Other Factors Considered

- State, Regional, and Community Environmental Priorities
- Same media as the violation: Air, Water, Waste
- In or near the community in which the violation occurred



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A SEP May Not:

- Bring compliance or correct the violation
- Remediate any environmental harm caused by the respondent
- Benefit respondent financially or economically

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A SEP Also May Not

- *Pre-exist:* Can't be a pre-planned or pre-budgeted project
- *Be "on-site:"* SEPs generally cannot be performed at the site of the violation



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Types of SEPs

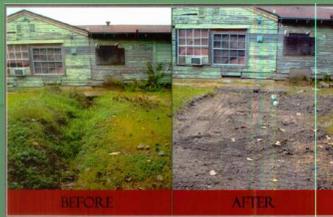
- Pre approved – Pre approved concepts for cities
- Custom



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Supplemental Environmental Project Ideas

Repair or replace waste water or septic systems



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SEP Project Ideas

Tire Collection Events



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SEP Project Ideas

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events/Programs



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Restore and Preserve Wildlife



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Capping Abandoned Wells



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Where Role Can the TSSWCB Play?

They Could Serve as a Third Party Administrator



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What Pre-Approved Projects Do Third Parties Do?

- Plugging abandoned water wells
- Waste water treatment assistance
- Abandoned tire cleanup
- Cleanup of unauthorized trash dumps
- Household Hazardous Waste Cleanups
- Pulling Underground Storage Tanks
- Antifreeze Recycling Campaigns
- Many, Many More Projects

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Third Party Process

- Application
- Review
- Negotiation of Agreement
- Execution of Agreement by Parties (Deputy Director of Legal Services & 3rd Party)

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Third Party Process Continued....

- SEP Panel and Commission Will Review if Being Considered for Pre-Approved List
- Third Party Can be Added to Website and is now Eligible to Receive SEP Funds.
- Third Parties MUST Report Quarterly Whether or Not Funds are Received

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Getting the Word Out About SEPs and Third Parties

- Outreach to Local Gov't officials
- Outreach to Regulated Industries



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Questions?

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