



## ABOUT SB/SCAP

The primary mission of the DEQ's Small Business & Small Community Assistance Program is to provide important environmental regulatory assistance to small businesses and to provide environmental regulatory information to small communities.

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## Alert! new DEQ abrasive blasting control rule

By Patrick J. Devillier, Environmental Chemical Specialist, Baton Rouge Headquarters

On May 21, 2007, DEQ promulgated a new rule for abrasive blasting dust control at LAC 33:III, Subchapter F, Sections 1323 - 1333. Existing businesses conducting abrasive blasting activities have one year to comply. The rule allows two options for dust control: total enclosure (a building or tarps/shrouds on four sides) or partial enclosure with a written best management practices plan. No one can use abrasive material containing more than 10 percent by weight fines (80 mesh sieve test, certification often provided by abrasive supplier) without written pre-approval from DEQ on a case-by-case basis. Spent abrasive material must be either disposed to a landfill or used beneficially (with written DEQ approval) and management records kept. Shrouds or tarps must have an 80 percent or greater shade factor (as certified by manufacturer), have overlapping seams

during blasting and be well maintained. Tears greater than one foot (or multiple tears greater than six inches) must be repaired prior to continued blasting. The BMP plan option requires additional record-keeping to include: written BMP plan, blast activity log (start/end times, wind direction, observing dust leaving property, etc.), amount of abrasive used monthly, mandatory annual training for employees/contractors and annual re-certification of BMP plan. To see the rule from your computer, go to [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1674/Default.aspx#Title33](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1674/Default.aspx#Title33), click on Part III Air (Word or PDF), and locate Subchapter F.

For more help understanding or complying with this rule, please contact your local SB/SCAP representative.

## Bill signed by President Bush will help small business comply with federal regulations

Small businesses will now have better access to compliance guides for federal regulations under Amendment 103 of the *U.S. Troop Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007*. The amendment strengthened Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. Section 212 requires federal agencies to publish a small business compliance guide for each final rule that has a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Office of Advocacy, the "small business watchdog" of the federal government, examines the role and status of small business in the economy, and will assist agencies with the development of small business compliance guides. For more information, visit [www.sba.gov/advo/press/07-16.html](http://www.sba.gov/advo/press/07-16.html), or call (202) 205-6533.

### Prepare for Hurricane Season!

EPA's hurricane web site includes information for business operators on preventing and reporting chemical releases due to severe weather, which can be required by law; suggestions for preparing and protecting water and wastewater facilities; and debris planning since storm debris can overwhelm local landfills. Go to: [www.epa.gov/hurricanes](http://www.epa.gov/hurricanes).



**Underground Storage Tank Training**

Date	Location	Time
11-Jul-07	Baton Rouge	1 pm - 5 pm
19-Jul-07 (If needed)	Baton Rouge	1 pm - 5 pm
22-Aug-07	Shreveport	8 am - 12 pm
19-Sep-07	Lafayette	8 am - 12 pm
18-Oct-07	New Orleans	1 pm - 5 pm

NOTE: To register for this FREE class, call Lourdes Iturralde (225) 219-3713, or Toni Evans (225) 219-3719.

**Sanitary Wastewater Compliance Assistance Training (SWAT)**

Date	Location	Time
12-Jul-07	W. Monroe	12:30 - 4:30 pm
13-Jul-07	Shreveport	8 am - 12 pm
29-Aug-07	Livingston Parish	8 am - 12 pm
26-Sep-07	Lake Charles	8 am - 12 pm
25-Oct-07	Hammond	8 am - 12 pm

NOTE: To register for this FREE class, call (225) 219-3720.

**Reports Due**

<b>July 1</b>	TEDI; Form R(TRI); Minor Source Air Toxic Reports; Perc form
<b>July 28</b>	Semi-annual & Quarterly DMR reports
<b>August 1</b>	Ann. Rpt. for generators, processors, disposers of solid waste
<b>August 2</b>	UST worker certification exam (225) 219-3062
<b>September 13</b>	DEQ Asbestos & Lead Workshop-Baton Rouge (225) 219-3049
<b>September 30</b>	Stage II certificates expire
<b>October 4</b>	UST worker certification Exam (225) 219-3062
<b>October 28</b>	Quarterly DMR



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**1-800-887-6063**

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**SPCC RULE**

EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson signs final rule to extend compliance dates for spill prevention, control, and countermeasure rule until **July 1, 2009**.

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