

FACTS ABOUT THE OEQ

The Office of Environmental Quality (OEQ) was formed by City Council in February of 2004 to serve as an internal resource to the City of Dallas staff on environmental issues. These environmental issues range from compliance with regulatory requirements to conducting public outreach events and raising awareness related to our environment.



OEQ currently supports the Key Focus Areas of “Staff Accountability” and “Neighborhood Quality of Life” in the City of Dallas structure with three services: Environmental Management System, Compliance Assessments and Spills, and Outreach and Training.

Jack Evan Police Headquarters LEED Certified green building

OEQ MISSION

In January 2006, OEQ adopted a new mission statement.

The OEQ is committed to protecting and improving the environment by leading and guiding the City of Dallas in our efforts on environmental compliance, pollution prevention and continual improvement.

What does OEQ do for the City?

1. Conducts facility compliance assessments and inspections at City owned and operated properties.
2. Provides compliance assistance and education to departments.
3. Coordinates the internal Citywide Environmental Management System.
4. Provides spill response and clean up assistance, including any required regulatory reporting for City departments.
5. Chairs the internal Environmental Compliance Committee (ECC).
6. Tracks and analyzes preventability, root cause, and cost of spills.
7. Provides input on environmental related grants.



8. Provides environmental assistance with Phase I and II environmental site assessments and other special environmental projects.
9. Provides assistance with the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and related emission inventories.
10. Coordinates with State and Federal agencies on environmental issues.
11. Maintains both internet and intranet websites including a monthly calendar of events.
12. Maintains an environmental resource library.
13. Provides educational and outreach events throughout the year.
14. Networking hub for the transfer of environmental information between departments.

What does OEQ do for employees?

1. Provides extensive training opportunities including: monthly scheduled training events, weekly question and answer sessions, one-on-one assistance and departmental training upon request, with follow-up surveys to ensure quality service.
2. Answers technical assistance calls 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
3. Coordinates employee initiatives including Green Dallas Initiatives.
4. Facilitate small group meetings and training for specific needs.

What does OEQ do for citizens?

1. Coordinates with local environmental groups including Sustainable Dallas and Keep Dallas Beautiful.
2. Provides and coordinates outreach efforts and provides support at local events including the E&E Zoo Event.
3. Helps coordinate and organize EarthFest in conjunction with EPA.
4. Answers citizen environmental questions.

