

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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From: Storage Tanks Team

Subject: EPA Tanks 4.0x Emission Estimation Program

The purpose of this memo is to inform Air Permit Engineers and the regulated community that the Windows based Tanks 4.0x program developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is now accepted as a valid methodology for estimating emissions from storage tanks. The latest version is Tanks 4.09 and it is available on the internet at :

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/software/tanks/index.html>

Tank calculations provided in permit applications which use the earlier Tanks 3.1 program will still be accepted during a transition period that ends on August 31, 2001. Permit applications received on September 1, 2001 and later must use the Tanks 4.09 program or updated versions.

Short term storage tank emission estimations will still be performed using the methodology outlined in the TNRCC guidance document " Technical Guidance Package for Chemical Sources - Storage Tanks" dated February 1995. The guidance package will be updated in the future to reflect the use of Tanks 4.09.