

# POLLUTION PREVENTION WASTE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

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## How TCEQ Environmental Assistance Can Help You and Your Business

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# What does SBLGA do?

The Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA) team provides compliance help to small businesses and local governments. Our **free** and **confidential** help includes:

- Technical Assistance with understanding the rules and meeting requirements
- One-on-one help
- Compliance tools and guidance



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# Is SBLGA Part of OCE?



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# SBLGA Customers



***Help For Smaller Entities***



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# Small Business

Any independently owned and operated company with **100 or fewer** employees across all locations.



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# Small Local Government

City of 50,000 or fewer

County of 100,000 or fewer

ISD with 100,000 or fewer students



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# Where Can We Help?

## Air

De Minimis  
Permits by Rule  
Standard Permits  
NSR Permitting  
Title V Permitting  
NESHAPS  
Non-attainment  
Oil & Gas

## Water

Public Water Supply  
Storm Water  
Permitting  
Wastewater  
Permitting  
OSSF  
Water Rights

## Waste

Industrial Waste  
Hazardous Waste  
Municipal Waste  
Special Waste  
Waste Transporters  
Petroleum Storage  
Tanks



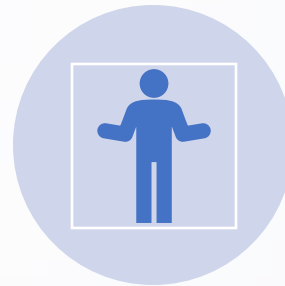
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# Where We *Can't* Help:



**Financial help** – we do not have money for business loans, nor do we manage grants.



**Non-responsive, hostile, or unwilling entities** - we can't help those who won't work with us.



**Health & Safety** – we do not provide compliance assistance for health and safety rules.



**Unlocking STEERS accounts**



# SBLGA Programs

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Hotline

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EnviroMentor

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Regional Staff

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*The Advocate* Electronic Newsletter

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GovDelivery Groups



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# Getting Help

- Hotline 1-800-447-2827
  - Monday-Friday 8am-5pm
- [TexasEnviroHelp@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:TexasEnviroHelp@tceq.texas.gov)
- [www.TexasEnviroHelp.org](http://www.TexasEnviroHelp.org)
- Office and Site Visits



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# Compliance Assistance Videos

Visit [TCEQNews](https://www.tceqnews.com) & [TexasEnviroHelp.org](https://www.texasenvirohelp.org)



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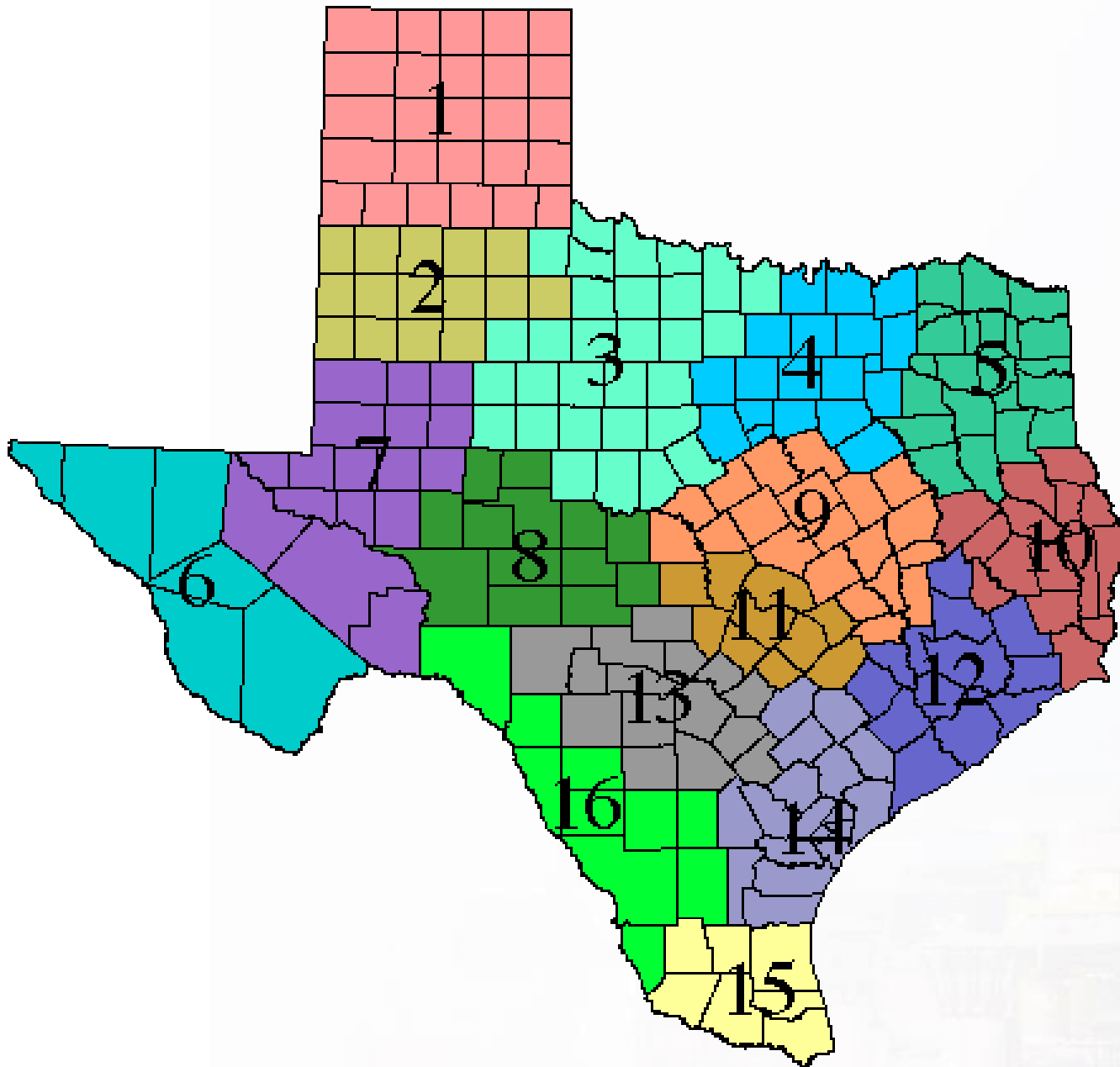
# EnviroMentor Program

The EnviroMentor Program is a **volunteer** program offering technical assistance at no cost. Our EM volunteers consist of:

- Consultants
- Engineers
- Operators
- Lawyers



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# SBLGA Local Staff Available

SBLGA Team  
Members by Region



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# Rural Ombudsman



Liaison between  
TCEQ and Local  
Governments



Outreach and  
education



Partnership  
development



Provides Local  
Government  
perspective on  
TCEQ rules and  
policy



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# Advisory and Advocacy Groups

Small Business Advisory Committee (SBAC)

Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP)

Participate in:

- Regulatory process
- Public comment
- Local and State planning



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# The Advocate

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Municipal Solid Waste

Petroleum Storage Tank

Public Water Systems

On-Site Sewage Facilities

Wastewater

Landscape Irrigator

Oil & Gas Activity

# GovDelivery Groups

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# Examples of Assistance

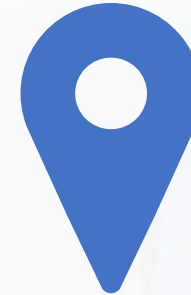


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# Environmental Trade Fair and Conference



**When:** May 14-15, 2024



**Where:** Austin Convention Center in  
Austin, TX



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Creating an account

Filling out forms or permits

Step-by-step walkthroughs

Video tutorials



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# Preparing and Responding to Natural Disasters



Drought Contingency Plans  
(DCPs)



Preparing for Extreme Cold  
Weather Conditions for PWSs



Guidance for WWTPs  
Responding to Disasters



Managing Debris from  
Tornadoes, Wildfires, etc.



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## Waste Designation Decision Matrix - Solid Waste Determination

This is the waste designation decision matrix provided by the Small Business and Local Government Assistance Program to aid businesses in deciding how certain wastes must be handled.

**This matrix is provided as an assistance tool. It cannot be used as a substitute for following applicable city, state, and federal laws.**

Is your waste a solid waste? [40 CFR 261.2](#)

YES

NO

### Definition of a Solid Waste

*Solid waste* includes garbage, rubbish, refuse, sludge from a wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, or air pollution control facility, and other discarded material, including solid, liquid, semi-solid, or contained gaseous material resulting from industrial, municipal, commercial, mining, and agricultural operations, and from community and institutional activities result from (or are incidental to) operations of industry, manufacturing, mining, or agriculture — for example, wastes from power generation plants, manufacturing facilities, and laboratories serving an industry.

*Solid waste* does **not** include any of the following:

- Domestic sewage or a mixture of domestic sewage and other wastes that pass through a sewer system to a POTW;
- Industrial wastewater discharges subject to an NPDES permit;
- Irrigation return flows;
- Soil, dirt, rock, sand, and other natural or man-made inert solid materials used to fill land if the object of the fill is to make the land suitable for the construction of surface improvements;
- and more. See [40 CFR 261.4\(a\)\(1\)-\(22\)](#) for a complete listing.

# Waste Determination Matrix



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# A Closer Look: EnviroMentor

## What can our EMs help with?

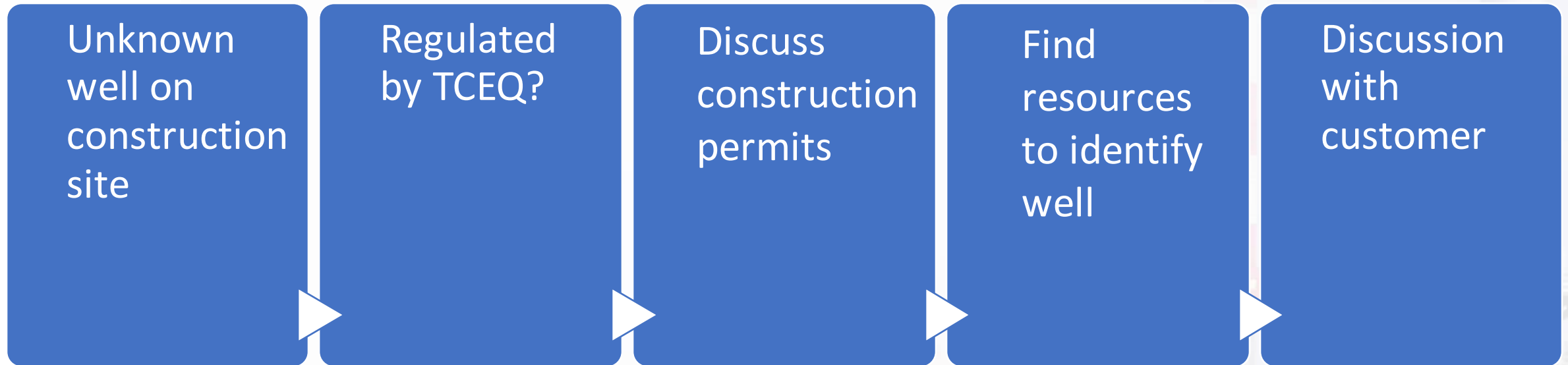
- Sawmill with a nuisance complaint that progressed to enforcement
- PWS needing a licensed Professional Engineer to review their system
- Manufacturer needing a Permit-By-Rule application
- Abandoned leaking PST cleanup
- Customer converting a garage into a slaughterhouse

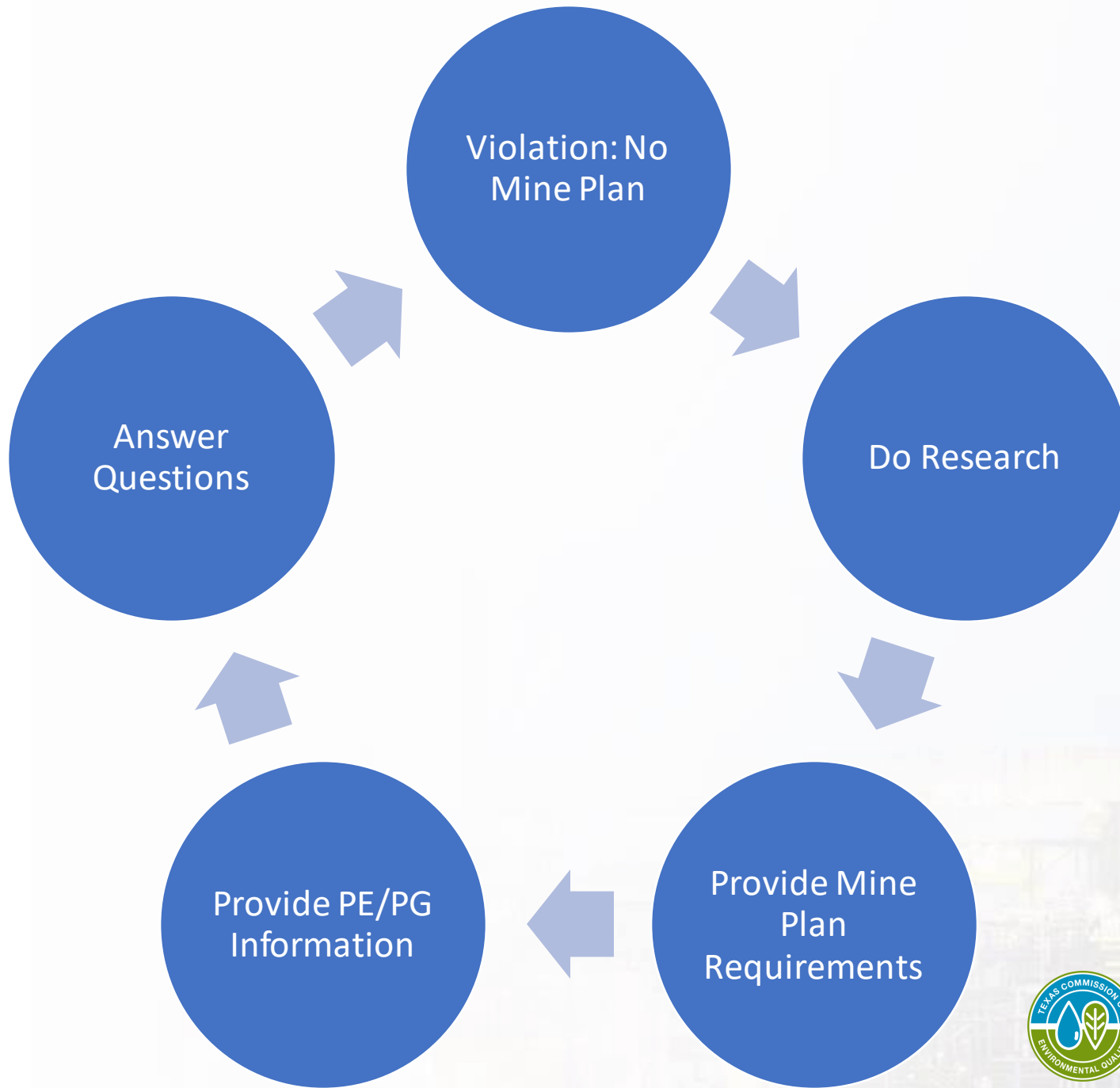


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# Hotline Example





# Violations



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# Starting a New Business

New business: RV Park

Review permit requirements

Answers questions



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# Information Seeking: Drinking Water Watch



Information  
on PWS  
Wanted

Is PIR  
request  
necessary?

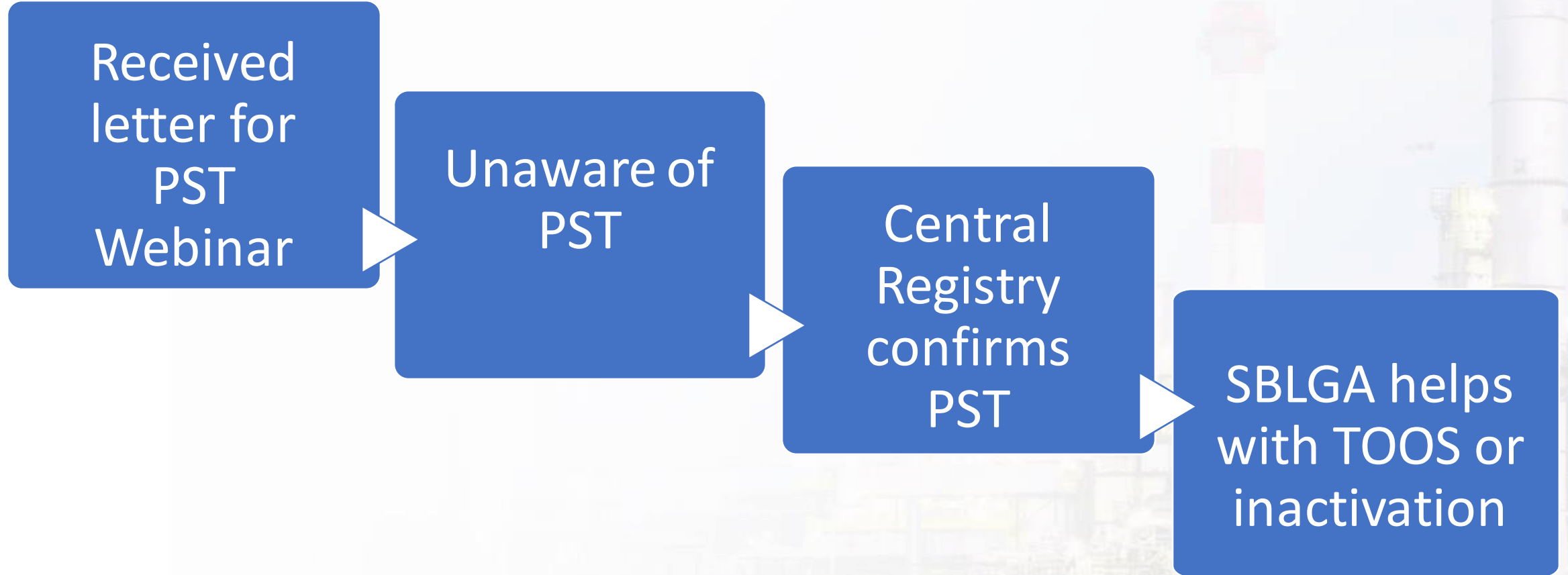
Information  
actually  
public

Show how  
DWW  
works



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# Information Seeking: Central Registry



# Regional Referral

Customer is investigated

Investigator refers them to SBLGA

SBLGA coordinates with customer, region, and program areas

SBLGA provides forms and directions

SBLGA walks customer through STEERS



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# Information Resources

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