

Texas Aggregate Quarry and Pit Safety Program

The [Texas Aggregate Quarry and Pit Safety Act](#), (Act) passed by the 72nd Texas Legislature in 1991, is designed to protect the safety of the motoring public from the potential dangers of open quarries and pits. During the 78th legislative session the responsibility for this Act was transferred from the Texas Railroad Commission to the Texas Department of Transportation. Under the Act, owners and operators of active, inactive and abandoned aggregate quarries and pits must:

- 1)** Notify the Department of Transportation of all quarries or pits located on their property. The notification should include:
 - a)** Name, address and phone number of property owner or operator.
 - b)** Physical address or GPS coordinates of property containing quarry or pit.
- 2)** Apply for and obtain a safety certificate in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 133, § 133.045 and Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 21, § 21.711.
- 3)** If required, erect an approved safety barrier or slope or backfill the quarry/pit to eliminate the vehicle hazard.
- 4)** If a safety certificate already exists for the quarry or pit you must submit a copy at this time in accordance with Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 21, § 21.719(b).
- 5)** All cessations and transfers which have not been submitted (as required) must now be updated in our records at this time to comply with the Act in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapter 133, §§ 133.051 through 133.054 and Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 21, §§ 21.716 through 21.718.

Quarry or pit owners who fail to comply with the Act may be fined as much as \$10,000 for each violation.

Please visit <http://www.txdot.gov/business/resources/materials/aggregate-quarry-pit-safety.html> for forms and additional program information. For any questions, please call (737) 465-2173 or email todd.huddleson@txdot.gov.

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