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**TCEQ Issues Guidance on Maintenance, Startup and
Shutdown Emissions**

On February 9, 2007, TCEQ's Air Permits Division ("APD") issued a document that contains APD's responses to numerous questions posed regarding maintenance, startup and shutdown ("MSS") activities during TCEQ's Advanced Air Permitting Seminar in Austin last September.

EPA Staff Recommends More Stringent Ozone Standards

On January 31, 2007, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards ("OAQPS") released a Final Staff Paper recommending that the primary and secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS") for ozone be lowered.

**Significant Environmental Bills Filed As Legislative Bill
Filing Deadline Nears**

As the March 9th deadline for bill filing nears, a number of environmental bills of interest have been filed in recent weeks. Air quality and water resources issues remain at the forefront of legislative attention.

**Options for Potentially Responsible Parties in the Wake of
the Aviall Decision**

Karl Bourdeau and Parker Moore, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. attorneys, authored an article summarizing, circuit-by-circuit, all case law regarding cost recovery and contribution rights of PRPs under CERCLA since the Supreme Court's *Aviall* decision through December 31, 2006. To view this article, reprinted with permission from BNA Environment Reporter, [click here](#).

Recent Texas Rules Updates

Click on the above link for highlights of significant proposed and adopted Texas rule changes.

Firm News and Events

- ◆ Peter Schaumberg will be a presenter at the Special Institute on Federal and Indian Oil & Gas Royalty Valuation and Management -- Omni Houston Hotel Westside, Houston, Texas, February 28, 2007. For more information, [click here](#).
- ◆ Wireless Industry EHS Roundtable on Current Product, Environmental, and Land Use Challenges -- Washington, DC, March 13, 2007. For more information, [click here](#).
- ◆ Paul Hagen and Russell LaMotte will be speakers at the ALI-ABA International Environmental Law Conference -- Hotel Monaco, Washington, DC, April 12-13, 2007. For more information [click here](#).

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