



**TFC win NAFA Clean Air Award**

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## TEXAS FACILITIES COMMISSION RECEIVES NAFA CLEAN AIR AWARD

The Texas Facilities Commission (TFC) was honored with the NAFA Clean Air Award for deploying high quality air filters and filtration technologies in state office buildings in 2020.

The Clean Air Award was presented to Mike Novak, TFC Executive Director, by Patrick Rosenthal, Central Texas Regional Manager for Tex-Air Filters at an open-air event on the rooftop of State Garage F on December 8, 2020. Tex-Air Filters, a member of the National Air Filtration Association (NAFA) nominated TFC for this prestigious award for the agency's outstanding commitment to air quality and its robust air filtration program.

TFC maintains State-owned facilities and provides clean and safe work environments for tenant agencies, their constituents, business partners and State employees. The HVAC system in each facility is carefully studied and monitored by the TFC technical and maintenance teams. Buildings are prioritized for possible upgrades based on occupancy density, the needs of the tenants, building age, and energy savings potential. Then a building specific air filtration program is designed to meet and exceed industry air quality standards.







## TFC commitment to air quality

At the award ceremony, Novak recognized the TFC Facilities Maintenance and Operations (FMO) team for their work and leadership in air quality. He also recognized Carl Roell, TFC Air Filter Manager, and 13-year staff member and program manager for his role in TFC receiving this award. Roell spoke on behalf of FMO and praised his team for their dedication to the program. He recognized TFC technicians Dennis McCool and Altiero Repanic for taking their own time to study and pass the NAFA certification test, and their work on the air quality program.

TFC utilizes the MERV 10 energy efficient filters in most buildings, and specialized filters such as HEPA filters, high efficiency and carbon filters appropriate for other building applications. In some air handling systems, TFC uses differential pressure devices and static gauges to manage air flow and quality.

In 2020, TFC replaced some of the outside air handler units with either HEPA or high efficiency filtration units. In unique applications like the Lorenzo de Zavala Archive building that houses irreplaceable historic documents and artifacts, air quality and environmental controls are critical to the preservation of irreplaceable Texan treasures. TFC uses a special series of carbon filters to control gas phase filtration in this building as well as other State buildings with special preservation needs.

TFC continually monitors air quality within its building portfolio and seeks out health safety technologies that support high air quality standards. Recently, TFC began adding UV lighting technologies to air handling systems to mitigate airborne containments and further improve air quality in State-owned buildings.

[Link to read press release.](#)





