



SOUTH PADRE ISLAND  
4601 Padre Blvd.  
South Padre Island, TX 78597  
(956) 761-8106 \* (956) 761-3888 fax

**Media Contact:**  
Angelique Soto  
[NSoto@myspi.org](mailto:NSoto@myspi.org)  
(956) 761-8106

### **City of SPI recognized for commitment to Environmental Health**

**South Padre Island, TX, Dec. 12, 2018:** The Texas Environmental Health Association (TEHA) has awarded the City of South Padre Island Environmental Health Services Department (EHSD) the Ruth Hendy Award of Excellence in Food Safety. EHSD primarily ensures the food safety of local restaurants and provides related training for servers and handlers working in city restaurants.

TEHA is a state association that strives to protect and strengthen the status of the environmental health profession. The Award of Excellence recognizes entities that achieve a high degree of professionalism and commitment to the communities they serve.

“We are extremely honored and share this award with all the local restaurateurs,” said J. Victor Baldovinos, Environmental Health director. “Without their support, this accomplishment would not be possible.”

To achieve this status, affiliates must share information on their food and beverage program, covering activity over the past year in which sustained improvements and excellence are demonstrated. TEHA formally recognized recipients during its 63rd TEHA Annual Education Conference in Austin, which was held Oct. 22 - Oct. 26.

###