

Golden Triangle Small Business Advisory Committee
Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Tuesday, January 29, 2013 - 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, Transportation Conference Room
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Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Candace Broucher. Each of the ten participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

Update from Austin – Joy Schultz

Joy provided an update on the Enforcement Initiation Criteria changes in Revision 14. One of the changes for community public water systems is that a Category A violation (automatic enforcement) will apply for failure to obtain approval for plans and specifications for a public water system. Community public water systems are those serving 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. A change for wastewater permittees is that a Category A violation will apply for two bacteria limit exceedances of twenty percent or greater in a six month period. Bacteria limits are a relatively new requirement in wastewater permits that impacts wastewater treatment plants upon renewal of their permits. The Small Business and Local Government Assistance section is planning outreach for wastewater permittees to inform them of the new enforcement criteria and assist in compliance with the new bacteria limits.

Joy also provided a legislative update for the 83rd Texas Legislative Session. Bills that have been filed this session include:

- House Bills 147, 426 – would require draft regulatory impact analysis for rulemaking for major environmental rules;
- House Bill 252 – would require water systems to report to TCEQ when less than 180 days of water is available for their customers;
- Senate Bill 114 – would place additional restrictions on the location and operation of concrete crushing facilities;
- House Bill 335 – would allow public notice online instead of in the newspaper;
- House Bill 569 – would require the TCEQ to study all environmental rules to determine which are more stringent than the federal rules.

Lori explained the Compliance History formula, which is found in 30 TAC 60.2.