

PRESERVING & IMPROVING

WATER QUALITY



***The Programs of the Texas Commission on Environmental
Quality for Managing the Quality of Surface Waters***

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State Agencies

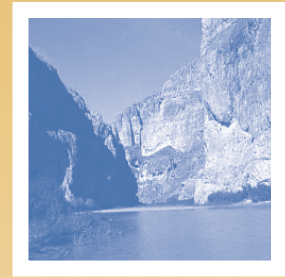
TCEQ—Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TPWD—Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
TSSWCB—Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
TWDB—Texas Water Development Board

Federal Agency

USEPA—United States Environmental Protection Agency

Program Names, Other Terms

CRP—Clean Rivers Program
NPS—nonpoint source
TMDL—total maximum daily load
WPP—watershed protection plan



WATER is an elemental part of our lives. It quenches our thirst. We swim in it, boat on it, and eat the fish we catch from it.

We depend on it to irrigate our farms, to water our livestock, and to run our businesses. We want it to be clean and safe for all of those uses.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is charged with managing the quality of water resources in Texas. However, the job of protecting our environment is complex, and requires cooperation from many parties. Governmental and nongovernmental organizations and citizens must work together to protect and restore water resources.

Key Partners in Managing Water Quality

Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board
 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
 Texas Department of State Health Services
 Texas Forest Service
 Texas Water Development Board
 Texas General Land Office
 Railroad Commission of Texas
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 U.S. Department of Agriculture

U.S. Geological Survey
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Texas river authorities
 Regional councils of government
 County and municipal governments
 Business, industry, and trade associations
 Agricultural producers and associations
 Educators, universities, and research organizations
 Citizens and interest groups

Key Terms

There are a number of key terms and concepts that must be mastered in order to understand how the state manages water quality. Those key terms will be highlighted throughout this document in boxes like this one.





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