

Public Water Supply

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Statement of the Issue

- Finished drinking water data, often a blend of ground and surface waters, may not accurately reflect the quality of surface water.
- This makes the accurate assessment of finished drinking water data, mainly on rivers designated as public water supplies, questionable.
- Staff discussed the value of continuing to use finished drinking water as part of future surface water quality assessments.



Guidance for 2008 IR

- Assessed both surface and finished drinking water sources.
- Surface water data was screened against TSWQS human health criteria for designated public water supply water bodies.
- Finished drinking water sources were evaluated by the TCEQ PWS Division.



Proposed Guidance for 2010 IR

- Assess the status of surface water PWS sources.
- Remove the assessment of finished drinking water data.
- Assess surface water data using human health TSWQS to identify impairments, and TCEQ human health screening levels for alachlor, atrazine, MTBE, and perchlorate to identify concerns.

