

Water Quality Advisory Work Group
Meeting Summary
April 11, 2006

Welcome and Introductions – Mark Fisher

Electronic Submittal of Discharge Monitoring Reports – Greg Nudd - (Handout #1)

Status of Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) Receiving System

- Accommodates upload of data
- Automated data quality checks
- System will flag data exceeding the permit limit
- Copy of record takes place of legal document
- Can be edited after submittal
- Supports read only edit & prepare and full rights including submittal
- Close to 4,000 eligible regulated entities can use the system
- User account lets applicant see permit information
- Available for anyone that submits DMRs to the TCEQ
- Account ties to specific individual
- Provides slots for all fields required to be reported
- Can accept anything being reported on DMRs, except stormwater general permit DMRs
- Data cannot be modified without detection
- Permit limits displayed in the system are maintained by TCEQ
- Separate 5-day written noncompliance notification still required for effluent violations that are an endangerment or that deviate from the permit limit by more than 40%
- Expanded comment box provided for other noncompliance notification or explanations
- No discharge option and option to select no data indicator for specific parameters.

To sign up for eDMR:

- Log on to STEERS
(<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/steers/steers.html>)
- **To create a new account:**
 - Press the Create New Account button.
 - Enter the applicant information.
 - Press Validate Data to validate the applicant information.
 - Press Create Account to create the probationary account.
 - Enter the program area/program area IDs for the accountholder to access.
 - Generate and print the SPA.
 - Mail the signed SPA to the STEERS team to activate full access to the account.

Water Quality Fees – Tom Weber – (Handout #2)

- At the end of the 2005 Legislative Session, staff of the TCEQ conducted a comprehensive review of the agency's water-related program activities and fee structures.
- The review was conducted to ensure that the agency has sufficient monies to support its water programs at the current appropriated level after the 2006-2007 bienniums.
- We take in \$40 million in revenue annually while annual fund obligations total approximately \$62 million, a \$22 million dollar difference.
- Currently the various options are still being weighed and the recommendations the agency wants to put forward are not yet completed and available to release.
- The choices range from seeking restoration of some or all of the general revenue, considering fee changes within our existing legislative authority to possibly seeking authority for a new fee or fees.
- Possible adjustments for CCN, WQ Programs, Water Rights, Drinking Water, Ground Water Districts, TMDL, Monitoring, etc.
- TCEQ expects to provide much more in terms of details with a web posting around mid-May.
- Staff is expected to hold several stakeholder meetings across the state in June.
- Stakeholder meeting dates and locations will be announced as they are finalized.
- The advisory group asked to be notified by e-mail when the website fee information is posted. TCEQ will use the advisory group e-mail group to accomplish this, likely in the time frame of mid-May.

General Permit Update – Yvonna Pierce – Industrial Permits Team – (Handout #3)

TXR040000 Phase II MS4s (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems)

- The RTC is currently under review by TCEQ legal staff.
- We expect to have comments by the end of April.
- Revisions will be made and the draft will be sent to the EPA for 30 day review.

TXR050000 (MSGP)

- Will be published in the Texas Register on April 14th and public meeting will be held on May 19th @ 2:00 PM.

TXR150000 (Construction Storm Water)

- Expires 3/2008
- Discussions have begun regarding renewal.

TXG110000 Discharges from Concrete Production

- The draft permit was approved by the EPA, notice was published, and the RTC completed.
- Changes were made to the draft based on public comments and then sent to the EPA for a 30 day review on 12/14/05.
- The permit is currently being reviewed by management.

TXG130000 Aquaculture

- Scheduled for April 12, 2006 agenda.

TXG340000 Petroleum Bulk Storage Stations and Terminals

- The draft permit is being revised based on public comments.
- The permit will be renoticed this month.

TXG670000 Hydrostatic Testing

- Issued April 5, 2005.
- Accepting and processing NOIs.

TXG830000 Water Contaminated by Petroleum Fuel or Substance

- Renewal has been authorized.
- Informal comments were requested from facilities currently authorized under this general permit.

TXG920000 Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation

- Permit amendment has been approved by the EPA.
- Permit is on the April 26, 2006 agenda.

WQG600000 Commercial solid waste discharge to a POTW

- Scheduled for the April 26th agenda for adoption.
- This permit will be administered by the Waste Permits Section.

WQG200000 Compost Manure

- Have begun work on the permit renewal.

TXG530000 Harris County On-site

- TCEQ's onsite staff is working with Harris County to finalize procedures.

**Update on 316(B) CWIS I&E Rules– Lynda Clayton – Water Quality Standards Team
Phase II**

- Permittee status: majority have submitted PICs and are currently sampling for I&E or collecting relevant historical data.
- Litigation status: expect ruling towards end of summer, should impact whether restoration remains compliance option.

- Proposed EPA Guidance document: forthcoming and should be addressing such issues as CWIS implementation at cooling water impoundments and provide guidance on cost-cost, cost-benefit analysis, check website.

Phase III

- Applicability: same as Phase II except Phase III addresses large industrial facilities and offshore oil and gas exploration, intake \geq 50 MGD w/ at least 25% for cooling purposes.
- Timing: published in Federal Registrar early summer and effective 60 days later (expected effective date is July).
- TCEQ – preliminary determination is about 7 facilities affected across State.

2006 Standards Revision – Jim Davenport – Water Quality Standards Team (Handout #4)

Renewals of water bodies 303(d) list

- Monitoring not approved by EPA

Whole Effluent Toxicity Requirements

- Assessment of reasonable potential for toxicity
- EPA wants consideration of sub-lethal effects

Nutrient Criteria for Reservoirs in Texas

- Up for discussion in this round of revisions
- Informal comments closed in March

Recreational Water Bodies

- Looking at larger number of categories
- Options limited in order to get federal approval
- Will have external workgroup to work on standards

Toxic Criteria for Aquatic Life

- Still not approved by EPA for 2000 Standards

Additional Information

- Sidne Tiemann – Coordinator for Standards Section
- Karen Holligan – Coordinator for implementation procedures
- EPA recently sent strategy to help expedite the process
- Agency now uses Google as its search engine
- Toxic requirements are not approved yet on statewide basis
- EPA says revisions are to be from hearing to hearing
- TCEQ can use revisions if more stringent even if they are not approved

Next meeting date and suggested topics:

- Tuesday, July 11, 2006, TCEQ, Building F, Room 2210, 1:15 pm
- Suggested topics include Water Quality Standards and Web, Water Quality Fees, General Permit Updates, presentation on the 2006 Assessment, and Cooling Water.

**Water Quality Advisory Work Group
Attendee List
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Allen White	USFWS
Auforeella Georgesca	City of Houston
Carol Batterton	WEAT
Chris Linendoll	TCEQ/WQD
Cindy Contreras	TPWD
Cindy Ikard	TCEQ/Enforcement
Craig Maske	Dodson & Assoc.
Cyrus Reed	TCPS
David Ham	TxDOT
Donnie Long	TSSWCB
Dyanne Jackson <i>Roxanne Jackson</i>	Co Austin
Erika Walker	WQD
Ervin Thomas	TCC
Gary Spicer	TXU
Glen Lewis	IWSCOT
Greg Nudd	TCEQ – OAS
Gregg Treken	CPS Energy
Isaac Jackson	TCEQ
Isabella IP	TCC/Lyondell
Janelle Taylor	TPWD
Jeff Sammon	BRA
Jim Duke	Self
Jim Mathews	M & F
Joy Schultz	TCEQ/SBLGA
Julia Marsden	LWV-TX
Juliana Hankins	USDA – RD
Kevin Phillips	Eartman Chemical Company
Kyle Heasley	BRA
Lial Tischler	Tischler/Kocurek
Mark Lowry	TC & B
Mary Etter	LCRA
Mary Miksa	TAB
Michael Canova	USGS

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Richard Eyster	TDA
Russ Draves	AEP
Sam Scott	TRA
Sara Burgin	Baker Botts
Steve Box	Environmental Stewardship
Susan Karlins	City of Houston
Ted Long	NRG Texas
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Tom Weber	TCEQ