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TO: Implementation Procedures Stakeholders Group

FROM: Jaya Zyman-Ponebshek, P.E., Assistant Director 8/9/11
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SUBJECT: Notice of Stakeholders Meeting for the *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards*

The meeting will be held:

Tuesday, August 23, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
12100 Park 35 Circle
Building E, Room 201S
Austin, Texas 78753

The *Procedures to Implement the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (Implementation Procedures) were adopted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality at the June 30, 2010 Commissioners' Agenda meeting. In accordance with the Continuing Planning Process (CPP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval of the Implementation Procedures is required prior to their use in the development of Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permits. An EPA letter dated August 4, 2010, denied approval of the adopted version of the Implementation Procedures due to a lack of a "clearly defined approach to assessing Reasonable Potential for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)."

TCEQ is currently requesting stakeholder input on addressing EPA's concerns only in regards to the WET and Dechlorination portions of the Implementation Procedures. We request that submitted comments focus on these two issues. EPA's additional concerns will be addressed at a later date.

Tentative items scheduled for discussion include:

- Whole Effluent Toxicity
  - Reasonable Potential Determinations
  - Representative Data
  - Toxicity Reduction Evaluations
  - Compliance Periods
  - Notices of Violations and Enforcement
- Dechlorination
  - Implementation Challenges
    - Health, Safety, and Environmental Concerns
    - Operations and Management
    - Associated Costs and Fiscal Implications
  - Development of Phased Implementation
  - Alternative Options

The following documents are available for review prior to the meeting on the TCEQ website at:
www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/standards/WQ_standards_implementing.html

- The existing 2003 and adopted 2010 versions of the Implementation Procedures
- EPA comments on the adopted version of the Implementation Procedures
- TCEQ's approach to WET Reasonable Potential determinations

This meeting will be available by webcast at www.texasadmin.com.

Should you have any additional agenda topics or questions you wish to address during the August 23rd meeting, you may e-mail: Outreach@tceq.texas.gov by **August 19, 2011**. Your input is very important to us. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

If you would like to receive future correspondence through e-mail, please notify us by forwarding your e-mail address to: Outreach@tceq.texas.gov .

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