

**Texas Commission on Environmental
Quality
Drinking Water Advisory Work Group
(DWA WG)
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Program Updates**

Occupational Licensing Update

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Terry Thompson - POC for Rules or Policy changes.

Here are the current numbers for FY 12 through 5/31/12:

16732 Licensed operators

3848 Exams

1541 New licenses issued

3100 Renewal licenses issued

Online Registration for Exam

Currently, applicants can register online for exam session for:

Region 4 - Dallas/Fort Worth

Region 9 - Waco

Region 11 – Austin Central Office

Region 12 – Houston

Region 13 - San Antonio

Coming soon:

Region 2 - Lubbock

Region 3 - Abilene

Region 8 - San Angelo

Region 14 - Corpus Christi

Region 15 - Harlingen

Once these go live for each region, applicants will be required to pre-register for the exam sessions in those regions. Walk-ins will only be allowed if there are available seats. All regions should have online registration by the end of the calendar year.

Plan & Technical Review Section

Technical Review and Oversight Team (TROT) Update

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Utilities & Districts Section Update

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- 3rd quarter application numbers
- UDS staffing changes
- UDS vacancies
- UDS postings
- UDS rule packages

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Drinking Water Quality Team (DWQT) Update

The Team Leader position for the Drinking Water Quality Team (DWQT) is now open.

Drinking Water Protection Team (DWPT) Update

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Homeland Security Update

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Drought Update

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Drought Information:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>

Google Application

Field Operations Support Division (FOSD)

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Region Activity. Information below represents the number of regional activities conducted from April 24, 2012 to July 20, 2012:

- 126 complaints
- 108 focused investigations
- 35 compliance record reviews (CRRs)
- 20 follow-up investigations
- 32 reconnaissance investigations (Recons)
- 605 comprehensive compliance investigations (CCIs)

To date the following activities have been conducted for FY12 (9/01/11 to 8/31/12) and include the numbers noted above:

- 560 complaints
- 230 focused investigations
- 60 CRRs
- 50 follow-up investigations
- 120 Recons
- 2066 CCIs

Office of Compliance and Enforcement Changes. Most of FOSD is now the Monitoring Division and the Program Support Section has been moved to the Area & Regional Offices. This section now reports directly to the Area Directors:

- Border and Permian Basin – David Ramirez
- Central Texas – Susan Jablonski
- Coastal and East Texas – Kelly Keel
- North Central and West Texas – Randy Ammons

Secondly, the Austin Regional Office has moved from the South Austin location and is now operating in Building A, on the 1st floor.

June Ella is now serving as the Water Team Leader. The new PWS liaison will be announced at the next DWA WG meeting.

Direct Supervision. James Beauchamp and June Ella will be presenting on Direct Supervision at the Public Drinking Water Conference. This guidance document was presented at the Water Utility Operator Licensing Advisory Committee in May. The questions at this presentation will be addressed at the PDW Conference next month.