

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Drinking Water Advisory Work Group (DWA WG)
July 30, 2013**

Program Updates

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Welcome

Occupational Licensing Update

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September 2012 – June 2013

• **Water Operator Licensing Statistics**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	5452
Number of Examinations Administered	4163
Number of New Licenses Issued	1536
Number of Licenses Renewed	2738
Number of Licensed Water Operators	13502

• **Water Exam Pass Rates**

Ground Water Treatment Operator - B	22.7%
Ground Water Treatment Operator - C	37.1%
Surface Water Treatment Operator - B	17.1%
Surface Water Treatment Operator - C	54.5%
Water Distribution Operator - B	20.0%
Water Distribution Operator - C	40.1%
Water Operator - A	50.0%
Water Operator - D	44.1%

- **BPAT Operator Licensing Statistics**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	1378
Number of New Licenses Issued	538
Number of Licenses Renewed	758
Number of Licensed BPAT Operators	5791

- **CSI Operator Licensing Statistics**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	441
Number of Examinations Administered	262
Number of New Licenses Issued	115
Number of Licenses Renewed	240
Number of Licensed CSI Operators	1927

- **CSI Exam Pass Rate**

Customer Service Inspector	54.2%
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- **WTS Operator Licensing Statistics**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	231
Number of Examinations Administered	184
Number of New Licenses Issued	81
Number of Licenses Renewed	85
Number of Licensed WTS Operators	640

- **WTS Exam Pass Rates**

Water Treatment Specialist - I	61.5%
Water Treatment Specialist - II	68.1%
Water Treatment Specialist - III	38.7%

Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA),

Small Business Environmental Assistance Division

Update

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No update.

Utilities & Districts (UD) Section Update

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Plan & Technical Review (PTR) Section Update

Utilities Technical Review (UTR) Team

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Drinking Water Quality Team (DWQT) Update

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Drinking Water Protection Team (DWPT) Update

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Homeland Security Update/EPP Update

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Emergency Preparedness Plan (Texas Water Code, §13.1395 and §13.1396)

Drought Update

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

Water Utilities Status

On **July 26, 2013**, there were **1,056** public water systems (PWSs) asking customers to follow outdoor water use restrictions. Of these systems, **726** are asking customers to follow a mandatory watering schedule and **330** are asking customers to follow a voluntary watering schedule. Seasonal forecasts continue to predict the drought to persist or intensify in many areas of the state. Increasing demands are resulting in more water systems implementing the water-rationing stages of their Drought Contingency Plans. The following is a list of the current **41** PWSs that have prohibited all outside watering:

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