

# Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

## Drinking Water Advisory Work Group

October 20, 2009, Building E, Room 201S,

9:00 am - 12:00 noon

### SUMMARY

**Welcome:** Allan Vargas, John Schildwachter, Vera Poe, Deb Cerda

#### **TCEQ Staff Updates:**

##### **Occupational Licensing Update - Allan Vargas, Section Manager**

End of Year Numbers- Compliance Support Division. The following information is for Occupational Licensing for the Fiscal Year 2009 between Sept 1, 2008 to August 31, 2009.

- Number of applications 7,713
- Exams Administered 6,020
- New licenses 2,550
- Renewed Licenses 3,840
- Total number of Water Licensed Professionals 15,362

The new updated Water 'D' Exam will coming soon in paper and Computer Based Testing formats. We estimate the completion date to be Dec 1, 2009.

For further information on [Computer based Testing](#) please visit Computer-Based Testing for Occupational Licenses or call Susan Hier, Occupational Licensing, at 512-239-0176 or email her at [shier@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:shier@tceq.state.tx.us).

#### **Texas Small Public Water System Training Program (TSPWSTP)- Update – Joy Shultz**

- The Texas Small Public Water System Training Program has enrolled
- 3,523 PWS
- 7,295 operators
- Enrollment of eligible systems is approximately 75 percent.
- In September we removed the limit of three paid classroom trainings per year per operator.
- The program is expected to conclude by August 31, 2010.

Visit the [Texas Small Public Water System Training Program](#) web site for more information.

## **Drinking Water Quality Team – Debra Cerda**

- New team members, Mark Mikol, Jennifer Smith
- TCEQ change to new web site content management system.
- 314 DLQOR violators
- 685 CCR violators
- 42 Pb/Cu exceeders
- 94 TTHM violators
- 24 HAA5 violators
- 100 total systems violating for a DBP
- 47 Flouride violators
- 40 RAD violators
- 42 Nitrate violators
- 4 IDSE monitoring at the end of this year
- Group 3 reports due to us on January 1, 2010

## **Technical Oversight and Review Team (TROT) Update– Reyna Holmes -**Crypto letters ready for PWS's****

- Proposed Revisions to TCEQ Chapter 290 Regulations ([See Attached Presentation](#)) Of chapters 290, 290 based on Senate Bill 361 - Emergency operations

## **Water Use Restrictions- Reyna Holmes**

- 342 - Systems on restrictions
- 16 - Systems on relaxed restrictions
- 242 - Systems where customers have been asked to adhere to restrictions
- 56 - Systems on voluntary restrictions
- Presentation - Pharmaceuticals and Senate Bill 1757- Reyna Holmes delivered a brief presentation ([See Attached Presentation](#)) regarding the disposal of unused pharmaceuticals. SB 1757 requires TCEQ to study and make recommendations regarding the methods to be used by consumers, health care providers, and others for disposing of unused pharmaceuticals so that they do not enter the wastewater system.

## **Drought Update- Reyna Holmes**

- No changes in the drought list ([See attached](#))

## **Utilities and Districts- Vera Poe**

### **Legislation and Rulemaking**

- SB361 added Section 13.1395 to the Texas Water Code regarding standards of emergency operations effecting Harris and Fort Bend counties. Expedited rulemaking adding emergency operation provisions to Chapter 290 and Subchapter J to Chapter 291 (Proposal Commissioner's Agenda 8-12)
- SB2306 amends Section 13.131(c) to require that rules adopted under this subsection require that the book cost less net salvage of depreciable utility plant retired be charged in its entirety to the accumulated depreciation account in a manner consistent with accounting treatment of regulated electric and gas utilities in this state. (Proposal Commissioner's Agenda 1-27-10)
- SB2126 added Section 13.1395 that allows apartments and mobile home communities to impose a service charge related to submetering allocation of up to nine percent. Rulemaking will amend Chapter 291 Subchapter H (Proposal Commissioner's Agenda 1-27-10)
- SB1295 amended Section 13.246(a) requires CCN notice to be provided to each county and groundwater conservation district that is wholly or within the requested CCN area (Proposal Commissioner's Agenda 1-27-10).

## **Drinking Water Protection-John Schildwachter**

- 39 of 104 labs submitting electronically
- Broader approach to significant deficiency list based on EPA direction
- GWR goes into effect Dec 1 of this year.

## **Field Operations Division-(Sean Stewart is now with Criminal Investigations) No updates were noted.**

## **Emerging Contaminants - Tim Oden USGS ([See attached](#))**

### **Discussion / Issues?**

- No comments / questions

**NEXT MEETING JAN 19, 2010**