

Public Water Supply Supervision Program, TCEQ and You

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Outline

- ▶ Drinking water community
- ▶ TCEQ's ...
 - ▶ Role,
 - ▶ Responsibilities,
 - ▶ Organization
- ▶ And how that shapes this conference



The Drinking Water Community

- ▶ Different perspectives
 - ▶ Communities
 - And other public water systems
 - ▶ Engineers
 - ▶ Regulators

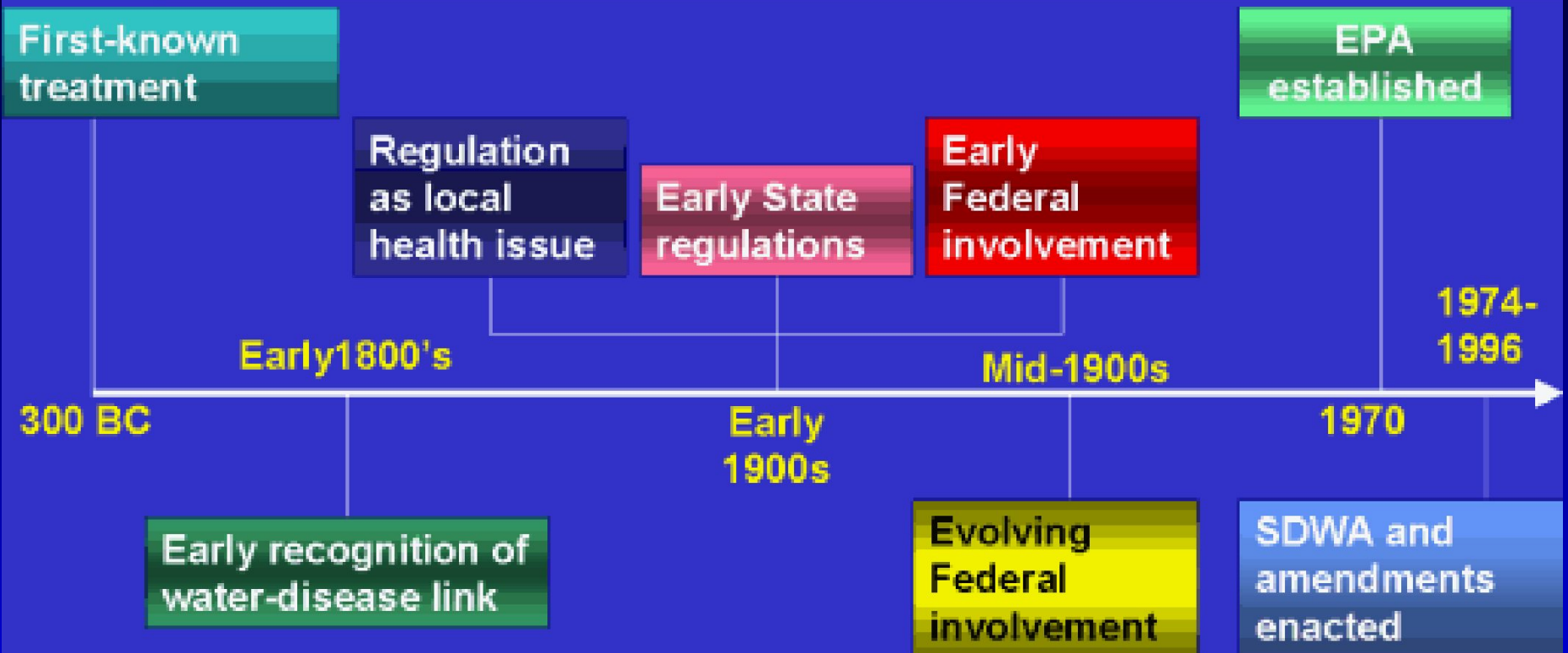


The Drinking Water Community

- ▶ Shared mission
 - ▶ Protect public health
 - ▶ Use public funds wisely
- ▶ Shared challenges
 - ▶ The more you know...
 - ▶ Technology changes
 - ▶ Regulations



History of Drinking Water Regulation



Texas History

- ▶ 1913:
 - ▶ Vic Ehlers - wiped out typhoid in Texas
- ▶ 1937:
 - ▶ “The Rules” - in Texas (state driven)
- ▶ 1973:
 - ▶ EPA Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)
 - Minimum standard for all public drinking water in the United States
 - ▶ Texas has “primacy”



Texas History

- ▶ Throughout history of drinking water oversight, philosophy has been - and remains - **technical assistance to public water systems**



What Primacy Means

Primary Enforcement Authority

- ▶ To keep primacy, Texas has to do
 - ▶ Public Water Supply Supervision Program
 - (PWSSP)
 - ▶ It has lots of parts
 - Some are very specific (40 CFR 141)
National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
 - Some are very general (40 CFR 142)
Special Primacy Requirements



What Primacy Means

Primary Enforcement Authority

- ▶ Without State primacy, EPA would directly implement SDWA in Texas
- ▶ And EPA audits TCEQ to ensure that we are equally as stringent



Public Water Supply Supervision Program

Plan
Approval

Source Water
Assessments

Sanitary
Surveys

Capacity

Enforce-
ment

D

Operator
Certification

National
Primary
Drinking
Water
Regulations

Lab
Approval



Public Water Supply Supervision Program

- ▶ Primacy for drinking water means
 - ▶ \$6 million to TCEQ (PPG)
 - ▶ \$60 million SRF to TWDB for systems
 - State Revolving Fund (SRF)
 - Loans to systems
 - Set-aside: Projects



TCEQ Area Acronyms

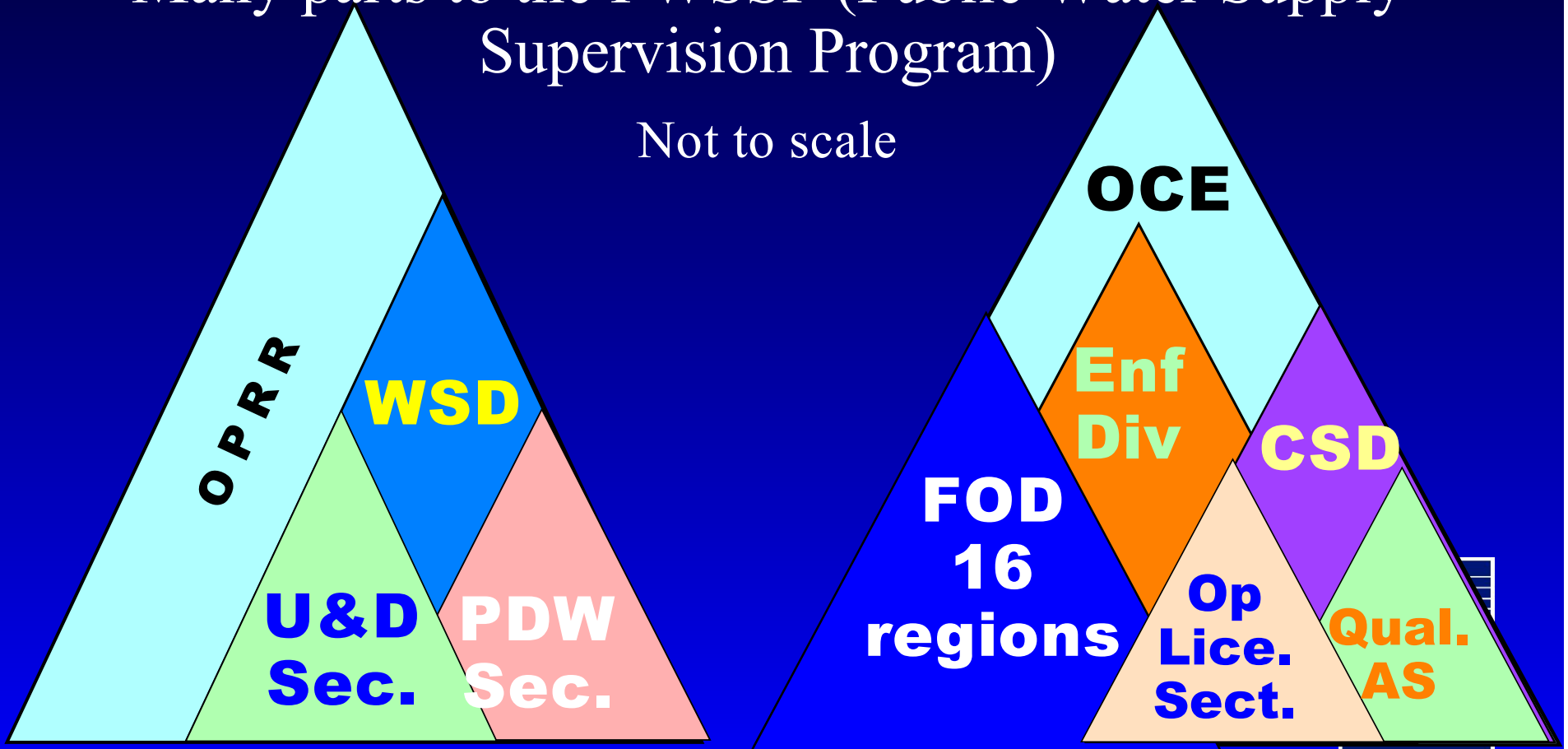
OPRR	Office of Permitting Remediation and Registration
UDS	Utilities and District Section
PDWS	Public Drinking Water Section
OCE	Office of Compliance & Enforcement
FOD	Field Operations Division
QAS	Quality Assurance Section
OLS	Operator Licensing Section



PWSSSP in TCEQ

Many parts to the PWSSSP (Public Water Supply Supervision Program)

Not to scale



PWSSP Roles

Plan Approval	UDS
Capacity Development	UDS
Lab Certification	QAS
Source Water A & P	PDWS
Operator Licensing	OLS
Sanitary Surveys (CCIs) (Comprehensive Compliance Investigations)	FOD
NPDWR	PDWS
Enforcement (Fund Management) (Data Delivery)	OCE/Enf



PDW Conference Topics

Something for everyone!

- ▶ Cover all aspects of PWSSP
- ▶ Provide technical assistance
 - ▶ Meet current minimum rule requirements
 - ▶ Beyond that - optimize your operation
 - ▶ Be aware of NEW rule requirements
 - And meet them BEFORE they hit



PDW Conference Topics

Something for you!

- ▶ General Sessions
 - Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon
- ▶ Break outs
 - ▶ Surface Water
 - ▶ Well Operation
 - ▶ Distribution Systems
 - ▶ Utilities and Districts issues



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