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Natural Outlook Monthly Update is the TNRCC's monthly publication of environmental issues in Texas with a focus on air quality, water quality, drought, and sunset review. Below is the Web version of the April 2000 issue for your viewing.

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April 2000 Issue



AIR QUALITY

[Ozone Health Alerts Available Online](#)

Online warnings of elevated ozone levels in the state's two largest metro areas will be issued, starting in April. The TNRCC's new Ozone Warning Program will e-mail concerned parties in the Houston-Galveston and Dallas-Fort Worth areas any time ozone concentrations are high enough to pose health concerns. The three warning levels range from cautions for people who have respiratory problems to the highest alert for the public at large. Anyone can sign up for the free service.



DROUGHT

[Water Becoming a Precious Commodity](#)

As prolonged dry weather underscores the need for water planning, *Natural Outlook* profiles one city's attempts to deal with the drought. San Angelo is watching its traditional water supplies dry up as the drought enters another year. Luckily, the city started contingency planning years ago and has developed a strategy for getting

through the summer.

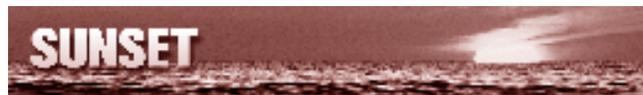
Reliving Drought

The current water shortage in San Angelo has triggered memories of the legendary drought of the 1950s, when annual rain totals fell as low as 7.41 inches in the Concho Valley. The current drought is bad, but nowhere close to breaking those records.



Water Pollution Control

As the annual list of proposed "impaired" water bodies takes shape, the TNRCC considers adding some 60 water bodies and removing 16 others. The list, which will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency, identifies water bodies targeted for development and implementation of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).



Sunset Review Progresses

The Sunset Commission reports that its staff has identified 140 issues at the TNRCC that need more scrutiny. The TNRCC is scheduled for a sunset hearing June 21-22.

The above information is also published as TNRCC print publication PD-020/00-04.

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