
Strategic Planning Structure

Fiscal Year 2006

Goal 01 — ASSESSMENT, PLANNING, AND PERMITTING

To protect public health and the environment by accurately assessing environmental conditions; by preventing or minimizing the level of contaminants released to the environment through regulation and permitting of facilities, individuals, or activities with potential to contribute to pollution levels.

Objective 01: To decrease the amount of toxics released and disposed of in Texas by 40 percent by 2007 from the 1992 level and reduce air, water, and waste pollutants through assessing the environment.

Strategy 01 — Air Quality Assessment and Planning: Reduce and prevent air pollution by monitoring and assessing air quality, developing and/or revising plans to address identified air quality problems, and assist in the implementation of approaches to reduce motor vehicle emissions.

Strategy 02 — Water Resource Assessment and Planning: Develop plans to ensure an adequate, affordable supply of clean water by monitoring and assessing water quality and availability.

Strategy 03 — Waste Assessment and Planning: Ensure the proper and safe disposal of pollutants by monitoring the generation, treatment, and storage of solid waste and assessing the capacity of waste disposal facilities; and by providing financial and technical assistance to municipal solid waste planning regions for the development and implementation of waste reduction plans.

Objective 02: To review and process 90% of air, water, and waste authorization applications within established time frames.

Strategy 01 — Air Quality Permitting: Perform complete and timely reviews of applications to release pollutants into the air.

Strategy 02 — Water Resource Permitting: Perform complete and timely reviews of applications to utilize the state's water resources or to discharge to the state's waterways.

Strategy 03 — Waste Management and Permitting: Perform complete and timely reviews of applications relating to the management and disposal of municipal and industrial solid and hazardous waste.

Strategy 04 — Occupational Licensing: Establish and maintain occupational certification programs to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations that protect public health and the environment.

Objective 03: To ensure the proper and safe disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

Strategy 01 — Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management: To ensure the proper and safe disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

Goal 02 — DRINKING WATER AND WATER UTILITIES

To protect public health and the environment by assuring the delivery of safe drinking water to the citizens of Texas consistent with requirements in the Safe Drinking Water Act; by providing regulatory oversight of water and sewer utilities; and by promoting regional water strategies.

Objective 01: To supply 95% of Texans served by public drinking water systems with drinking water consistent with requirements in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To provide regulatory oversight of water and sewer utilities and to promote regional water strategies.

Strategy 01 — Safe Drinking Water: Ensure the delivery of safe drinking water to all citizens through monitoring and oversight of drinking water sources consistent with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Strategy 02 — Water Utilities Oversight: Provide regulatory oversight of water and sewer utilities to ensure that charges to customers are necessary and cost-based and ensure adequate customer service.

Goal 03 – ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE

To protect public health and the environment by administering enforcement and environmental assistance programs that promote compliance with environmental laws and regulations, voluntary efforts to prevent pollution, and offer incentives for demonstrated environmental performance while providing strict, sure, and just enforcement when environmental laws are violated.

Objective 01: By fiscal year 2007, to maintain at least 95 percent of all regulated facilities in compliance with state environmental laws and regulations, and to respond appropriately to citizen inquiries and complaints and to achieve pollution prevention, resource conservation, and enhanced compliance.

Strategy 01 – Field Inspections and Complaints: Promote compliance with environmental laws and regulations by conducting field inspections and responding to citizen complaints.

Strategy 02—Enforcement and Compliance Support: Maximize voluntary compliance with environmental laws and regulations by providing educational outreach and assistance to businesses and units of local governments; and assure compliance with environmental laws and regulations by taking swift, sure and just enforcement actions to address violation situations.

Strategy 03 – Pollution Prevention and Recycling: Enhance environmental performance, pollution prevention, recycling, and innovative programs through technical assistance, public education, and innovative programs implementation.

Goal 04 – POLLUTION CLEANUP

To protect public health and the environment by identifying, assessing, and prioritizing contaminated sites, and by assuring timely and cost-effective cleanup based on good science and current risk factors.

Objective 01: By fiscal year 2007, to identify, assess and remediate up to 56 percent of the known Superfund sites and/or other sites contaminated by hazardous materials. To identify, assess and remediate up to 85% of the leaking petroleum storage tank sites.

Strategy 01 – Storage Tank Administration and Cleanup: Regulate the installation and operation of underground storage tanks and administer a program to identify and remediate sites contaminated by leaking storage tanks. Provide prompt and appropriate reimbursement to contractors and owners for the cost of remediating sites contaminated by leaking storage tanks.

Strategy 02 – Hazardous Materials Cleanup: Aggressively pursue the investigation, design and cleanup of federal and state Superfund sites; and facilitate voluntary cleanup activities at other sites and respond immediately to spills which threaten human health and environment.

Goal 05 – TEXAS RIVER COMPACTS

To ensure the delivery of Texas' equitable share of water.

Objective 01: To ensure the delivery of 100% of Texas' equitable share of water as apportioned by the River Compacts.

Goal – HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS PROGRAM

To establish and carry out policies and practices governing purchasing and public works contracts that foster meaningful and substantive inclusion of historically underutilized businesses (HUBs). The agency strives to conduct a good faith effort program that will encourage inclusion of HUBs in all purchasing and procurement opportunities as set forth by 1 TAC 111.11 - 111.23, as adopted by the TCEQ. The HUB program will develop and implement a plan for increasing the use of HUBs in purchasing and public works contracts and subcontracts.

