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and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act  
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# Introduction

The Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) is the product of a wastewater treatment facility planning process developed and updated in accordance with provisions of Sections 205(j), 208, and 303 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended. The WQMP is an important part of the State's program for accomplishing its clean water goals.<sup>1</sup>

The Texas Department of Water Resources, a predecessor agency of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), prepared the initial WQMP for waste treatment management during the late 1970s. The Clean Water Act mandates that the WQMP be updated as needed to fill information gaps and revise earlier certified and approved plans. Any updates to the plan need involve only the elements of the plan that require modification. The original plan and its subsequent updates are collectively referred to as the State of Texas Water Quality Management Plan.

The WQMP is tied to the State's water quality assessments that identify priority water quality problems. The WQMPs are used to direct planning for implementation measures that control and/or prevent water quality problems. Several elements may be contained in the WQMP, such as effluent limitations of wastewater facilities, total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), nonpoint source management controls, identification of designated management agencies, and ground water and source water protection planning. Some of these elements may be contained in separate documents, which are prepared independently of the current WQMP update process but may be referenced as needed to address planning for water quality control measures.

This document, as with previous updates<sup>2</sup>, will become part of the WQMP after completion of its public participation process, certification by the TCEQ and approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The materials presented in this document revise only the information specifically addressed in the following sections. Previously certified and approved water quality management plans remain in effect.

The Terra Verde Utility Company, L.L.C. 2019 WQMP update addresses the following topics:

1. Projected Effluent Limit Updates for water quality planning purposes
2. Total Maximum Daily Load Update

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<sup>1</sup> A formal definition for a water quality management plan is found in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 130.2(k).

<sup>2</sup> Fiscal Years 1974, 1975, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984/85, 1986/88, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993/94, 1995, 1996, 1997/98, 02/1999, 05/1999, 07/1999, 10/1999, 01/2000, 04/2000, 07/2000, 10/2000, 01/2001, 04/2001, 07/2001, 10/2001, 01/2002, 04/2002, 07/2002, 10/2002, 01/2003, 04/2003, 07/2003, 10/2003, 01/2004, 04/2004, 07/2004, 10/2004, 01/2005, 04/2005, 07/2005, 10/2005, 01/2006, 04/2006, 07/2006, 10/2006, 01/2007, 04/2007, 07/2007, 10/2007, 01/2008, 04/2008, 07/2008, 10/2008, 01/2009, 04/2009, 07/2009, 10/2009, 01/2010, 04/2010, 07/2010, 10/2010, 01/2011, 04/2011, 07/2011, 10/2011, BPUB 2011, 01/2012, 04/2012, 07/2012, 10/2012, 01/2013, 04/2013, 07/2013, 10/2013, 01/2014, 04/2014, 07/2014, 10/2014, 01/2015, 04/2015, 07/2015, 10/2015, 01/2016, 04/2016, 07/2016, 10/2016, 01/2017, 04/2017, 07/2017, 10/2017, 01/2018, 04/2018, 07/2018, 10/2018, 01/2019, and 04/2019.

The public comment period for the Terra Verde Utility Company, L.L.C. WQMP update was from June 28, 2019 through July 29, 2019.

The Projected Effluent Limit Update section provides information compiled from June 18, 2019 for the Terra Verde Utility Company, L.L.C. WQMP Update and is based on water quality standards and may be used for water quality planning purposes in Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) permit actions.

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Update section provides information on proposed wasteload allocations for new dischargers and revisions to existing TMDLs and has been developed by the Water Quality Planning Division, TMDL Program.

## Projected Effluent Limit Updates

Table 1 reflects proposed effluent limits for new dischargers and preliminary revisions to original proposed effluent limits for preexisting dischargers (MGD-Million Gallons per Day, CBOD<sub>5</sub> – 5 Day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, NH<sub>3</sub>-N – Ammonia-Nitrogen, BOD<sub>5</sub> – 5 Day Biochemical Oxygen Demand and DO – Dissolved Oxygen).

Effluent flows indicated in Table 1 reflect future needs and do not reflect current permits for these facilities. These revisions may be useful for water quality management planning purposes. The effluent flows and constituent limits indicated in the table have been preliminarily determined to be appropriate to satisfy the stream standards for dissolved oxygen in their respective receiving waters. These flow volumes and effluent sets may be modified at the time of permit action. These limits are based on water quality standards (WQS) effective at the time of the TCEQ production of this update. WQS are subject to revision on a triennial basis.

Table 1. Projected Effluent Limit Updates

State Permit Number	Segment Number	EPA ID Number	Permittee Name County	Flow (MGD)	CBOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	CBOD <sub>5</sub> (lbs/day)	NH <sub>3</sub> -N (mg/L)	NH <sub>3</sub> -N (lbs/day)	BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/L)	BOD <sub>5</sub> (lbs/day)	DO (mg/L)	Months/ Comments
14624-001	1008	TX0127973	Terra Verde Utility Company LLC Waller	0.10	10	8.34	3	2.50			4	See footnote *

\*Proposed flow increase, revised effluent limits, and outfall relocation are contingent upon approval of Clean Water Act Section 303(d) list Spring Creek dissolved oxygen impairment de-listing.

\* Update - The EPA approved the delisting of Segment 1008 Spring Creek dissolved oxygen impairment on July 22, 2019.

## Total Maximum Daily Load Updates

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Program works to improve water quality in impaired or threatened waters bodies in Texas. The program is authorized by and created to fulfill the requirements of Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

The goal of a TMDL is to restore the full use of a water body that has limited quality in relation to one or more of its uses. The TMDL defines an environmental target and based on that target, the State develops an implementation plan with wasteload allocations for point source dischargers to mitigate anthropogenic (human-caused) sources of pollution within the watershed and restore full use of the water body.

The development of TMDLs is a process of intensive data collection and analysis. After adoption by the TCEQ, TMDLs are submitted to the EPA for review and approval.

The attached appendices may reflect proposed wasteload allocations for new dischargers and revisions to TMDLs. To be consistent, updates will be provided in the same units of measure used in the original TMDL document. Also, note that for bacteria TMDLs, loads may be expressed in counts per day, organisms per day, colony-forming units per day, or similar expressions. These typically reflect different lab methods, but for the purposes of the TMDL program, these terms are considered synonymous.

# Appendix I. Fifteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in Watersheds Upstream of Lake Houston For Segment Numbers 1004E, 1008, 1008H, 1009, 1009C, 1009D, 1009E, 1010 and 1011

TMDL Updates to the Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP): Watersheds Upstream of Lake Houston (1004E, 1008, 1008H, 1009, 1009C, 1009D, 1009E, 1010, and 1011)

The document *Fifteen Total Maximum Daily Loads for Indicator Bacteria in Watersheds Upstream of Lake Houston For Segment Numbers 1004E, 1008, 1008H, 1009, 1009C, 1009D, 1009E, 1010, and 1011* was adopted by the TCEQ on 04/06/11 and approved by EPA on 06/29/11, and became an update to the state’s WQMP. Twenty-seven subsequent WQMP updates prior to this one have updated the list of individual wasteload allocations (WLAs) found in the original TMDL document. Additionally, an addendum to the original TMDL was submitted through the October 2013 WQMP update. This addendum added six new assessment units (AUs) to the original TMDL project.

The purpose of this update is to make the following changes to the TMDL, presented in Table 1:

- update the name and WLA for one facility that has increased its permitted discharge.

The changes reflected in this update resulted in the shifting of allocations between the sum of the individual WLAs and the allowance for future growth in three AUs. This was originally presented in Table 18 in the original TMDL document, and the three affected AUs are included here as Table 2.

In Table 19 of the original TMDL, the WLAs for permitted facilities are the sum of the individual WLAs and the allowance for future growth within each AU. Therefore, these overall numbers did not change, and Table 19 of the TMDL remains the same

Table 1 – Changes to Individual Wasteload Allocations (Updates Table 16, pp. 49-56 in the TMDL document.)

State Permit Number	Outfall	EPA Permit Number	Segment Number	Permittee Name	Flow (MGD)	Waste Load Allocation (WLA) – <i>E. coli</i> in Billion MPN/day	TMDL Comments
14624-001	001	TX0127973	1008_02	TERRA VERDE UTILITY COMPANY, LLC	0.10	0.238	Increased discharge and updated name

Table 2 - *E. coli* TMDL Summary Calculations for Lake Houston Assessment Units (Updates Table 18, pp. 61 in the TMDL document.)

AU	Sampling Location	Stream Name	TMDL (Billion MPN /day)	WLA <sub>WWTF</sub> (Billion MPN /day)	WLA <sub>StormWater</sub> (Billion MPN /day)	LA (Billion MPN /day)	MOS (Billion MPN /day)	Future Growth (Billion MPN /day)
1008_02	11314	Spring Creek	287	7.43	71.48	193.37	14.4	0.32
1008_03	11313	Spring Creek	1420	100.27	322	869	70.9	57.83
1008_04	11312	Spring Creek	1510	135.95	334	902	75.7	62.35