

Temp Stakeholder Meeting
Purpose and how we got here
August 20, 2014

Purpose of the meeting:

Solicit input from stakeholders on the development of screening procedures for implementation of temperature monitoring/limits in TPDES permits

How we got here:

- Texas has approximately 150 TPDES permits with temperature limits
- 2010: EPA began objecting to TPDES permits with temperature limits which exceeded the Water Quality Standards
- Internal TCEQ discussions began on how to address this issue
- Concurrently, TCEQ began discussions with EPA on both a short and possibly longer term resolution
- April 2014, TCEQ letter to EPA outlining general path forward and timeline to:
 - Develop screening procedures for TPDES permits
 - Evaluation of existing temperature related criteria
 - Interim language for permits with temperature limits
 - Permittee will develop and submit a plan for TCEQ approval within one year of permit effective date
 - Plan should characterize temperature plume
 - Use model, mass balance, collected or existing in-stream data
 - Implement upon TCEQ approval
 - Note is made that changes to implementation and/or rule making may impact temperature limits at the facility
- Which brings us to today, the first of a possible 2-3 stakeholder work group meetings