

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Drinking Water Advisory Work Group (DWA WG)
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Program Updates**

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Welcome

Occupational Licensing Update

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• **Water Operator Licensing Statistics: September 2012 – March 2013**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	3632
Number of Examinations Administered	2729
Number of New Licenses Issued	1072
Number of Licenses Renewed	1870
Number of Licensed Water Operators	13502

• **Water Exam Pass Rates: September 2012 – March 2013**

Ground Water Treatment Operator - B	26.4%
Ground Water Treatment Operator - C	34.7%
Surface Water Treatment Operator - B	17.4%
Surface Water Treatment Operator - C	54.5%
Water Distribution Operator - B	21.1%
Water Distribution Operator - C	39.7%
Water Operator - A	47.8%
Water Operator - D	42.8%

- **BPAT Operator Licensing Statistics: September 2012 – March 2013**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	931
Number of New Licenses Issued	362
Number of Licenses Renewed	505
Number of Licensed BPAT Operators	4894

- **CSI Operator Licensing Statistics: September 2012 – March 2013**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	266
Number of Examinations Administered	165
Number of New Licenses Issued	71
Number of Licenses Renewed	148
Number of Licensed CSI Operators	1760

- **CSI Exam Pass Rate: September 2012 – March 2013**

Customer Service Inspector	55.8%
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- **WTS Operator Licensing Statistics: September 2012 – March 2013**

Number of Applications Received (new & renewal)	165
Number of Examinations Administered	147
Number of New Licenses Issued	60
Number of Licenses Renewed	61
Number of Licensed WTS Operators	543

- **WTS Exam Pass Rates: September 2011-August 2012**

Water Treatment Specialist - I	65%
Water Treatment Specialist - II	65.9%
Water Treatment Specialist - III	38.4%

Small Business and Local Government Assistance (SBLGA), Small Business Environmental Assistance Division Update

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No update.

Utilities & Districts (UD) Section Update

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Rainwater Harvesting Rule Package

HB 3372 HB 3391, and SB 1073: Rainwater Rule Log No. 2011-057-290-OW

Status summary: This rule's comment period began on Friday, March 15. The public hearing took place on April 9th. The comment period closed on April 15th. Numerous comments were received and will be addressed. The rule remains on schedule based on its time line.

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Introduce PWS Liaison. Jaime Nolasco

Region Activity. Information below represents the number of regional activities conducted from January 22, 2013 to April 17, 2013:

- 102 complaints
- 52 focused investigations
- 5 compliance record reviews (CRRs)
- 13 follow-up investigations
- 15 reconnaissance investigations (Recons)
- 627 comprehensive compliance investigations (CCIs)

To date, the following activities have been conducted for FY13 (9/01/12 to 8/31/13):

- 380 complaints
- 209 focused investigations
- 25 CRRs
- 49 follow-up investigations
- 59 Recons
- 1594 CCIs

Public Drinking Water (PDW) Section

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Drinking Water Quality Team (DWQT) Update

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Drinking Water Quality Team Updates for DWA WG – 4/24/2013

- A letter regarding Version 15 of the Surface Water Monthly Operating Report (“SWMOR-Alt”) will soon be mailed to systems with Surface Water Treatment Plants that utilize membrane filtration systems. These plants must begin using the SWMOR-Alt to report their monthly data beginning July 1, 2013. This means the plant’s July 2013 SWMOR should be completed using the SWMOR-Alt form and will be due to TCEQ by August 10, 2013.
- With new staff members on board and gaining momentum, our efforts on certain rule programs are being reinvigorated. These include activities associated with chlorite, bromate, chlorine dioxide, total organic carbon, Consumer Confidence Reports, water quality parameters for the Lead and Copper Rule, and monitoring/reporting for chemical compliance.
- Reminder that 2012 Consumer Confidence Reports must be delivered to customers and TCEQ by July 1, 2013. We are working towards making an updated CCR generator available to water systems via our Drinking Water Watch website by mid-May 2013.

- Our efforts have increased in verifying eligibility requirements for reduced monitoring across Subchapter F rules. We continue to work on ensuring that processes are in place to efficiently identify public water systems eligible for reduced monitoring when applicable as well as verifying that systems meet the specific requirements for reduced monitoring.
- Systems that have exceeded the Operation Evaluation Level (OEL) associated with the Stage 2 Disinfection By-products Rule (DBP2) must submit an OEL report within 90 days of the exceedance. At this time, we recommend using the EPA's checklist found in the OEL guidance manual from 2008 (EPA 815-R-08-018). However, we have nearly completed a streamlined checklist that systems can use to complete their OEL report in the future.
- Reminder that you can find chemical and microbial data for your system, including sample schedules and results, on our Drinking Water Watch webpage at: <http://dww.tceq.state.tx.us/DWW/>

Drinking Water Protection Team (DWPT) Update

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E2 Introduction

Currently the reporting of public drinking water laboratory analytical data to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is submitted via hard copy, Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, and comma-separated value (CSV) files by the accredited laboratories and public water systems (PWS). To streamline the data submission process, TCEQ is developing a secure Web-based reporting system (called E2) for labs and PWS's to submit their data electronically. E2 will allow the submission of the following data types: Microbial; the Surface Water Monthly Operating Report; the Ground Water Rule Monthly Operating Report and the Disinfectant Level Report. E2 will process data in a manner that is compliant with EPA's Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR), which establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are legally dependable. In order to accomplish CROMERR compliant end user authentication the system will integrate with TCEQ's State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS).

Homeland Security Update/EPP Update

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The WSD has received 172 submittals from systems. Of the 172 submittals WSD has approved 159 EPP's and 2 Financial Waivers. WSD has received and approved 28 extension requests.

Emergency Preparedness Plan (Texas Water Code, §13.1395 and §13.1396)

Drought Update

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Drought Information:

<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/response/drought>

Water Utilities Status

On **April 19, 2013**, there were **1,024** public water systems (PWSs) asking customers to follow outdoor water use restrictions. Of these systems, **655** are asking customers to follow a mandatory watering schedule and **369** are asking customers to follow a voluntary watering schedule. Seasonal forecasts continue to predict the drought to persist or intensify in many areas of the state. Increasing demands are resulting in more water systems implementing the water-rationing stages of their Drought Contingency Plans. The following is a list of the current **32** PWSs that have prohibited all outside watering:

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