

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Drinking Water Advisory Work Group

July 22, 2008, Building E201S, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

SUMMARY

Welcome: Elston Johnson

TCEQ Staff Updates:

Licensing Rule Updates: Texas Small Public Water System Training Program: Terry Thompson

Summer time is the busiest time of the year for water operator licensing with regional schools going on.

This year' activities on water licensing year to date are;

- Total new and renewal applications received 6,674
- Administered 4,862 water operator exams
- Issued 5,040 new and renewal water operator licenses
- 14,740 total Water Operator Licensees
- The next regional school will be in Tyler.

Juanita Lopez retired June 30, 2008; Allen Vargas is the new section manager.

Rules adopted in June do not affect the public drinking water for the landscape irrigators had to make some changes for the irrigation inspector. Computer based testing will start in house testing the last week of July first part of 1st part of August. Giving new exams in September by starting with the smallest programs

- Water treatment specialist, customers service inspectors, registrants, Under ground storage tanks
- Do not anticipate the water and waste water will be brought on-line until FY 09
- Had lots of positive comments,
- Allow the public to retake the test if they fail then retake the test, if they fail they will need to wait to take

Technical Review & Oversight:

Cross Connection Control Subcommittee: Marlo Wanielista Berg

- Cross Connection Control Subcommittee
- Subcommittee meeting will take place on September 3rd from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- Agenda will cover new 290 regulations, new staff guidance's and determining where backflow prevention devices are required. To learn more please see the [subcommittee website](#) .

LT2: Marlo Wanielista Berg

- LT2 Rule Implementation Update
- Schedule 4 systems will begin sampling in October
- Approval letters have not been sent, but sampling is allowed after schedules and schematics are submitted even if an approval letter has not been received.

Drinking Water Quality: Alicia Diehl

Disinfection Byproducts

- April 1, 2008 was the due date for the last group involved in the Initial Distribution System Evaluation (IDSE) plans for the Stage 2 Disinfection By-product (DBP) rule.
- 200 PWS did not submit the IDSE plan
- TCEQ called the 200 PWS then received the IDSE plan from ~100 PWS
- Good response considering the IDSE plan was required from ~4,700 PWS

- Sampling begins in calendar year 2009 for PWS serving less than 10,000 persons or a combined distribution system serving 10,000 persons

Lead/Copper

- Lead/copper rules will be rewritten with no big changes anticipated
- Will have a hearing when we get to the comment period
- Look forward to corrosion discussion because it effects many things
- Lead and copper proposed schedule to be discussed in DEC 08 – JAN 09

Contract update

- Chemical sample collection contract went out for bid and may be complete
- Contact Debbie Burkett Brown for questions about sampling contract status

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

- Change in EPA's policy of CCR's: failure to deliver a single CCR makes you a significant non complier (SNC) and an enforcement case will be filed. Summer 2008 is first time for TCEQ to send PWS to enforcement for failure to deliver
- 25 cases already sent
- 75-100 pending (failed to deliver in year 2006)

Utilities & Districts Update: Vera Poe

- 49 CCN applications submitted; 69 processed
- 101 bond application submitted; 221 processed
- 427 water system plans submitted; 528 processed
- Senate Bill 149 & 130.46

Drinking Water Protection Update: Sean Ables

Source Water Protection - Currently working on two project areas in Central Texas with six or seven water systems.

Source Water Assessment - Testing latest version of assessment software and developing reports of results to deliver to water systems. These reports will deliver either by hard copy or through the web.

Ground Water Rule - Still developing, will meet with EPA at the end of the month to discuss implementation strategies.

GUI (Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water) Program - Developed GUI task force with several teams in the Water Supply Division (Drinking Water Protection, Technical Review and Oversight, and Utilities Technical Review) to develop a consistent methodology for GUI determination.

Field Operations Division: for Monica Harris

- Field Operations Division
 - 90% of work plan accomplished
 - 2233 CCIs
 - 198 focused investigations
 - Region 13 dealing with water outage complaints
 - Working with PDW on implementation of groundwater rule
 - Working on web CCI data system; user test will begin in the Fall

Drought Presentation: Scott Swanson (See attached)

- Drought Contingency Plan strategy/implementation
- 30 TAC Chapter 288, Subchapter B
- Educating, informing and enforcing watering schedules

DWA WG Stakeholder Updates, Issues and Upcoming Training Events: Elston Johnson

Next DWA WG Meeting: October 21, 2008, Building E201S [Available by Web Cast: \[texasadmin\]](#)

Drought Presentation: from Scott Swanson Attached

Drought Planning: What's the best watering schedule?

Presented by:

E. Scott Swanson

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Resource Protection Team

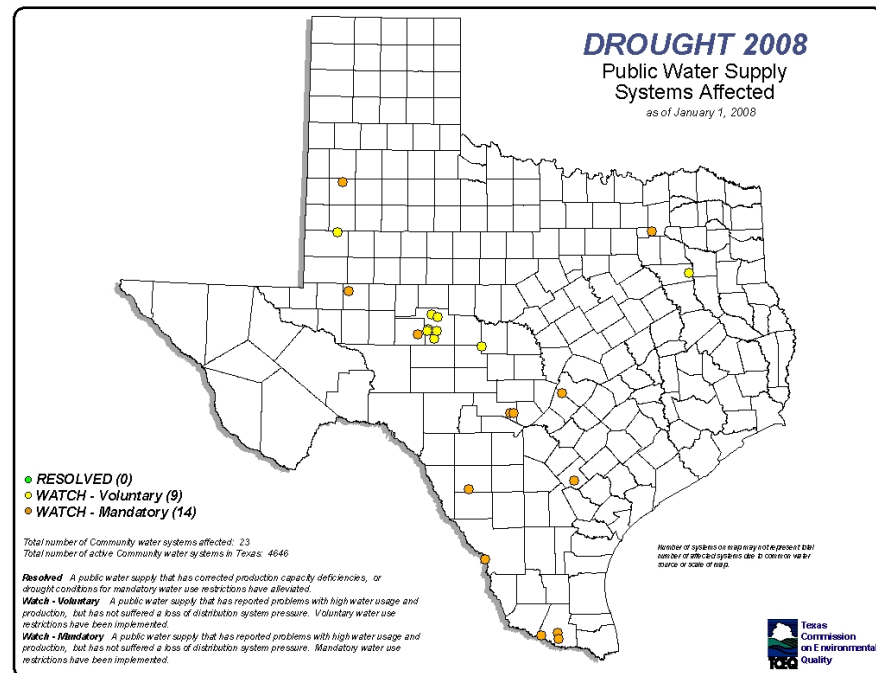
Drought Contingency Plans

A strategy or combination of strategies for temporary and potentially recurring water supply shortages and other water supply emergencies.



Triggers & Stages

- Voluntary/Mandatory Stages
- Implementing/Retracting Restrictions
- Reporting



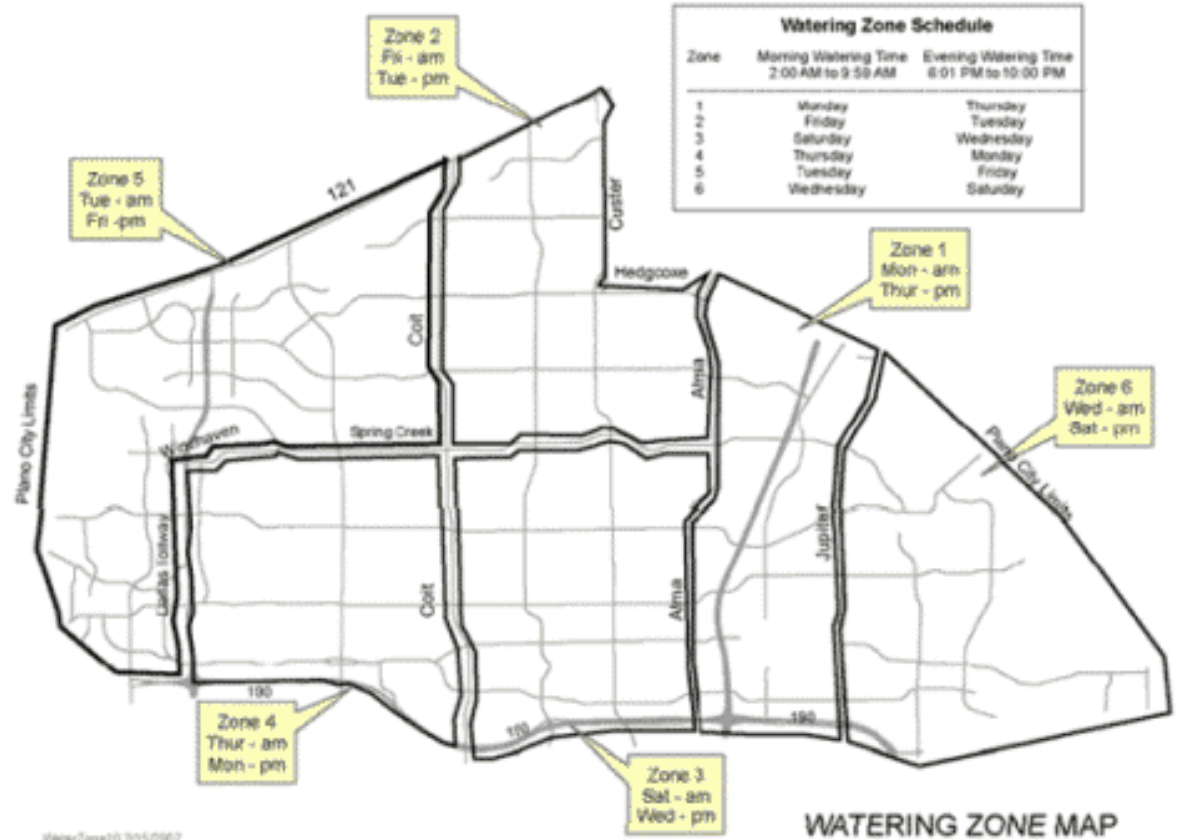
Types of Watering Schedules

- More than twice a week
- 2 days per week
- 1 day per week
- No Outdoor Water Use



Dividing Customers

- By Address
- By Location



Getting the word out

- PSA
- Bill Inserts
- Signs
- Ads
- Word of Mouth



Oversight

- Visual
- Meters
- Reports



Ongoing Public Education

- Required by rule
- Essential to achieving compliance
- Opportunity for feedback



Enforcement

- Cities
- Districts
- Privately-Owned

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NOTICE

ADDRESS _____


DATE 1/6/07 TIME 0311 146

VEHICLE LICENSE NO. _____ STATE _____

COLOR S/L MAKE Acura MODEL 2 Door

ODOMETER # _____ SUBJECT TO TOW SUBJECT TO FINE

00 PARKED IN RED ZONE OR FIRE LANE - UNATTENDED
01 BLOCKING GARAGE 11 BLOCKING SIDEWALK
03 NO OVER NIGHT STREET PARKING
05 NO OVER NIGHT PARKING
06 NO VISIBLE PERMIT PASS 11 INVALID PERMIT/PASS
41 EXCEEDED DAYS ALLOWED IN GUEST PARKING
36 NO STREET PARKING
02 VEHICLE NOT ON THE SAFELIST/INVALID CONFIRMATION NUMBER
81 COMMERCIAL VEHICLE _____
82 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE _____
30 OPEN GARAGE DOOR
34 RESIDENT IN GUEST PARKING
98 OTHER No Reverse Parking
39 THIS VEHICLE APPEARS TO BE STORED OR UNMOVED. OFFICER HAS TAKEN VEHICLE INFO AND IS MONITORING IT. IF NOT CORRECTED, VEHICLE WILL BE TOWED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.



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What's the best watering schedule?

- Practical
- Understandable
- Feasible
- Reasonable



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