

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Drinking Water Advisory Work Group
October 09, 2007
Building F, Room 2210
9:00 am - 12:00 noon

AGENDA

Welcome/Introductions: Elston Johnson

TCEQ Staff Updates:

Technical Review & Oversight - LT2: Gary Chauvin for Marlo Wanielista Berg

EPA is implementing the LT2 Rule for Groups 1-3, and TCEQ is implementing for Group 4 systems.
- Monitoring/Reporting violations are being issued for public water systems that submit erroneous or late Surface Water Monthly Operating Reports (SWMORs).

Cross Connection Control Workgroup: Joel Klumpp

Dan Eden, Deputy Director of the Office of Permitting, Remediation, and Registration, has approved the recreation of the Cross-Connection Control Workgroup. This workgroup will function as a subgroup of the DWA WG. Joel Klumpp has scheduled the first meeting of the workgroup on December 6, 2007. If you are interested in participating in the workgroup or have any questions about cross-connection control, please contact Joel at (512) 239-4453.

Drinking Water Quality: Debra Cerda for Alicia Diehl

Rule Package Update - Comment period closed September 10th. Thank you to everyone for their input during the comment period and stakeholder meetings. The final rule will go before the commissioners at agenda on December 19th for approval. Please refer to the TCEQ website ("Drinking Water and Water Availability" Featured Item EPA Drinking Water Stage 2 Rule Package)

Where we are at with DBP Rule Stage 2 -

Approximately 4500 water systems must comply with IDSE requirements, whether through waivers or IDSE sampling.

Group 1 systems are 99% compliant (due date was October 1, 2006)

Group 2 systems are 97% compliant (due date April 1, 2007)

Group 3 systems are 80% compliant, but processing through those we are receiving (due date October 1, 2007).

There are about 3769 water systems in Group 4, but with 2200 of those being community water systems less than 500 in population; we have about 1010 systems that still must meet the requirement. Many of those may be able to receive a final 40/30 waiver based on their levels for the last two years of DBP monitoring results.

Unseasonable rainfall this year caused longer detention time and therefore water age. Changes in water quality caused increased dissolved organic carbon (DOC), disinfection byproducts, and nitrification. Many systems experienced nitrification this summer. TCEQ staff have provided additional technical support through our nitrification webpage (LINK TO: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/pdw/disinfection/nitrification.html) and the upcoming Directed Assistance Module 5 (DAM5) on Optimizing Chloramination Process. Additionally, TCEQ PDW will be hosting a "Water Quality in Distribution Systems" in February, date to be announced.

TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair and Conference 2008 - if you have any topics stakeholders would like to see covered at next year's Trade Fair, please contact Debra Cerda.

PDW Conference 2007 - over 700 representatives from systems all over the state attended. Presentations will eventually be made available through our website. You can also contact Mason Miller, Kristine Krieg, or Debra Cerda if you did not receive an electronic copy or were unable to attend.

Drinking Water Protection Update: Sean Ables

- EPA, Texas' focus shifting from emphasis on source water assessments to emphasizing source water protection
- Developing methods to track protection activities implemented through TCEQ and other protection efforts already in place
- New source water protection contract for FY08-10 awarded to Camp, Dresser, McKee, Inc.
- Protection efforts in Texas report that 31% of community water systems and 55% of population served by community water systems have substantially implemented source water protection
- Developing reports of results of Phase II assessments
- Future development of source water assessment software will possibly be web-based, accessible to water systems

Utilities & Districts Update: Doug Holcomb

- The 291 Rules package is scheduled to come before the Commission on January 16, 2008 and will be posted online.
- The 293 Districts Rule package will come before the Commission for publication on February 13, 2008.
- Texas Rural Water Association will again be the contract for the financial, managerial, and technical assistance contract to assist public water systems. If you need any assistance, please call Margot Taunton at 512-239-6403.
- The mapping contract from A&M will help by putting all the water and sewer CCN's on the website.
- The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is sending out the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) solicitation letters for the intended use plan (IUP). Applications are due January 28, 2008.
- There are workshops on the State Revolving Fund programs 11/13 in Lubbock, 11/15 in Conroe, 11/27 in San Antonio, 11/29 in San Angelo, 12/6 in Nacogdoches, and on 12/11 in Dallas. For more information see the TWDB website at the following webpage (LINK TO: http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/publications/forms_manuals/FY09/FY09_SRFworkshop_flyer_rev.pdf)
- The last of the DWSRF needs surveys are being completed. Contact Don Thompson at 512-239-3550 for any questions.

Applications for the Utilities and District for FY 07 were as follows:

- There were 2,162 sets of plans received in 2007, 2150 been reviewed. Currently review is running under 45 days.
- CCN's & STM's received 223 and 180 were processed within the 180 days. This year there were more applications protested.
- With Rates there were 90 processed and 79 appeals and had to go to SOAH.
- In districts 274 major applications were received and 278 were processed.
- Currently there are 26 systems in receivership; three or four will be coming out of receivership or temporary managers. For questions on receiverships, contact Andy Luther at 512-239-6179. If anyone is interested in becoming receiverships please also contact Andy.

There is going to be new expedited creation application workshops in July. There were two expected rules received.

David Laughlin will be retiring from the U&D.

There is an updated application for water or sewer CCN's posted at the following TCEQ website that includes the addendum. (LINK TO: http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/permitting/water_supply/ud/publist.html#ccn)

Field Operations Division: for Monica Harris, Shawn Stewart was introduced by Elston.

Texas Small Public Water System Training Program: Sandi Mota

- The TSPWSTP is an EPA-funded program of the TCEQ. It provides free water classroom or cluster training to operators working as small public water systems (NTNC or community) serving less than 3,300 people. The program also pays for licensing fees.
- Upon enrollment, each operator received a student id card used to register for classes offered by TCEQ contractors and to have their licensing fees covered by the grant.
- Currently, there are seven classroom training providers and three cluster training providers. This information is posted on the program website: www.txsmallwater.org.
- Program enrollment counts to date are as follow:
 - Water Systems: 2776
 - Operators: 4987
- Number of program eligible water systems: ~4458
- Staff are marketing the remaining water systems to encourage enrollment. We have had open enrollment as of June 2007.
- The program is beneficial. Many operators have received training through the TSPWSTP, especially through the hands-on training classes. Since June 2006, the program has offered more than 300 cluster (hands-on) training sessions.
- If your program or organization allows us to come out and promote the program, we would appreciate the opportunity.

DWAAG Stakeholder Updates, Issues and Upcoming Training Events

Other Issues Stakeholders Want to Discuss Elston Johnson

- Drinking Water
- Legislative Update

TCEQ Upcoming Training, Conferences, Meetings and Public Forums

- **Next DWAAG Meeting: January 08, 2008**

12:00

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