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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

June 24, 2011

Re: Notifications to Public Water Systems Regarding Drought Contingency Plans

Dear Honorable Judge Johnston,

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has sent a letter to public water systems state-wide encouraging them to consider implementing their drought contingency plans due to widespread drought conditions. A copy of this correspondence is enclosed for your reference.

Multiple program areas at the TCEQ are actively engaged in the oversight of available water supplies statewide. We are working with municipalities that face potential shortfalls of available drinking water. With no immediate relief forecasted, the TCEQ is soliciting your help in disseminating appropriate information to affected parties in your communities. If this drought cycle worsens, it will be very important that all residents are well informed.

The TCEQ has established a drought web page to provide additional information and address questions and concerns. The drought web page is located at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/drought.html>. We have also activated the TCEQ Drought Hotline at 1-800-447-2827. You may also contact your TCEQ Regional Office or Ms. Amy Settemeyer, Water Rights Liaison; at the TCEQ Central Office in Austin at 512-239-2588 should you have additional questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zak Covar".

Zak Covar
Deputy Executive Director

Enclosure