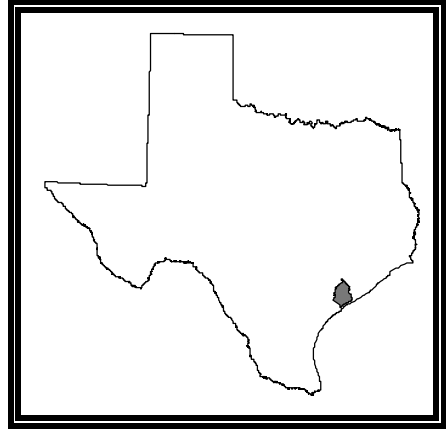


Basin 15

Colorado–Lavaca Coastal



Colorado–Lavaca Coastal Basin Narrative Summary

The basin lies on the coastal plains between the Colorado and Lavaca Rivers. The average elevation in the basin is less than 50 feet. Tres Palacios Creek is the principal drainage system in the basin. The total area of the basin is 939 square miles. Tres Palacios Creek has been divided into two segments, which are routinely monitored at one location in each segment. Presently there are 7 active surface water quality sites, which are monitored on a routine basis throughout the basin.

The above tidal portion of the Tres Palacios Creek has elevated bacteria densities. This basin is primarily agricultural, although recent urbanization and industrialization have become concerns in the region.