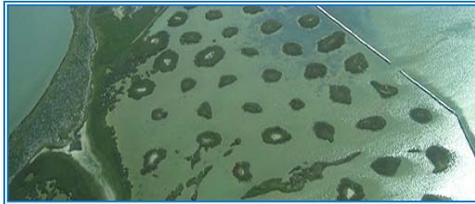


Texas Surface Water Quality Standards Update



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2010 EPA Action

- EPA Action Letters
 - June 29, 2011
 - August 24, 2012
- Action letters posted on TCEQ Website
- Highlighted 2010 rule indicates status of approval

August Conditional Approvals

- Approval subject to consultation with USFWS
 - Partial approval of aquatic life criteria in Appendices A and D
 - Partial approval of segment boundaries in Appendix C
 - Toxic Aquatic Life Criteria – Table 1
 - Use of the biotic ligand model

August Disapprovals

- Deferred aquatic life listings (§307.9)
- Appendix A:
 - North Sulphur River – Benthics at a limited aquatic life use. The intermediate aquatic life use is approved for both fish and benthics.
 - Oso Bay and Laguna Madre – The DO criteria of average 4.5 mg/L and minimum 2.0 mg/L. The previously approved criteria of 5.0 mg/L and 4.0 mg/L will apply.
- Appendix D:
 - Lavaca River -The DO criteria of average 2.0 mg/L and minimum 1.0 mg/L. The previously approved criteria of 5.0 mg/L and 3.0 mg/L will apply.

Still Under Review

- Portions of §307.7 and §307.9
- §307.8 (relating to application of standards)
- Site-specific aquatic life and general use criteria for numerous segments (Appendix A)
- Segment description for Black Cypress Bayou (Appendix C)
- Site-specific aquatic life uses and dissolved oxygen criteria for two unclassified water bodies (Appendix D)
- Numeric nutrient criteria for selected reservoirs (Appendix F)

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