

*The following text is an addendum to the SWQM Procedures Manual RG-415, 08/2012 Revision Chapter 3, page 3-15.*

## **Primary Contact Recreation Observations**

### ***Parameter Codes 89978 and 89979***

Observations related to *primary contact recreation* are needed to help the Water Quality Standards Group identify freshwater streams or rivers as suitable candidates for a Recreational Use Attainability Analysis. This information will also be considered as part of an existing RUAA to quantify the extent of existing primary contact recreation use. The following observations should be added to routine water quality monitoring site visits. Record a value for each parameter code during each site visit.

**Number of People Observed—89978.** *Primary contact recreation* is defined as any activity that is presumed to involve a significant risk of ingestion of water—wading by children, swimming, water skiing, diving, tubing, surfing, and whitewater activities—kayaking, canoeing, and rafting.

Report the total number of people observed and zero if there are no people observed participating in a primary contact recreation activity at a monitoring site.

**Evidence of Primary Contact Recreation—89979.** Evidence of primary contact recreation includes, but not limited to, rope swings, designated swimming beaches, items left behind such as bathing suits, inflatable rafts, and life jackets. Record observed activities or evidence of activities as either Observed (1) or Not Observed (0).

**Note:** Please direct any questions or comments to the Water Quality Standards Group at [<standards@tceq.texas.gov>](mailto:standards@tceq.texas.gov).