

# *Public Drinking Water Conference*

**AUGUST 6-7, 2024**

**Online and In-Person**

Renaissance Austin Hotel | 9721 Arboretum Blvd.,  
Austin, TX 78759



## **NAVIGATING CHANGE**

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Devils River State Natural Area | Photo Courtesy of Grant Zimmerman

For more information or to register online, visit [www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/conference.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/conference.html)

# 2024 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference

## Day One: Tuesday, August 6 - Morning Sessions

Morning General Sessions Grand Ballroom	
7:00 am	<i>REGISTRATION OPENS</i>
8:30 am	Welcome and Overview: Water Supply Division Updates
9:15 am	Public Water System Capacity: Adapting to Change
10:00 am	<i>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS / EXHIBITS AND TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM OPEN</i>
10:30 am	Case Studies on Navigating Change
11:15 am	Water Age in Your Distribution System
12:00 pm	<i>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</i>

## Day One: Tuesday, August 6 - Afternoon Sessions

	Track One Salon A	Track Two Salon B	Track Three Bluebonnet
1:30 pm	Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR): Service Line Inventories	Cross Connection Control: Starting a Program	Operator Licensing
2:15 pm	Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI): Overview and Key Provisions	Cross Connection Control: Technical Topic	Help! Moving Forward Looking for Funding and Other Assistance
3:00 pm	<i>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS</i>		
3:30 pm	Cybersecurity Awareness for Water Systems	Navigating Change: New Ways to Find, Train, Hire and Keep Operators	CCR Rule Revisions
4:15 pm	PFAS		Weather Outlooks for Texas: Navigating Drought, Flooding, Fires and Ice
5:00 pm	<i>DAY ONE WRAP-UP / EXHIBITS AND TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM CLOSE</i>		

## Day Two: Wednesday, August 7 - Morning Sessions

	Track One Salon A	Track Two Salon B	Track Three Bluebonnet
8:00 am	<i>EXHIBITS AND TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM OPEN</i>		
8:00 am	Chloramination Basics	Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Facilities (LTSCC): How PWSs Can Get Involved	Public Utility Commission (PUC) of Texas Update
8:45 am	Nitrification Basics	Disinfectant Residual Monitoring	PUC: Water CCN Mapping
9:30 am	<i>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS</i>		
10:00 am	Water System Management	Preparing for a Groundwater Investigation	Emerging Contaminants and Lead Service Line Replacement Funding Opportunities
10:45 am	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Laws, Texas Aquifers and Groundwater	Preparing for a Surface Water Investigation	Why Conservation Matters for Your Utility
11:30 am	<i>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN / EXHIBITS CLOSE</i>		

## Day Two: Wednesday, August 7 - Afternoon Sessions

	Track One Salon A	Track Two Salon B	Track Three Bluebonnet
1:00 pm	Coliform Sampling and Assessment Actions	Troubleshooting at a Surface Water Treatment Plant	Source Water Protection
1:45 pm	Treatment Technologies for PFAS and TCEQ Approval Process	Problem Solving at a Surface Water Treatment Plant	Concentration-Time (CT) Studies
2:30 pm	<i>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS</i>		
3:00 pm	Successful As-Built Submittals	Free Chlorine Conversions	Groundwater Rule Overview
3:45 pm	What is a Significant Change? Do I Need to Submit Plans?	What Can TOP Do for Me?	Monitoring Data Integrity and Recordkeeping
4:30 pm	<i>CONCLUSION / TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM CLOSURES</i>		

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# Program Information

The 2024 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference is FREE to attendees. Pre-registration is required.

**Tuesday, June 11 at 9:00 AM CST - Registration opens**

**Register at: <https://cvent.utexas.edu/pdw2024>**

## Conference Attendance Options

The 2024 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference will be held in a hybrid format. Attendees have the option to attend online or in-person. You'll need to select how you plan to attend during registration. Pre-registration is required because in-person attendance is limited.

## Cost

The 2024 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference is offered FREE of charge.

## Earn Credit Hours

Water system operators can receive general training credit toward the renewal of their water operator license from TCEQ for the qualifying sessions they attend online or in-person.

## TCEQ Technical Assistance Room

Staff from the TCEQ Water Supply Division, Texas Water Development Board and Public Utility Commission, will be available for one-on-one discussions with attendees during the conference.

## Workshop Information

In addition to the scheduled sessions, a variety of workshops are planned for the conference on topics such as:

- Emergency Preparedness Plans (bring your EPP);
- Water Conservation (bring your water audit or ordinance);
- Water Quality Issues (bring your equipment for monitoring chlorine, chloramines, iron, and manganese);
- Inventory - monitoring plans, data change requests (bring your current monitoring plan);
- RTCR Sample Siting Plan and Submissions (bring your sample site plan);
- Basic Math for Utility Calculations;
- Chlorine - injection pumps, nitrification, residual data (bring historical residual data, nitrification action plan);
- Emergency Preparedness Plans;
- Drinking Water Watch;
- Lead and Copper, Corrosion Control Studies;
- Surface Water - jar testing, filter assessments, data verification;
- Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee (TWICC);
- Lab Stakeholder Meeting;
- and more.

## Special Accommodations

If you have a disability and require special accommodations to fully participate in this event, please contact the conference organizer at least three weeks prior to the start of the Public Drinking Water Conference at [pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu) or 512-471-2886. The TCEQ is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. The agency does not allow discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, this document may be requested in alternate formats by contacting the TCEQ at [www.tceq.texas.gov/publications](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/publications).

**QUESTIONS? Contact Customer Care at [pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu) or 512-471-2886 and ask for the TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** A hotel room reservation does *not* serve as a conference registration. You must register for the conference separate from your hotel room reservation.

## Conference Hotel

Renaissance Austin Hotel  
9721 Arboretum Blvd  
Austin, TX 78759

Book your discounted hotel room on or after June 11, 2024:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2024pdw>

The Renaissance has reserved a block of rooms for attendees at the discounted rate of \$170 per night for a single or a double. The conference rate is valid until July 15 OR until the room block is full. Reservations received after this date are taken on a space available basis and are not guaranteed the discounted rate. To receive the conference rate, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2024pdw>. To reserve via phone, call 800-468-3571 or 512-343-2626. To receive the conference rate, you must identify yourself as a participant of the TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference.

We understand that the conference hotel cannot accommodate all conference participants. There are several nearby hotels, some of which have courtesy shuttles to the conference hotel. For information on overflow hotels, please visit:

<https://cvent.utexas.edu/pdw2024>

## Parking

Attendees receive complimentary day parking in the Renaissance Austin surface lot. Overnight parking is \$10 per night. Use the QR codes posted throughout the lot to pre-pay for the duration of your stay. You must use discount code TCEQ to receive the discounted rate. Parking in unauthorized business lots will result in ticketing and towing. Onsite parking is limited. Utilize courtesy shuttles if you are staying at an overflow hotel with this option.

## Attention Exhibitors!

There are a limited number of exhibitor booths, so register early to reserve your space. For more information, please email [pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu)

## Exhibitor Schedule for Rio Grande Exhibit Hall

Monday, August 5, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Meet and Greet  
Tuesday, August 6, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Open  
Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 am - 11:30 am: Exhibit Hall Open

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*The 2024 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference is a FREE, two-day seminar designed to provide information relevant to public drinking water systems. TCEQ Water Supply Division representatives will give presentations on a wide variety of topics including drinking water regulations, upcoming rules, operations, distribution, licensing, new technology, and much more.*

*Staff from the TCEQ Water Supply Division will also be available to meet on an individual basis with water system operators and water system managers.*

*If you are a water system operator or water system manager this conference is a must. Water system operators can receive general training credit toward the renewal of their water operator license from the TCEQ for the qualifying sessions they attend. If you attend only one conference this year, make it the 2024 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference!*

**Visit the conference website for the latest information:  
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