

# *Public Drinking Water Conference*

**EVERY DROP COUNTS**

**AUGUST 4-5, 2026**

**Online and In-Person**

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



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# 2026 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference

## Day One: Tuesday, August 4 - Morning Sessions Grand Ballroom

7:00 am	<i>REGISTRATION OPENS</i>
8:30 am	Welcome and Overview
9:15 am	Seasonal Weather Outlook
10:00 am	<b>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS / EXHIBITS AND TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM OPEN</b>
10:30 am	What Happens to a Water Sample
11:15 am	Distribution
12:00 pm	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN</b>

## Day One: Tuesday, August 4 - Afternoon Sessions

	Track One Salon A	Track Two Salon B	Track Three Bluebonnet
1:30 pm	Regulatory Recap Regarding Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in Drinking Water	Occupational Licensing Overview	Growing and Keeping Your Operators - Panel
2:15 pm	PFAS Treatment Technologies and TCEQ Review and Approval Processes	Asset Management for Small Water Systems	Groundwater Districts - Panel
3:00 pm	<b>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS</b>		
3:30 pm	Water Loss: New Help with Leak Detections, Dogs, Drones, and Other Techniques	Water System Management	Panhandle Wildfires: Lessons Learned - Panel
4:15 pm	Working with Developers: Growth in Rural Areas	Lead and Copper Rule Improvements 101	DSHS, LCRA, and TCEQ Laboratory Discussion - Panel
5:00 pm	<b>DAY ONE WRAP-UP / EXHIBITS AND TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM CLOSE</b>		

## Day Two: Wednesday, August 5 - Morning Sessions

	Track One Salon A	Track Two Salon B	Track Three Bluebonnet
8:00 am	<b>EXHIBITS AND TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM OPEN</b>		
8:00 am	Chloramine Management	Public Utility Commission (PUC) Update	Lead Testing in School and Child Care (LTSCC): How to Support Your Community
8:45 am	Nitrification and Nitrification Action Plans	Using the Water and Sewer CCN Viewer	Right-to-Know: CCR, BWN, PN, and LSLI
9:30 am	<b>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS</b>		
10:00 am	Preparing for a Groundwater Investigation	Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Update	Source Water Protection and Best Management Practices
10:45 am	Preparing for a Surface Water Investigation	TWDB Financial Assistance Programs	Texas Forests and Water
11:30 am	<b>LUNCH ON YOUR OWN / EXHIBITS CLOSE</b>		

## Day Two: Wednesday, August 5 - Afternoon Sessions

	Track One Salon A	Track Two Salon B	Track Three Bluebonnet
1:00 pm	Free Chlorine Conversion Strategies	Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) Laws, Texas Aquifers and Groundwater Quality	Drought Reporting
1:45 pm	Tank Maintenance	Groundwater Rule Essentials	Promoting Smart Water Usage and Conservation: Success Stories on Outreach and Implementation
2:30 pm	<b>BREAK / REFRESHMENTS</b>		
3:00 pm	Cross Connection Control - Water System Perspective	Water System Resiliency	Water Reuse Programs
3:45 pm	Cross Connection Control Overview	Successful Technical Review Submittals	Secondary Contaminants
4:30 pm	<b>CONCLUSION / TCEQ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ROOM CLOSING</b>		

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# Program Information

The 2026 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference is FREE to attendees. Pre-registration is required.

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

**Register at: <https://cvent.utexas.edu/pdw2026>**

### Conference Attendance Options

The 2026 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 2026 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;
- Water Conservation and Drought Planning;
- Water Quality Issues (bring your equipment for monitoring chlorine, chloramines, iron, and manganese);
- Inventory - monitoring plans, data change requests (bring your current monitoring plan);
- RTRC Sample Siting Plan and Submissions (bring your sample site plan);
- Math for Utility Calculations;
- Chlorine - injection pumps, nitrification, residual data (bring historical residual data, nitrification action plan);
- Drinking Water Viewer (DWW);
- LCRI: Baseline Inventories and Replacement Plans;
- Plans and Exceptions Panel;
- Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee (TWICC);
- Laboratory Stakeholder Meeting;
- and more.

**Attention Exhibitors!** To reserve an exhibit space or to learn more about exhibiting, email [pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:pdwcon@austin.utexas.edu).

### 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](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      Book your discounted hotel room  
9721 Arboretum Blvd          on or after June 9, 2026:  
Austin, TX 78759                <https://tinyurl.com/2026pdw>

The Renaissance has reserved a block of rooms for attendees at the discounted rate of \$173 per night for a single or a double. The conference rate is valid until July 13 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/2026pdw>. 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/pdw2026>**

### Parking

Attendees receive complimentary day parking in the Renaissance Austin surface lot. Overnight parking is \$12.50 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, so please plan accordingly.

### Exhibitor and Break Schedule

Monday, August 3, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Exhibitor Meet and Greet  
Tuesday, August 4, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm: Exhibit Hall Open  
Morning Refreshments from 10:00 am - 10:30 am  
Afternoon Refreshments from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 am - 10:00 am: Exhibit Hall Open  
Coffee and Pastries from 7:00 am - 8:00 am  
Morning Refreshments from 9:30 am - 10:00 am

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*The 2026 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 2026 TCEQ Public Drinking Water Conference!*

**Visit the conference website for the latest information:  
<https://cvent.utexas.edu/pdw2026>**