

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Drinking Water Advisory Work Group (DWA WG) Meeting

April 21, 2020

Program Updates

- *Welcome*

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Fiscal Year 2020
 BPAT, CSI, Water Operator Program Results
 2nd Quarter (December 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020)

	New Applications Received	Renewal Applications Received	Total Applications Received	Tests Administered	Tests Passed	Percent Passed	New Licenses Issued	Renewal Licenses Issued	Total Current Licenses
Backflow Prevention Assembly Tester	206	566	772	249	113	45.4%	104	516	5,844
Grand Totals:	206	566	772	249	113	45.4%	104	516	5,844

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Customer Service Inspector	67	251	318	117	58	49.6%	51	242	2,188
Grand Totals:	67	251	318	117	58	49.6%	51	242	2,188

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Ground Water Treatment Operator - B	33	71	104	54	17	31.5%	16	62	764
Ground Water Treatment Operator - C	118	210	328	199	78	39.2%	75	205	3,402
Surface Water Treatment Operator - B	37	53	90	87	20	23%	21	52	950
Surface Water Treatment Operator - C	60	93	153	86	47	54.7%	42	90	1,888
Water Distribution Operator - B	40	33	73	98	15	15.3%	16	34	643
Water Distribution Operator - C	129	246	375	254	105	41.3%	99	247	3,634
Water Operator - A	34	63	97	33	15	45.5%	14	70	1,215
Water Operator - D	542	140	682	721	301	41.7%	286	129	4,411
Grand Totals:	993	899	1,902	1,532	598	39%	569	889	17,017

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- **Public Water System (PWS) Regional Activity**

Information below represents the number of PWS activities conducted by the OCE regional staff in the second quarter of FY20 (9/01/19 – 2/29/2020):

-	200	Complaint Investigations
-	221	Focused Investigations
-	144	Compliance Record Review Investigations
-	80	Follow-up Investigations
-	243	Recon Investigations
-	1367	Comprehensive Compliance Investigations (CCIs)

Mr. Shannon Frazier has accepted a Work Leader position and Mr. Al Fuentes is our new Water Liaison and the primary PWS contact.

Environmental Assistance Division (EAD)

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Plan Review Team (PRT)

Number of plans and specifications submittals processed by the Plan Review Team in January to March 2020: 573. The team currently has one FTE vacancy. The team is pleased to welcome Karishma Piler who is scheduled to start on April 20, 2020.

Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey: the EPA has indicated the four-year survey of infrastructure needs is on for 2020. The survey is very important for water systems funding as the sum of the state needs are used to determine the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) allotment Texas will receive. The DWSRF has become a major funding source of water system projects in Texas and careful completion of the survey benefits many Texans. The survey includes all systems with a population greater than 100,000 and a sampling of systems with populations less than 100,000. The American Water Infrastructure Act requires that the upcoming survey include an inventory of lead service lines and the cost to replace those lines. TCEQ is requesting that systems greater than 100,000 begin estimating their lead service lines if they are unsure of the inventory of lead service lines. The current schedule for data collection for DWINS is anticipated to begin near the end of June 2020; however, the schedule may be further delayed from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Technical Review and Oversight Team (TROT)

Number of Exception and Alternative Capacity Requirement requests processed by the Technical Review and Oversight Team during December 2019 – February 2020: 386.

TROT has recently added the following Challenge Test Approval Documents:

- Challenge Test Approval for the Removal of Microbial Contaminants: Scinor Water America, LLC SMT 600-S26 Hollow Fiber Ultrafiltration Modules (October 30, 2019)
- Toray HFU-B2315AN Hollow Fiber Ultrafiltration Membrane (January 6, 2020)

These and all TROT's Challenge Study Documents are posted on the TCEQ website. You can find them here:

<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/drinkingwater/trot/membrane-challenge-studies>

Mr. Bill Melville, P.E., a long-time member of TROT, retired at the end of March. Mr. Melville worked on TROT since 2006 and we appreciate his service. Ms. Manika Sharma, E.I.T., also left TROT in March to pursue a position in the private sector. Ms. Sharma's tenure on TROT spanned three years, and we appreciate her service. The team hopes to fill these vacancies as soon as possible.

Response and Capacity Development Team (RCDT)

Number of free on-site Financial, Managerial, and Technical (FMT) Assistance assignments made for public water systems by the Response and Capacity Development Team January – March 2020: 278. This number excludes assignments made for wastewater systems and contractor training events.

Capacity Development:

- Do you need funding or other assistance? The Texas Water Infrastructure Coordination Committee (TWICC) is an umbrella organization designed to help water and wastewater

systems find funding. TWICC is made up of state and federal funding, regulatory and assistance agencies including the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA), Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), General Land Office (GLO), Texas American Water Works Association (TAWWA) and Communities Unlimited. The next TWICC meeting is planned to be hosted by TWDB on April 29, 2020. This will be held remotely. Entities are invited to attend TWICC meetings; if you are interested in talking to TWICC members about potential projects, funding and other assistance you can contact Dorothy Young at dorothy.young@tceq.texas.gov. Information on TWICC members, funding sources and other resource links are available at www.twicc.org.

Texas Optimization Program (TOP):

From January to March 2020:

- TOP Support contractors participated in seven Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Level 2 Assessments;
- TOP staff provided membrane training to a TCEQ Regional Office;
- TOP staff held Corrective Action Plan (CAP) coordination meetings with three PWSs;
- TOP staff and Support contractors performed customized technical assistance activities at four PWSs;
- TOP Staff and Support contractors participated in an FMT contractor training event;
- A TOP Support contractor performed training at four TWUA regional schools and at three TCEQ Regional offices.

Drought:

- As of April 7, 2020, approximately 2% of the state is in extreme drought, 8% of the state is in severe drought, 9% of the state is in moderate drought, and 6% of the state is abnormally dry. None of the state is in exceptional drought.
- As of April 7, 2020, the state's monitored water supply reservoirs are 87.3% full, an increase of 6.4% since January 2020.
- Staff continue to monitor and provide additional resources to one High-Priority system and three Watch List systems until their current projects are completed.

Assistance for At-Risk Public Water Systems:

- Staff continue to monitor eleven systems in receivership, six systems under temporary management and thirteen systems designated as "Primary At-Risk."

Cross-Connection Control:

- Program staff completed one on-site Cross-Connection Control Program (CCCP) Survey of a water system between January and March, 2020.
- The TCEQ Cross-Connection Control Subcommittee conducted its quarterly meeting on March 5, 2020. It was well attended with participation amongst members, and new members continue to attend. Topics discussed include updating regulatory guidance documents, the new landscape irrigation program rule changes, and improving CSI training. In addition, recent backflow events were discussed, including the importance of emergency response plans for backflow events. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2020.
- Program staff provided guidance to water purveyors for backflow prevention assembly testing and customer service inspections during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Cross-Connection Control Program continues to receive many requests for approval of alternate forms.

- Program staff attended 1 DAM 12 “Establishing and Managing an Effective Cross Connection Control Program” trainings conducted through the FMT program. Staff verified that curriculum was adequately communicated and assisted with technical questions.

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Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Program

(Mia Gonzales, Claire Carlton, Lillian Johnson, Charlotte Pope, Jacqueline Hernandez, Sharika Thompson, Tammy Huynh)

Data Integrity and Adequacy

- Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Quality Assurance (QA) Officer is currently a vacant position. In the interim, please direct QA concerns to Michele Risko at michele.risko@tceq.texas.gov.
- Continuing program efforts to work with systems and laboratories to ensure all data is reported.
 - Ensure system operators are completing documentation appropriately.
 - Guidance for systems on how to complete the MRF:
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/permitting/watersupply/pdw/tcr/Complete%20the%20Microbial%20Reporting%20Form.pdf>
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/permitting/watersupply/pdw/tcr/Complete%20the%20Microbial%20Reporting%20Form.pdf>
 - Laboratory MRF Guidance:
 - <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/permitting/watersupply/pdw/tcr/Laboratory%20Guidelines.pdf>

- TCEQ issues corrective actions to laboratories that do not adhere to the QAPP.
 - When laboratories do not adhere to the QAPP, systems are at risk of receiving violations.
- Hold labs accountable for the requirements you need them to adhere to in order to remain in compliance.
 - File a complaint directly with the laboratory, when needed. NELAP accreditation requires laboratories to follow up on and keep record of all complaints and associated resolution.
- QAPP Addendum 4 is available on the RTCR Program and Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) webpages.
 - The requirements are applicable to laboratories and PWS.
 - Be knowledgeable in order to hold your lab accountable.

Groundwater Rule (GWR) Program

(Matt Court, P.G., Ken Quinney)

Triggered Source Monitoring Reminders

- A groundwater system that has a positive sample in the routine, monthly distribution coliform sampling must collect a Triggered Source Monitoring (TSM) “raw” coliform sample at each active well.
 - If there are multiple routine, monthly distribution coliform samples that are positive on the same day; you must collect a TSM “raw” coliform sample for each routine positive at each active well.
- If the raw well sample is *E. coli* positive, the system must perform corrective action under the GWR.
 - If you receive notification of an *E. coli* positive raw sample result, please contact the TCEQ’s GWR program staff for corrective action guidance.

Assessment Source Monitoring Reminder

- A groundwater system may have wells placed on Assessment Source Monitoring (ASM) by the TCEQ if there is a request for an exception or concerns about contamination from surface water.
- Please ensure you review your system’s correspondence with the TCEQ related to requirements for ASM “raw” coliform samples at specified wells.
 - The GWR Program has noted some systems continue to collect ASM samples when there is no a compliance requirement for the samples.
 - If your system monitors wells for internal process control and data collection, please ensure the Microbial Reporting Form (MRF) has the samples marked as “special” so they are not used for compliance determinations.

Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) Program

(Jason Williams, Colin Gearing, Lauren Medlin, Thressa Webb, Chance Rushing)

Seth Kramer has left the LCR team to head up the voluntary Lead Testing in Schools and Child Care Program Drinking Water grant program. Please contact Seth for information on this new testing program at seth.kramer@tceq.texas.gov.

Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Revisions

- EPA received 78,192 comments on the proposed rule! Thank you to all who submitted formal comments. The rules are only as good as the insight that goes into developing them.
- EPA published proposed revisions in the Federal Register on November 13, 2019.
 - EPA closed the public comment period on February 12, 2020.
 - <http://www.regulations.gov>
 - **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0300**
- Proposed Revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule EPA website
 - <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/proposed-revisions-lead-and-copper-rule>
- EPA Lead and Copper Rule Proposal Infographic
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/proposed_lead_and_copper_rule_infographic.pdf
- EPA Reference Guide for Public Water Systems
 - https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-10/documents/lcr_proposal_comment_request.pdf

Tap Sampling

Systems scheduled to collect lead and copper tap samples during 6M1-2020 are reminded to sample and follow the steps summarized below.

- Review guidance on the TCEQ's Lead and Copper Website and ensure all steps associated with lead and copper tap sampling are completed and accurately documented. Set your system up for success and sample early.
 1. Contact an accredited laboratory for bottles and analyzing samples.
 2. Visit the TCEQ Lead and Copper website for forms and instructions.
 3. Complete the Lead Consumer Notice form after sampling and deliver to customers and the TCEQ.
 4. Follow up with Texas Drinking Water Watch to make sure your data has been reported and accepted.
- QAPP Addendums 2 & 3 are available on the LCR Program and PWSS webpages.
 - These requirements are applicable to laboratories and PWS.
 - Be knowledgeable in order to hold your lab accountable.

The TCEQ encourages public water systems to make available to the public any information regarding the location of lead plumbing, fixtures, and/or pipes including lead service lines. Methods to make this material publicly available include posting maps or other locational information on your system's website, and adding into your Consumer Confidence Reports, Lead Consumer Notices, and Lead Public Education documents, as applicable. The TCEQ also encourages that the information be made available to your customers upon request.

- The EPA also highly encourages making public all discoveries of lead in your system.

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(James LaManna, Emily Smith, Colt Kernan, Rhea Cypert, Ian Sharp, Nathalie Bello, Matthew Munro)

- Staff and Program Areas
 - James LaManna x2374
 - Organics Compliance
 - Chemical Sample Collection Contract
 - Emily Smith x5282
 - Chemical Monitoring and Reporting Compliance
 - Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)
 - Chlorine Dioxide, Chlorite, and Bromate
 - Colt Kernan x4752
 - Inorganics Compliance
 - Radionuclides Compliance
 - Rhea Cypert x5728
 - Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) Compliance
 - Operation Evaluation Level (OEL) Compliance
 - Nathalie Bello x2533
 - Lab Approval
 - Sample Scheduling
 - Ian Sharp x0542
 - OEL
 - Matthew Munro x5821
 - DLQOR
- Chemical Monitoring and Reporting
 - Violations are going out this week. If you think the violation was sent to you in error, please contact PWSCHEM@TCEQ.texas.gov
- Disinfectant Level Quarterly Operating Report (DLQOR)
 - This is a good opportunity to get set up for electronic reporting of your DLQOR. Contact Emily Smith for guidance on getting that set up
 - If you have concerns about the physical copy of your DLQOR being delayed in the mail, please provide an additional scanned copy to PWSCHEM@TCEQ.texas.gov

Surface Water Treatment Rule- SWTR@TCEQ.texas.gov

(Donald Hunter x4661, Aaron Vu x5216)

- If you have concerns about the physical copy of your SWMOR being delayed in the mail, please provide an additional scanned copy to swtr@tceq.texas.gov
- SWMOR Audits: The program has been performing in-depth audits on systems each month. Several issues identified include: the SWMOR being set-up incorrectly (i.e. wrong CT parameters, wrong DIT parameters), reporting being completed incorrectly (i.e. data being

pulled in a manner inconsistent with rule), and data consistencies/inconsistencies which indicate improper reporting or programming issues.

- Please take this opportunity to check:
 - Is my SWMOR set-up using my most recent CT study and DIT parameters, as applicable?
 - Is my plant sampling and associated data being performed at the correct times and locations as reported in the SWMOR and consistently with my CT/DIT letters?
 - Are the reports, tools, and calculations programmed into my SCADA and/or used to produce data for my SWMOR set-up correctly?
- SWMOR Housekeeping
 - Make sure you are using the most up-to-date forms
 - Can be found on TCEQ website: [Forms, Instructions, and Guidance for Surface Water Monthly Operating Reports \(SWMORs\)](#)
 - Recommendations
 - If you have questions, contact TCEQ

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☆ Upcoming rule package to implementation House Bill 3552, notification to the ED and customers regarding termination of fluoridation.

☆ Upcoming PWS proactive notification system, House Bill 3142.

☆ Feedback on CCR format, generator, use by stakeholder.

☆ Feedback on BWNs.

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Public Information Requests (PIRs)

(Kent Steelman and Data Support Group)

- PDW Section Responses to Public Information Requests Completed – **26**
- PDW stated it had no responsive documents – **16**
- PDW provided individual response and/or data package – **10**

Data Support

(James Stapel, Kent Steelman, Rylan Fields, Ben Wesley, Lee Apostolo, Stephen Taylor)

- Preparation for 2019 Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR) and updates to the CCR Generator
- Continuing implementation of courtesy reminder project
- Federal Reporting of Compliance Data to EPA
 - Texas submitted **474,821** records to EPA for review
 - These data include information on public water system facilities, compliance samples, and violations and enforcement actions
 - TCEQ has a current error rate of **0.08%**

Sample Migrations

(Lee Apostolo)

- Environmental Electronic (E2) Reporting
 - 114,822 sample records submitted through E2
 - **83** labs are reporting through E2
- Chem Reporting
 - Sample records migrated **24,812**
- Lead and Copper Migrations
 - Sample records migrated **2,975**

Enforcement

(Sally Paramo, CarMello Manning, Caleb Ingle, Arin Kent-Poole)

Enforcement

- 1st Quarter 2020
 - **41** Enforcement cases
 - **0** Data maintenance case
- 4th Quarter 2019
 - **49** Enforcement cases
 - **0** Data maintenance case

Pre-Enforcement

- Notes for 1st Quarter 2020
 - 151 new systems reviewed
 - 78 systems have been completed
 - 130 systems are still open and have unresolved violations
- Notes for 4th Quarter 2019
 - 37 new systems reviewed
 - 45 systems have been completed
 - 65 systems are still open and have unresolved violations

Post-Enforcement

- Notes for 1st Quarter 2020
 - 2 new systems reviewed
 - 1 case have been closed
 - 32 cases are still open and have unresolved violations
- Notes for 4th Quarter 2019
 - 4 new systems reviewed
 - 5 cases have been closed

- 38 cases are still open and have unresolved violations

Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

(Arlin Kent-Poole and Kent Steelman)

- 1,019 Provider reminder letters mailed mid-March
- 570 CCR Provider and Certification of Delivery Forms received by TCEQ
- Beginning of May mailing CCR reminder letters

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Boil Water Notices

(Mike Howell)

In Q1 2020, the DWIP team received notification of 474 issued Boil Water Notices and 440 Boil Water Notices rescinded.

Public Notice

(Kristi Krieg, Mike Howell and Nicole Frisbie)

Public Notices Submitted (Data Entry):

Jan 2020: 589

Feb 2020: 605

March 2020: 528

Q1 2020 Total: 1,722

Public Notice Violations:

Jan 2020: 386

Feb 2020: 123

March 2020: 373

Q1 2020 Total: 882

Public Health Service Fees

(Teri Cisneros)

CY 2020:

Total invoices: 7,037 (approximately)

Amount invoiced: \$25,498,764 (approximately)

Date invoices will be mailed: November 2019 (dated 11/30/2019)

Due date: 12/30/2019

As of 04/16/2020 **99.63% collected for CY2020**

Regulatory Assessment Fees

(Teri Cisneros)

CY 2019: 2,273 postcards mailed out December 20, 2019.

As of 04/16/2020 **89% collected**

Inventory Team Information:

(Hannah Evans, Brynton Johnson, Nicole Frisbie, Zach Spivey, Taylor Nickell, Samantha Litchke, Collin Goostree, Kendall Adair, Paiton Upshaw, and Celinda Vallejo-Rodriguez)

In Q1 2020, DWIP Inventory Team received 1,999 requests and processed 2,035 requests.

Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP)

(Leticia DeLeon and Taylor Nickell)

8 EPP letters went out from January to March 2020.

Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

(Leticia DeLeon and Taylor Nickell)

129 Emergency Contact Update (ECU) forms were processed from the last DWA WG meeting. Water systems are encouraged to keep their emergency contact information up to date at all times. The information can be verified on [Drinking Water Watch](#). A water system needing their information updated can email in their request to pdws@tceq.texas.gov or call (512) 239-4691 to request a 2020 form. The 2020 ECU form will not be mailed out in 2020 as mail outs are scheduled for every other year. TCEQ will begin to mail out the 2021 form in October 2020 to ensure updates for water systems across the state are completed by May 2021.

If you have any questions you can also contact Leticia De Leon at (512) 239-4978 or (512) 965-2371.

Superior Systems

(Leticia DeLeon and Taylor Nickell)

25 Superior System letter reviews were conducted from January to March 2020.

Source Water Protection (SWP)

(Mason T. Miller)

- TCEQ DWIP Team manages the SWP contract and assists public water systems with completing and updating SWP plans.
- TCEQ SWP contractor is CDM Smith
- During FY20 CDM Smith and subcontractors will complete source water protection plans for 26 groundwater systems and three surface water bodies.
- TCEQ DWIP Team assists Texas Rural Water Association as they work with public water systems updating SWP plans and implementing best management practices throughout the state.
- Partnering with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to implement SWP at State Parks.
- TCEQ DWIP Team staff serve as the TCEQ GPS Coordinators and Trainers for TCEQ's staff and contractors.
- TCEQ DWIP Team coordinates the TCEQ PDW Conference
- TCEQ DWIP Team assists with the Texas Optimization Program (TOP)

- TOP - Recognition Program Update (January 2020 through March 2020)
 - Water Treatment Plants receiving annual awards: Aquilla WSD (1 YR), City of Dallas – Bachman (13 YR), City of Dallas – East Side (19 YR), City of Dallas – Elm Fork (7 YR), City of Denton – Lake Lewisville (2 YR), City of Lewisville – Feaster (5 YR), North Texas Municipal Water District – Wylie Plant IV (3 YR), City of Waco – Mr. Carmel (1 YR) and City of Waxahachie – Howard (1 YR)
 - Site visits conducted at six Water Treatment Plants.
 - 21 surface water treatment plants participating in Recognition Program, currently six have met all the requirements continuously for 5 to 10 years, two for 10 to 15 years and one for more than 15 years.
 - For more information on the Texas Optimization Recognition Program please contact Mason T. Miller at mason.miller@tceq.texas.gov

PDW Conference Update

- The Public Drinking Water Conference will be held August 4-5, 2020 at the Renaissance Austin Hotel, located at Hwy. 183 and Hwy. 360 at The Arboretum. We have moved back to Tuesday-Wednesday format.
- A save-the-date card will be emailed directly to water operators.
- The conference brochure which contains an agenda, registration and hotel information, will mailout in May to community public water systems.
- Registration will be open to everyone on Wednesday, May 20th at 9:00 AM
 - Register by going online to the TCEQ home page and look under the Spotlight Heading.
 - During the registration you will need to specify your: Job role, Type of water system, Who owns your water system, Water system population and Primary source water type. This information will help us plan by giving us a demographic of the conference registrants.
- This year's theme is "Data Integrity". There will be 39 presentations covering: Data Integrity, Alternative Treatment Methods, Boil Water Procedures, Case Studies, Chemical Sampling, Compliance Assistance, Cross Connection Control, Lead and Copper Rule, RTCR and many more.
- We plan to have workshops on a variety of topics including: Public Notice, CCRs, Basic and Advanced Math, Jar Testing, Funding Options and Drinking Water Watch.
- As in previous years we will have the very popular TCEQ Technical Assistance Room available throughout the duration of the conference. This is a great opportunity to meet with TCEQ representative one on one to discuss specific water system issues as well as to put a face with a name.
- Laboratory Officials are invited to participate in a Laboratory Stakeholder Meeting in conjunction with the PDW Conference August 5th from 1:00 to 4:30. This will be an interactive meeting with TCEQ staff to speak one-on-one about your laboratory and discuss current rules and regulations. Registration to attend this meeting will open in mid-June. More information on how to register will be sent at the end of May.
- If you are interested in exhibiting, you may go to the TCEQ home page for more information.

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