

Department of State Health Services - Public Health Laboratory



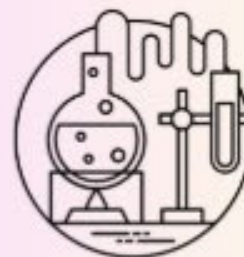
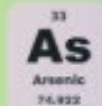
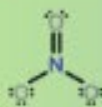
Our Commitment to Public Water Systems

Anita Keese, Environmental Chemistry Unit Director

Drinking Water Advisory Group - July 2025

TCEQ, through their Public Water System Supervision Program, partners with Antea Group to *collect* and DSHS and LCRA to *analyze* drinking water samples for compliance with the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act.





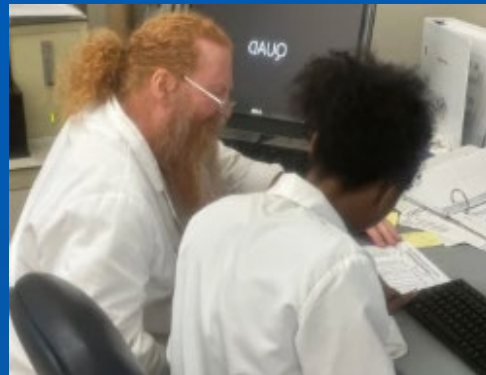
DSHS's Environmental Chemistry Unit

Texas's Principal State Drinking Water Laboratory

- We conduct testing for organics, minerals, metals, disinfection byproducts, **radionuclides, free cyanide, endothall, glyphosate, diquat, and PCB analysis.**
- We maintain a 60/40 split with the Lower Colorado River Authority for the tests we both conduct.
- We follow TCEQ's QAPP (Addendum 1) and maintain accreditation by The NELAC Institute (TCEQ) & certification by EPA
- We aim to test for all analytes regulated under the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations



Our Team!



Inorganics



**Instrument
Analysis**

Organics



**Sample
Prep**



Radiochemistry



**Data
Review**



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Commonly Asked Questions

My address is incorrect on our analysis reports.

PWSINVEN@tceq.texas.gov

Where are my sample results?

envsciadmin@dshs.texas.gov

My report said my samples were not analyzed. Will you resample?

pwschem@tceq.texas.gov

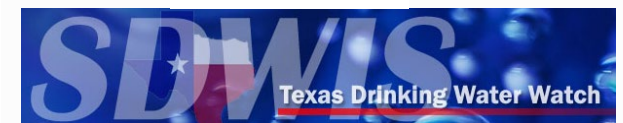
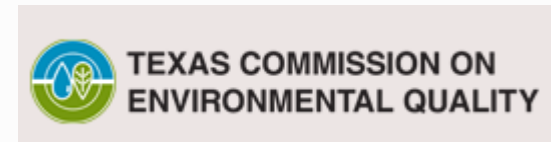
When will you collect samples at my water plant?

pwschem@tceq.texas.gov

How much do we owe you?

LabAR@dshs.texas.gov

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Changing Fees

- The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Public Health Laboratory Division (PHLD) is revising laboratory testing and fees to meet business needs. These revisions are proposed to take effect **September 1, 2025**.
- Stakeholders may submit comments until August 31, 2025, to LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov or the following mailing address:

Public Health Laboratory Division, MC 1947
Texas Department of State Health Services
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347



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Fee Changes to Environmental Drinking Water Tests (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Procedure No.	Fee through 8-31-2025	Fee effective 09-01-2025
Alkalinity, Total and Phenolphthalein	EZZ0206A	\$18.86	\$20.50
Chloride	EZZ0007A	\$16.34	\$20.10
Cyanide, total	EZZ0031A	\$55.00	\$81.00
EDB & DBCP, DW, EPA 504.1	EZZ0080A	\$105.00	\$109.00
Five Metals, Drinking Water	EZZ0240A	\$100.00	\$120.00
Fluoride	EZZ0013A	\$21.00	\$30.00
Gamma Emitting Isotopes, Drinking Water	EZZ0142A	\$39.51	\$43.46
Haloacetic Acids, DW, EPA 552.2	EZZ0088A	\$113.00	\$150.00
Nitrate + Nitrite (as N)	EZZ0047A	\$9.18	\$30.00
Nitrate, N (NO3-N)	EZZ0048A	\$25.00	\$30.00
Nitrite, N (NO2-N)	EZZ0049A	\$25.00	\$30.00
Radium-226, Drinking Water	EZZ0146A	\$46.77	\$56.60
Radium-228, Drinking Water	EZZ0147A	\$110.03	\$133.16
Single ICP / Drinking Water	EZZ0195A	\$8.36	\$10.32
Single ICP-MS / Drinking Water	EZZ0205A	\$25.00	\$30.00
Solids, Total Dissolved, Determ.	EZZ0059A	\$15.84	\$19.48
Specific Conductance	EZZ0012A	\$17.76	\$19.35
Strontium-89 or 90, Drinking Water	EZZ0150A	\$165.35	\$181.89
Sulfate	EZZ0020A	\$16.34	\$20.10
Synthetic Organic Contaminants - Group 5 (SOC5)	EZZ0072A	\$212.00	\$371.00
Tritium, Drinking Water	EZZ0148A	\$79.16	\$87.08

Fee Changes due to Changes to Testing Method (Austin DSHS Laboratory)

Test Name	Procedure No.	Fee through 8-31-2025	Fee effective 09-01-2025
Gross Alpha and Beta, Drinking Water	EZZ0143A	\$184.64	\$229.55
Gross Alpha or Beta, Drinking Water	EZZ0144A	\$184.64	\$229.55



We Want to Hear From you!

The 2025 Annual DSHS Austin Laboratory Customer Service Survey is now open for your feedback!

To provide feedback for the 2025 Laboratory Customer Service Survey, please see the link below. The survey should not take more than 10 minutes of your time. For questions or concerns, please send an email to: LabInfo@dshs.texas.gov.

<https://forms.office.com/r/Nkj2eMxtTD>

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*Thank you for
the Samples*

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