

## COG's Questions on RSWMP Vol II Form and Instructions

### General Questions:

1. Are the COGs going to be able to include such items as current maps, data sets that include the data in our previous plan presented next to or with new data – 1990 to 2020 projected out to 2040, data graphs and charts, etc.?

*TCEQ Response: Yes. Additional information can be submitted through attachments. Please follow the instruction from Vol II.*

2. Is there a public stakeholder/public meeting requirement for reordering the goals and objectives per current priority?

*TCEQ Response: Yes. According to TAC 330.639 (c), A public meeting shall be held prior to the adoption of a regional or local plan for the purpose of receiving comment from the interested parties.*

3. Are the COGs allowed to re-write the goals and objectives, or just reorder them?

*TCEQ Response: Yes. COGs can review, revise, and add new goals and objectives to Vol I and II.*

4. Will the TCEQ be setting a timeline for updating these documents?

*TCEQ Response: As was discussed in Sep 16<sup>th</sup> TARC semiannual meeting, TCEQ expects adopted regional plans to be submitted for commission and executive director approval on January 2022.*

5. What happens if a COG does not submit anything or submits less than warranted?

*TCEQ Response: COGs are required to submit a plan according to requirements outlined in Texas Health and Safety Code 361.014 (b). If all the requirements set in subchapter O are not met, the plan may not be approved and return to COG. The plan shall include all the requirements listed in 330.635.*

6. What direction or guidance does TCEQ have for those COGs that have outsourced the updating of their plan to TSU or another contractor?

*TCEQ Response: The contractor still needs to adhere all the requirements outlined in subchapter O as well as using the form and deadline (January 2022), provided by the TCEQ.*

7. Is this the final version of the form or is it still in the process of being approved? I apologize if you mentioned this in your presentation.

*TCEQ Response: Yes.*

8. How do we involve the COG's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) in this process?

*TCEQ Response: SWAC needs to be involve in all aspects of the planning process including from the plan development to the final approval.*

## **Section I**

*None.*

## **Section II**

*None.*

## **Section III**

### **III. A**

**Table III –A. II -Commercial Waste Generation** – How do we create a description of significant commercial activities affecting waste generation and disposal in the area over the 5 year planning period? Identify the expected increase or decrease to commercial waste generation? -

*TCEQ Response: COGs may reach out to economic development and trade organizations and chambers of commerce to receive data on expected growth of commercial activities in the area. This growth could also represent the potential growth of commercial growth in this area.*

Table III- A.III -Industrial Waste Generation – (same question as above)

*TCEQ Response: COGs may reach out to economic development and trade organizations and chambers of commerce to receive data on expected growth of industrial waste generation in the area. This growth could also represent the potential growth of industrial growth in this area.*

### **III. B**

*None.*

### **III. C**

#### **Description of Current and Planned Solid Waste Management Activities**

Collection---what do we place in these sections?

Collection costs?

Handling?

Storage?

Transportation?

Treatment?

*TCEQ Response: COGs should review and describe these current activities as they exist today in the area.*

#### **Table III C.II- Planned Solid Waste Management Activities in the Region**

How do we answer this question?

*TCEQ Response: COGs should review and describe any solid waste management activities that have been planned but not been implemented.*

III. D

**Description and Assessment of the Adequacy of Existing Solid Waste Management Facilities and Practices, and Household Hazardous Waste Programs**

How do we answer this section?

*TCEQ Response: COGs may perform an assessment on these management activities and determine if there are adequate solid waste management activities done in these areas.*

III. E

*None.*

III. F

*None.*

III. G

*None.*

III. H

*None.*

III. I

*None.*

III. J

*None.*

III. K

*None.*

III. L

**Regional Goals and Objectives, Including Waste Reduction Goals**

This section mentions that the regional goals and objectives here should be the same as goals and objectives provided in the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan Volume I, as described in §30 TAC 330.635 (a)(2)(A).

What if we are interested in revising the current goals and objectives as we go forward with the update of the RSWMP? How would we go about making the changes in Volume I?

*TCEQ Response: Volume I is required to be revised and the TCEQ will be providing the Forms and Instructions in near future.*

III. M

*None.*

III. N

*None.*

## **Section IV**

*None.*