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TCEQ 2016 Integrated Report Draft is Available

The TCEQ 2016 Annual Integrated Report is available for review. The Integrated Report describes the status of Texas' natural waters based on historical data and the extent to which they attain the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards. The draft is now closed for public comment.

To view the report, please click [here](#).

What's Happening with TMDL I-Plan Implementation?

In their semi-annual meetings, the Stormwater, Monitoring Coordination Forum, and Wastewater TMDL technical subcommittees reviewed the TMDL I-Plan Implementation strategies. The subcommittees chose to focus on the following implementation strategies for the remainder of FY 18 and in FY 19:

- ⇒ **Strategy 4.0 Feral Hog Management** - NCTCOG will be partnering with Texas A&M AgriLife to create a Feral Hog Sighting Database.
- ⇒ **Strategy 5.2 OSSF Education Efforts** - NCTCOG is partnering with H-GAC and Tarrant County to conduct a series of On-Site Sewage Facility workshops for real estate inspectors, realtors, and homeowners.
- ⇒ **Strategy 7.4 Partnerships** - NCTCOG is partnering with the Meadows Center to expand Texas Stream Team efforts in the region.
- ⇒ **Strategy 9.1 Expanding the Geographic Scope of the I-Plan** - NCTCOG will add the Sycamore Creek TMDL to the I-Plan after approval by the TMDL Coordination Committee and the TCEQ.

The 2019 Doo The Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest is open!

Pet waste is a health risk and water quality issue. It can harbor bacteria and parasites that pose hazards to pets, people, and wildlife. These pathogens, and the excessive nutrients in pet waste, are also detrimental to plants and local water quality. Help us to spread the word about the Doo the Right Thing Calendar Photo Contest and encourage citizens to take the pledge to pick up after their pets!

The voting period will be from July 16th to August 13th of this year.

[2018 Doo The Right Thing Calendars are also available for download.](#)

Please contact Kathleen Myers, kmyers@nctcog.org, for social media templates and questions.





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Save the Date - Upcoming Workshops!

On Site-Sewage Facilities Workshop

NCTCOG will be partnering with the Houston-Galveston Area Council and Tarrant County to host an On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) workshop for real estate inspectors. The purpose of this workshop is to inform and instruct Texas real estate inspection professionals on how to properly inspect an OSSF, commonly known as a septic system. The course will include a field visit. Six continuing education hours will be offered through the Texas Real Estate Commission.

Time, Date, and Location TBD.



For more information, please contact Mayra Lopez at mlopez@nctcog.org.

Texas Stream Team Workshop



NCTCOG, in partnership with the City of Dallas and the Meadows Center, will be hosting a Texas Stream Team: Train the Trainer workshop **on July 25, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at North Central Texas Council of Governments, Metroplex Meeting Room.**

This workshop is intended for municipalities, community groups, river authorities, or individuals that are interested in developing a Texas Stream Team (TST) sampling program. The course will cover Core Sampling Methods and instruction on training new TST Citizen Scientists. The workshop will be instructed by Chris Morris, City of Dallas, and Michael Jones, Meadows Center. There is a \$20 cost that includes lunch and snacks. Seating is limited. **Please RSVP [here](#) to reserve your spot!**

Grease Trap Training

The Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable will be hosting a two-day training for grease trap inspections. The first day of the training will be a comprehensive classroom presentation, followed by a field session on the second day.

This training is slated for October 2019. More details will be made available in the coming months. Please contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org if you have any questions regarding this training.

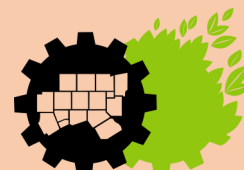


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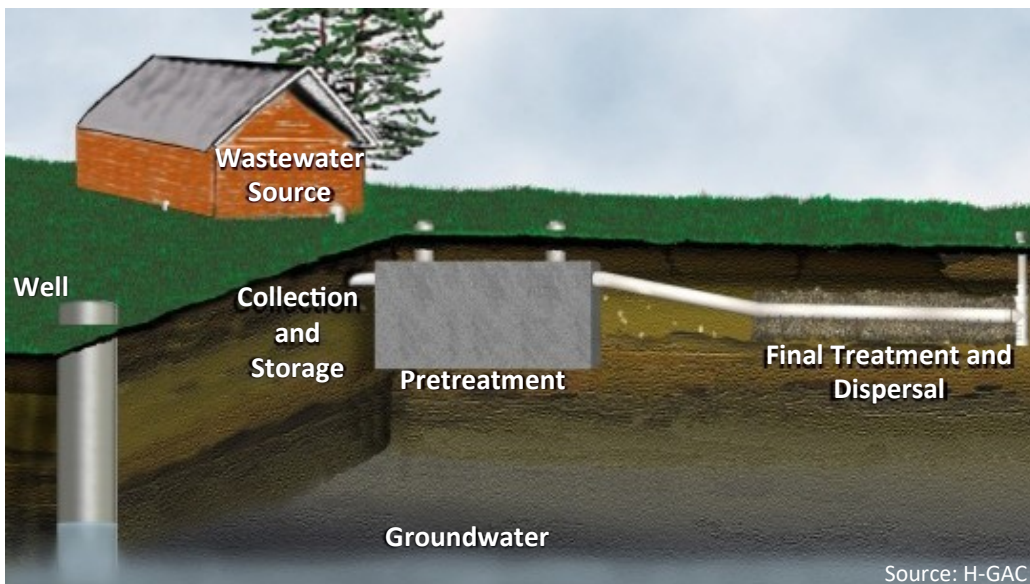
This Quarter's Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy:

5.2: OSSF Education Efforts for Real Estate Agents, Property Inspectors, and Homeowners

On Site Sewage facilities (OSSFs), commonly known as septic systems, are small scale wastewater treatment systems that can cause large impacts if not maintained properly. OSSF owners must be mindful of what goes down the drain, including water, chemicals, and organic material, as increased amounts of these can affect the operation of the system. OSSFs should be pumped out every 3-5 years to alleviate the amount of material accumulating in the tank, ensuring the proper functionality, and reducing the potential for an OSSF failure, which can cause a discharge of sewage into the surrounding environment.

The purpose of implementation strategy 5.2 is for the TMDL Coordination Committee and the Wastewater Technical Subcommittee to encourage authorized agents and other entities to provide educational opportunities to real estate agents, property inspectors, and consumers about proper OSSF maintenance and identify and understand the consequences of failing OSSFs.

The NCTCOG is facilitating this effort by partnering with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) and Tarrant County Public Health Department to conduct a workshop geared towards property inspectors.



Property inspectors can play a very important role in alerting the homeowner of a possible failure or in suggesting a pump out of a system.

Future trainings related to this implementation strategy will focus on homeowners and real estate agents.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement bacteria TMDLs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To view the I-Plan for Twenty-one Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.