



North Central Texas Council of Governments

AGENDA

Regional Wet Weather Monitoring Program/ Stormwater Monitoring Program Subcommittee of the Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Committee

Monday, July 27, 2026

10:00 A.M., RM-WD Tejas Conference Room B, Centerpoint III,
600 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX 76011, 3rd Floor

Welcome and Introductions.

City of Arlington
City of Dallas
City of Fort Worth
City of Garland
City of Mesquite
City of Plano
NTTA

DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

1. **RWWMP Comments Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will facilitate discussion with participants regarding the comment left by EPA and TCEQ on the RWWMP Fifth Term Proposal. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and voice any concerns pertaining to the proposal comments. Staff will look for input on the formulation of the proposal rewrites.

Attendees addressed the following items of concern from TCEQ and EPA:

EPA requests the member entities consider adding to the program monitoring and/or BMPs for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAs).

While the member entities understand testing for PFA's, entities are unable to support the staffing and equipment cost that would be associated with testing for PFA's. This would cause additional staffing and timing constraints. Attendees expressed that they did not have interest in adding PFAs to their monitoring program.

Fort Worth: The time frame for the biological data collection in the Fort Worth document does not follow the recommended time frames for TCEQ's procedures for Aquatic life monitoring projects (ALM). ALM projects typically monitor once in the index and once in the critical period - the monitoring dates in the document may miss the critical period depending on when sampling is conducted in the fall as the TCEQ lists the critical period as ending September 30th and the Index period ending October 15th. However, since the data are not indicated as being used for assessment in the Integrated Report this may not be an issue.

The City of Fort Worth recognizes the TCEQ biological monitoring critical period of July 1 through September 30. However, this period frequently coincides with limited rainfall, elevated temperatures, and reduced streamflow in Fort Worth-area creeks. Under these conditions, riffles and other shallow habitats may become disconnected or dry, substantially reducing the wetted habitat available for benthic macroinvertebrates and limiting the ability to collect representative biological samples.

Everyone should follow TCEQ's Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures Volume 2 and for the results of bioassessment sampling be scored using ecoregion IBI scoring metrics.
Attendees agreed to follow TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures Volume 2 and samples will be scored using IBI scoring metrics.

How are member entities analyzing and using all the data that has already been collected over the past permit terms?

Member entities explained that the data is analyzed to assess trends. All data from previous testing terms are compared to assess positive trend or negative trends and potential correlations. Some member entities post the data on their website, and others use the data to assist with future watershed protection plans.

What has the historical data shown for the trends in BMP effectiveness?

Member entities request future clarification from TCEQ.

Since most MS4s are opting out of the BMP Analysis and Reporting (BANEP) component of the RWWCP because of overlap with their individual MS4 permit annual reporting requirements, the purpose of including the BANEP in the program seems to be defeated if it will not be used by most.

All member entities agreed to sunset the BMP Analysis and Reporting component of the RWWCP.

How will the data for bioassessment among these entities be assessed or compared if different methods and techniques are utilized for each participant entity?

Member entities agreed to use the same bioassessment method, as recommended by previous comments.

The methods used to provide a means of comparison to a standard to determine the habitat's health should be more defined. Each MS4 should clearly state what method will be utilized to compare bioassessments to a standard.

Member entities were advised to provide NCTCOG with a sample write-up.

Consider increasing the percentage covered by each participant entity for their watersheds in their jurisdictional area if there has already been 50% coverage sampled during the previous permit terms.

Members entities request additional clarification from TCEQ on the request to widen coverage area. Members would like TCEQ to clarify suggested increase amount, and the need to increase coverage amount.

How do participant entities select the watersheds to be sampled?

Member entities advised that this was previously answered, during the first permit term.

Member Entities/ Attendees developed questions for EPA/ TCEQ staff.

What is TCEQ/ EPA doing with the data that is being collected? And what is the historical data being used for?

When should NCTCOG staff, and member entities expect to receive additional comments back? Clarification, when can RWWCP start once approval is granted? Start of the calendar year or fiscal year?

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



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2. **Other NCTCOG Program Updates.** NCTCOG will also provide an overview of upcoming conferences, events, news, and resources of relevance to the group.
3. **Roundtable.** Members will share what is happening in their communities.
City of Mesquite received their approved Phase 1 MS4 permit and were notified they would need a new SWMP.

City of Plano received their approved Phase 1 MS4 permit earlier this month (July). Staff added items to their permit to include FOG maintenance.

City of Garland hired a new Stormwater Program Manager, Cassie Villarreal. The new program manager has reach out to TCEQ regarding their MS4 permit, awaiting updates.

City of Fort Worth will be conducting an Industrial Stormwater Permit Renewal Workshop August 6, 2026. City of Fort Worth is looking for opportunities to collaborate with other cities on WET Weather, IDDE, P2, and fish kill trainings.

4. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Keeara Brown at (817) 608-2352 or kbrown@nctcog.org. Thank you!

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