

Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

Third Quarter - June 2019



Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy: 5.2 OSSF Education Efforts for Real Estate Agents, Property Inspectors, and Homeowners

On Site Sewage Facilities (OSSFs), or septic systems, are small scale wastewater treatment systems that can adversely impact the environment and user if they are not maintained properly. The purpose of Implementation Strategy 5.2 is for the TMDL Coordination Committee and Wastewater Technical Subcommittee to educate homeowners, real estate agents, and home inspectors on proper OSSF maintenance and the consequences of failing OSSFs.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is coordinating an OSSF Training for Homeowners in July 2019. This training will include a presentation from Ryan Gerlich, Texas A&M University, on the basics of living with a septic system, and a presentation from Becca Grassl-Petersen, Tarrant County, on the specific legal requirements for OSSFs in Tarrant County. More information about this workshop will be made available in the coming weeks.

In addition to this learning opportunity, the National Association of Wastewater Technicians (NAWT) is hosting a Septic System Inspectors Course September 13 - 14, 2019 in Arlington. This two-day long training that cover the basics of sewage treatment and system types along with a step-by-step procedure to conduct a system inspection. This course is approved for Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) continuing education credits.

In Fiscal Year 2020, NCTCOG will look to host a similar training for inspectors and will create educational materials, such as brochures, mailers, and handouts, that are directed towards homeowners, real estate agents, and home inspectors and their responsibilities related to OSSFs.

Register for NAWT's Septic System Inspectors Course

Annual Program Summary

The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Annual Program Summary is available online for review. This document replaces the Annual Implementation Plan Status Report, which will now be completed every five years. The Annual Program Summary has also been translated into Spanish for the TMDL member communities. To view the Annual Program Summary, please follow the link below.

TMDL Annual Program Summary



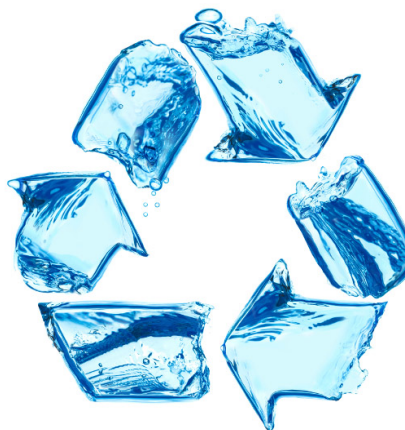
"Doo the Right Thing Campaign"

The 2020 "Doo the Right Thing" Campaign kicked off the calendar contest in May 2019 and will continue through June 2019. Take the pledge to always pick up after your pet, submit your pet photo, and your pet could be featured in the 2020 calendar! Voting will open in August 2019. This campaign educates residents on the importance of picking up after their pets and how not doing so negatively impacts water quality.

Take the Pledge Here!

Water Reuse in Texas Webinar

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is hosting a webinar for "Water Reuse in Texas" on **June 18, 2019 at 2:00 PM (CST)**. This webinar will include a presentation from Erika Mancha, who manages the Innovative Water Technologies group at the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Ms. Mancha will be discussing the main functions of the TWDB and its water reuse program, reuse terminology, water reuse in the 2017 State Water Plan, historical use of reclaimed water, existing direct and indirect potable reuse projects, and research projects funded in past years.



[Register Here!](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Workshops



North Texas Watershed Stakeholder Meeting

June 25, 2019
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

[Register Here](#)



NCTCOG Feral Hog Forum

August 13, 2019
9:00 - 12:00 AM
Tejas Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPIII
600 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

[Register Here](#)



Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

August 22, 2019
9:30 AM - 11:30 PM
Tejas Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPIII
600 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

[Add to Calendar](#)

FREE Illegal Dumping Workshops



NCTCOG would like to invite you to register for the upcoming FREE Illegal Dumping Workshops. These classes have been approved for continuing education hours for code enforcement officers and registered sanitarians, and includes one (1) hour of legal legislative updates related to the profession of code enforcement. Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCLOE) credits may also be applicable.

Upcoming Workshops:

- **Advanced Illegal Dumping Enforcement**, June 24, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Lancaster
- **Elected Officials Illegal Dumping Workshop**, June 26, 2019 at 1:00 PM in Grand Prairie
- **Substandard Structures & Municipal Codes**, July 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM in McKinney
- **Mosquito Habitat Control through Enforcing Public Health Nuisance Laws Workshop**, July 30, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Garland
- **Elected Officials Illegal Dumping Workshop**, August 2, 2019 at 9:00 AM in Lewisville

For more information and to register for these workshops, please click the button below.

[Register Here!](#)

21st Annual EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference - Denton, TX (July 28 - August 1, 2019)

Please join the EPA, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, and NCTCOG in Denton for the 21st Annual EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denton Convention Center.

This year's conference theme is Responding to Change: Dynamic Stormwater Management in Economic, Political, and Climatic Transitions.



Registration for attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors is now available and the agenda will be released soon.

[Register Here!](#)

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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 to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.



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