



Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

First Quarter - December 2019



Featured TMDL Implementation Strategy 2.1: Local Supplemental Environmental Projects

The Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) program is managed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and provides an opportunity for the respondent in an enforcement action to fund an approved project to offset assessed penalties. SEPs are projects that prevent pollution, reduce the amount of pollution reaching the environment, or enhance the quality of the environment. Potential SEPs include cleanup of abandoned tire sites or illegal dumpsites, community collection of household hazardous waste or electronics, and pollution prevention projects that exceed regulatory requirements. Cities and non-profits can become recipients of SEP funds by submitting a third-party [application](#) to TCEQ. FAQs for third-party administrators can be found [here](#).

Three types of SEPs are available and may be used to offset a portion of the assessed administrative penalty:

- **Contribution SEP** whereby the Respondent contributes to a pre-approved SEP performed by a Third-Party;
- **Custom SEP** whereby the Respondent (non-profit or government) performs the project using their own resources;
- **Compliance SEP** whereby an eligible Local Government may correct the violations alleged in the enforcement action or remediate environmental harm caused by the alleged violations.

[Here](#) is a list containing examples of qualifying SEPs, and more information can be found at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/compliance/enforcement/sep>.

On November 12, 2019, NCTCOG held a Supplemental Environmental Projects Webinar. During this webinar, attendees heard from Ryan Rutledge, SEP Attorney with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Ryan presented information on the background of SEPs, different types of SEPs, Third-Party Administrator Information, and more. The slides, questions and answers, and webinar recording are available on the TMDL Website under the Workshops Banner.

[View SEP Webinar](#)



Holiday Grease Round-Up going on now through January 6th!

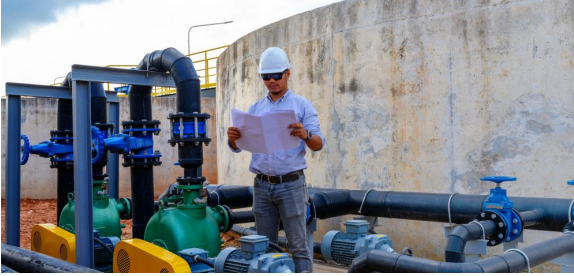
Be sure to keep your holiday grease out of drains by participating in this year's roundup! The following table lists just a few of the participating locations where you can take used cooking grease to be recycled – for free!

For more information, please visit [Defend Your Drains North Texas](http://www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com).

2019 Holiday Grease Roundup Participants

City of Arlington	City of Lancaster
City of Azle	City of Lavon
City of Cedar Hill	City of Lewisville
City of Colleyville	City of Mansfield
City of Dallas	City of McKinney
City of Denton	City of North Richland Hills
City of Duncanville	City of Princeton
City of Euless	City of Richardson
City of Garland	City of Southlake
City of Grand Prairie	City of Weatherford
City of Haltom City	City of White Settlement
City of Irving	North Texas Municipal Water District
	Trinity River Authority

Find a Take Back Location Near You!



Pretreatment Industrial Inspections Training

On November 14, 2019, on behalf of the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER), NCTCOG hosted the Pretreatment Industrial Inspections Training with 39 attendees. During this course, attendees learned about the purpose of different types of inspections, how to prepare for an inspection, follow up procedures for inspections, responses to potential problems observed in inspections, and much more.

In 2020, WATER will be hosting a Grease Interceptor Inspector Workshop. More details will be made available soon! Please contact [Hannah Allen](#) if you have any questions.

On-Site Sewage Facility Educational Materials

NCTCOG has created an Instructional Guide for Taking Care of Your On-Site Sewage Facility for Homeowners. This brochure is available on the TMDL webpage under the Septic System Resources

banner for download and distribution.

In FY2020, NCTCOG will create additional OSSF Educational Materials, including information on Designated Representatives in the North Central Texas Region, brochures for real estate agents, and handouts for real estate inspectors.



[Download the OSSF Homeowners Brochure](#)



Doo the Right Thing Social Media Toolkit

NCTCOG has created a Doo the Right Thing Social Media toolkit to remind residents why they should always pick up after their pet! This toolkit is available on the TMDL website for download and use. NCTCOG's Public Education Task Force is continuing to create additional educational materials related to this message.

Download the Do the Right Thing
Social Media Toolkit (zip file)

Recent Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design and Construction Webinar

On November 19, 2019, NCTCOG hosted the Lessons Learned from Green Stormwater Infrastructure Design and Construction Webinar. Attendees heard from Jake Aalfs, a landscape architect with the San Antonio River Authority. Mr. Aalfs presented an introduction to the most common landscape designs for managing urban stormwater runoff, an overview of the practices used to help manage stormwater quantity and quality in relation to development in San Antonio, Texas, and lessons learned over the last five years. The webinar recording and slides are available online via the button below.

Additionally, NCTCOG has added the [Green Infrastructure in Parks: A Guide to Collaboration, Funding, and Community Engagement](#) to the TMDL Best Management Practices Library. Access this resource and others through the [BMP Library here!](#)

View the Webinar Recording

Upcoming Meetings & Workshops



Upper Trinity River Basin



Wastewater and Treatment



TMDL Stormwater Technical

Coordinating Committee

February 11, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Metroplex Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPIO
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

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Education Roundtable Meeting

March 4, 2020
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Metroplex Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPIO
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

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Subcommittee

June 18, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPIO
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

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Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's Environmental Trade Fair and Conference

This two-day trade fair and conference features over 100 classes on air and water permitting, oil and gas, industrial and solid waste management, compliance and enforcement, and remediation programs.

May 12-13, 2020

Austin Convention Center

(Attendee and Exhibitor Registration will open in January 2020)

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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-Two 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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