



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

North Texas Grease Abatement Council

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
10 a.m., Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

1. Welcome and introductions.

Members were welcomed to the meeting.

DISCUSSION

2. **2014 Holiday Grease Roundup.** Participants will discuss how the collections went and potential changes for next year.

Participants felt that the collections went smoothly. The City of Garland would probably not do another manned event. The City of Coppell thought that their manned hours at the beginning of the collection was helpful for the residents. The City of Dallas suggested extending the collection period to two weeks. Other suggestions were to move the collection time up one week and to extend it to three weeks.

The group discussed whether to use newsletters, email blasts, and/or utility bill inserts for advertising the events, with the City of Dallas recommending all methods possible. (Utility bill inserts are needed by late August/early September for some municipalities.) Reaching the general public via e-reader boards on main roads and reaching apartment dwellers through "Crime Watch" meetings were also recommended.

In addition, members suggested incorporating a video on the event webpage that shows people how to save used oil in the same container it came in and also teaming up with schools (possibly targeting fifth graders).

3. **Grease Interceptors Brochure.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will review the updated Grease Interceptors brochure to be printed for the SW Food Expo. (An email will be sent to the North Texas Grease Abatement Council (NTGAC) members after the meeting requesting the required information.)

NCTCOG staff passed around the Grease Interceptors brochure and let members know the questionnaire form will be sent out before the next meeting. The water districts said they would forward the form to their contracted parties.

4. **Work program and Cost Share/budget.** The NTGAC members will review an updated draft of the work program and cost share/budget and provide feedback.

NCTCOG staff went through the work program revisions as well as the draft cost share and requested feedback. The wastewater districts asked for clarification for their population numbers; wastewater numbers were decided on. Members also requested that deliverables be highlighted in the next draft. NCTCOG staff will provide the next draft via email in early March.

5. **Voting for a New Name.** The NTGAC members will discuss the top-ranked names and vote for their preferred choice.

Members briefly discussed the names and voted. The name that had the most votes was *Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER)*.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

6. **Roundtable.** The NTGAC members will be asked to share what is happening in their communities.

Richardson – Would like to know where they can find a grease interceptor inspection training.

Denton – Working on industrial pretreatment for two years. Seen a significant improvement in overflow reduction and is expanding public outreach. Uses its grease interceptor brochure and also has some grease interceptor training online.

Coppell – Training in pipe inspection. Trying to remedy the spills they have when it rains.

Dallas – Addison Whole Foods has joined the Cease the Grease program. Held a winter camp where children made candles from used cooking oil. Will check to see if they can assist Richardson and other interested municipalities with an interceptor inspection training once a year.

Arlington – Working on issues related to paper products.

Trinity River Authority – Continuing its collection system survey, isolating five main areas. Seeing a lot of baby wipes and paper towels.

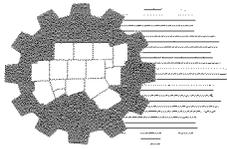
Mansfield – Hazardous waste center should be open in the spring. Although the grease collection containers will normally be inside the gates, they will be moved outside during the next collection event.

Irving – Adding flushables to its fats, oils, and grease door hanger.

Garland – They know of an interceptor inspection training and would be willing to coordinate.

Plano – Looking into targeting apartment dwellers with an on-site or local collection center.

7. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The NTGAC is scheduled to meet on May 6, 2015, at 10 a.m., in the Fred Keithley Conference Room, NCTCOG, CPII.



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Member Sign-in Sheet

| NAME | SIGNATURE | ORGANIZATION |
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| Brandon Ayala | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Dallas |
| Stuart Bakken | | City of Garland |
| Oleksandra Bikman | | City of Keller |
| Michele Birmingham | | City of Fort Worth |
| Gary Cocke | | City of Plano |
| Stephen Conner | | City of Garland |
| Brad Dyess | <i>[Signature]</i> | Trinity River Authority |
| Megan Fendley | | City of Arlington |
| Kathy Fonville | | City of Mesquite |
| Kenneth Garvin | | City of North Richland Hills |
| Joe Gildersleeve | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Arlington |
| Kimberly Hackley | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Dallas |
| Fouad Jaber | | Texas A&M University |
| Alejandro Mejia | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Garland |
| Karen Menard | | Upper Trinity Regional Water District |
| Jennifer Moore | <i>[Signature]</i> | Trinity River Authority |
| Tuan Ngo | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of North Richland Hills |
| Brooke Noack | <i>[Signature]</i> | North Texas Municipal Water District |
| Howard Redfeam | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Mansfield |
| Kenneth Roseberry | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Irving |
| Christi Upton | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Southlake |
| Billy Williams | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Coppell |
| Kristy Woodard | <i>[Signature]</i> | City of Frisco |

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