

Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER)

October 31, 2017



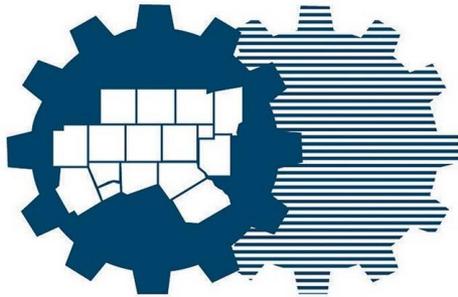
Agenda

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Welcome and Introductions



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FY2018 Work Program

- FY2018 Work Program is posted online and available for review here:

http://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/gac/documents/FY2018_WATER_Work%20ProgramFINAL.pdf

- FY2018 Commitment Response Form

***We are still accepting commitment forms for the FY2018 Work Program*

- Current Committed Funding Level: \$49,700

2017 Holiday Grease Roundup

- **Date range:** November 27, 2017 – January 8, 2018
- **Current Participants:** Cedar Hill, Denton, Duncanville, Garland, Lewisville, McKinney, Red Oak, Richardson, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, North Texas Municipal Water District
- **Update:** Dallas County Schools no longer has a biofuel school bus program.
- **The following entities will provide containers and collection services:**
 - Metro Grease Service
 - American BioSource



<http://www.ceasethegreasentx.com/>

<http://www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com/news.html>

Regional Training Update – Field Technician Training

- Instructor: Ms. Marlene Moore, Advanced Systems, Inc.
- Training Date: October 10 & 11, 2017
- Number of attendees: 50
- Waitlist: 8
- Topics covered included: sampling techniques appropriate for collecting non-potable water, 40 CFR 136, and chain of custody requirements.

Trainee Evaluations

1. Did this workshop meet your expectations?
 - 37 Responses
 - 73% of respondees answered “yes.”
 - 27% answered “no”:
 - Looking for practical work for lab analysis (less classroom work) (3 responses)
 - Was not geared towards surface water
 - This class was more advanced than I anticipated; I wish it could cover some entry-level terms
 - Videos of sampling would have been beneficial
 - Expected this workshop to cover different sampling techniques, didn't expect so much emphasis on record keeping

Trainee Evaluations

2. How could this workshop be improved?

- More visuals (videos, pictures)
- More hands-on, less class time
- Teach to the requirements of the audience (not just samplers and inspectors)
- Cheaper cost of materials
- Provide all documents to attendees/online access
- Visit a wastewater treatment plant
- Discuss troubleshooting issues that occur in the field
- Incorporate more state specific regulations
- More demonstration of specific equipment use
- Have two trainings – one for entry-level and one for advanced
- Case studies, problem-solving



Social Media Campaign Update

NCTCOG has been blocked from advertising on Facebook.

Potential alternatives:

- Create new Facebook account for WATER
 - <https://www.facebook.com/DefendDrainsNTX/>
- Google and YouTube Ads

Website Options

- Combine “Cease the Grease” and “Defend Your Drains” websites
- Create educational YouTube videos

Dallas Water Utilities' Social Media Calendar

- **Quarter I** (October – December): Fats, Oil, and Grease
- **Quarter II** (January – March): Medicine Take-Back
- **Quarter III** (April – June): Finishing Med Take-Back and Starting Wipes Campaign
- **Quarter IV** (July- September): Wipes Block Everything



General Updates

- “Flush Puppy” Product
 - **Certified Compostable** (in industrial compost facilities that accept pet waste)
 - Made from **Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA)** – a water soluble alternative to regular plastic
 - Potential need for **public education** on product
- Cooperative Purchase
 - Sent out an agency-wide list of products with Invitation to Bid (including WATER items)
 - Waiting on bids and procurement staff
 - Admin is moving forward and will keep us updated on how the purchasing system is changing and when we’ll be able to order products
- TMDL Wastewater Subcommittee Meeting Date:
 - Thursday November 30, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.**
 - Tejas Conference Room**



Presentation

Ms. Martha Cavazos Fipps, City of McKinney

Roundtable & Next Meeting Date

Roundtable: What's happening in your community?

Next meeting date: January 10, 2018 at 10 a.m.
Metroplex Conference Room

Adjournment

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