



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable

Wednesday, September 4, 2019
10:00 AM, Tejas Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPIII
600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

Chair: Duy Vu, City of Cedar Hill
Vice Chair: Elijah Dorminy, City of Irving

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Summary.** The [June 5, 2019 meeting summary](#) is available online for your review.

DISCUSSION

3. **Regional Training Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the development of the Industrial Inspections training for October 2019 and Grease Interceptor Training for early 2020.

NCTCOG provided an update on the Industrial Inspections Training scheduled for November 2019. Up to two individuals from each FY2019 WATER Cost-Sharing organization are eligible for the discounted registration fee of \$80; additional registrants will be charged \$140. Non-WATER cost-sharing organizations will be charged \$140 for each registrant. Lunch, beverages, and workshop materials are included in the cost of registration. The course will take place at NCTCOG Offices and more information, including registration, will be made available once final details have been confirmed.

NCTCOG presented an update on the Grease Interceptor Whisperer Training. Endura Grease Traps originally offered to sponsor the training at no cost to WATER/NCTCOG but are no longer able to do so. Attendees discussed the potential to host this training in early 2020. NCTCOG will coordinate with the proposed instructor and volunteer entities to schedule the training.

4. **Promotional Activities Update.** NCTCOG will provide an update on promotional activities and provide analytics from the Defend Your Drains website, Facebook, and Twitter. Additionally, NCTCOG will provide an update on the progress of the wipes explainer video.

NCTCOG presented the recent website and social media analytics from June to August 2019. NCTCOG also completed the Wipes Block Everything social media toolkit and Defend Your Drains presentations and lesson plans. These items will be shared with FY2019 Cost-Sharing members. NCTCOG also provided an update on the draft Wipes Block Everything educational explainer video. This video will be finalized and shared on the NCTCOG YouTube page once complete. Attendees discussed the topic for the next educational explainer video: FOGs and other clog causers.

5. **Holiday Grease Roundup.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the FY20 Holiday Grease Roundup.

NCTCOG presented an update on the FY20 Holiday Grease Roundup, which will take place from Monday, November 25, 2019 to Monday, January 6, 2020. Flyer templates and other promotional materials will be shared in the mid-September. Participants wishing to utilize American BioSource must contact Hannah

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Allen at hallen@nctcog.org by November 8, 2019 to ensure the FOG container will be dropped off prior to Thanksgiving. Drop-off sites (including year-round drop-offs and curbside pick-ups) will be posted on the [Defend Your Drains North Texas website](#).

6. **FY2020 Work Program Discussion.** NCTCOG will provide an update regarding the FY2020 WATER Work Program including the preliminary budget and priorities for FY2020.

NCTCOG is currently accepting online commitments for the FY2020 WATER Work Program. Invoices will be sent in October 2019. If you require a physical commitment form, please contact Hannah Allen at hallen@nctcog.org. FY2019 WATER Cost-Sharing Members will be receiving an end-of-year survey.

7. **Member Highlight Presentation: City of Mansfield.** Rebecca Sales will present Mansfield's efforts related to the proper disposal of Fats, Oils, and Greases and other educational activities.

Becca Sales, City of Mansfield, presented an overview of the city's Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program. She also shared information on the City of Mansfield's "Turkey Palooza," an event that incorporated a local chef and presentations from Environmental Services, the Fire Department, and the City Library.

8. **General Updates.** NCTCOG will provide general updates on relevant programs and events.

The Water for North Texas Resource Library Advisory Group meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Metroplex Conference Room.

The Total Maximum Daily Load Wastewater Technical Subcommittee is scheduled to meet on November 29, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Tejas Conference Room.

The NCTCOG Solid Waste Grant Call for Projects will open on October 14, 2019 and close on January 6, 2020. For more information, please visit www.nctcog.org/solidwastegrants.

9. **Roundtable.** The group will share what is happening in their communities.

The City of Denton's compliance rate for grease inspections increased from 80% in FY2018 to 88% in FY2019.

The City of Mansfield is hosting a General Contractor Training on September 5, 2019.

The City of Southlake will be participating in the Holiday Grease Roundup for the first time and requested information on lessons learned and tips for a successful event.

The City of Irving is considering purchasing radio ads on FM stations to promote Defend Your Drains North Texas and the Holiday Grease Roundup.

The City of McKinney had some leadership changes and will have more representation for Environmental Education related to wastewater.

10. **Schedule for the Next WATER Meeting.** The next WATER meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the Metroplex Conference Room, NCTCOG Offices, CPII, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011.

11. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Hannah Allen at (817) 695-9215 or hallen@nctcog.org. Thank you!

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Barbara



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