



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable

Wednesday, January 6, 2016
10 a.m., Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

DISCUSSION

2. **Dallas Wastewater Awareness Campaign and Regional Campaign.** City of Dallas staff provides Dallas campaign updates. WATER discusses next steps for the regional campaign.

Dallas will be able to share their bill insert file, which is close to final. They plan a soft launch, with the microsite going live February 1. Fun facts for the biggest “offenders” in the campaign were requested. (Dallas is to get in touch with TRA’s contact for wipes information.) Their agency will provide details regarding a media buy and social media soon. They may also target larger events like the Trinity River Run. For other languages: The site will eventually include a Google Translate button. They may create a Spanish version of the Defend Your Drains logo for outreach materials.

For the regional campaign, DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.org/.com was purchased in November for a two-year period. (NCTCOG staff noted that the group will need to decide next year whether to keep CeasetheGreaseNTX.com or phase it out.) NCTCOG staff will set up a conference call for the regional campaign working group to continue the development of the regional site content, the template bill insert, booth or poster graphics, social media posts, etc. While the regional campaign will not be launched simultaneously with the Dallas campaign, the aim is to launch the website and provide the template bill insert as soon as possible.

3. **Grease Interceptor Inspection Training Development.** NCTCOG staff provides an update on the development of the grease interceptor inspection training.

NCTCOG staff summarized the training curriculum requested, including a few additions from the last meeting. Based on staff’s discussion with the potential instructor, the training will most likely include one classroom day and two sessions of one field day, with a maximum of 50 in the classroom and 25 in the field. Staff expects a ballpark figure from the potential instructor within the next day. Once that figure is provided, staff may need to discuss the cost with members. Staff is also contacting Chris Trimble, Trimble Environmental Service, regarding the interceptor-emptying request.

According to the NCTCOG Regional Training Center contact, Texas Department of State Health Services education credit should be obtainable as long as the training is relevant. For the TCEQ education credit, the process will be significantly longer than staff was previously told. The group decided that it doesn’t want to wait for the TCEQ accreditation, but they would like staff to see if the instructor could be approved and start the process for the next training session. The group also talked about the instructor’s availability, with a preference for March 30-April 1.

4. **2015 Holiday Grease Roundup Update.** NCTCOG staff and Holiday Grease Roundup participants provide the rest of the group with a summary of how the 2015 collection event went. The group discusses potential improvements for next year's event.

NCTCOG staff presented the available collection statistics for the 2015 Holiday Grease Roundup participants as well as municipal marketing samples and website analytics. The amount collected per participant increased from 2014 collection numbers. (See presentation for specifics.) The Denton member said they would send their information in, and the Garland member corrected the amount provided by Dallas County Schools.

NCTCOG staff asked if Roundup marketing material changes were needed for the curbside pickup cities, as neither seemed to use the regional materials. The McKinney participant was not at the meeting to respond. The Denton participant said the issue was internal, that no changes were needed, and that better integration is expected next year. The group suggested making the event longer next year, covering Thanksgiving to New Year's Day and allowing participants to select the time range within that period. Staff noted that should be possible, especially since collection details are already split by municipality on the flyers and the drop-off locator map, but the group would need to make sure messaging was clear. The group did not request any changes for the planning meetings or method of communication. Frisco and UTRWD expressed an interest in participating next year.

Bedford, Denton, Frisco, Red Oak, Richardson, Plano, and UTRWD staff were interested in the FOG collection cabinets shown in the presentation. NCTCOG staff will send them the information previously provided by Dallas and Garland.

5. **Other Items.** WATER discusses other items (relevant news, information from recent trainings, potential presentations, updates for the paperless manifest issue, etc.).

The group discussed:

- The status of SB912.
- The Sanitary Sewer Overflow workshop held at NCTCOG in December.
- A potential wipes course by Aubrey Strause of Fuss & O'Neill. (The group was not interested in Strause coming specifically for a WATER presentation or training, but Heather Goins said she would see if Strause could present at the Pretreatment Conference.)
- The upcoming FOG presentation, "Engaging with Food Service Businesses for a Successful Fats, Oils, and Grease Source Control Program in Dublin, Ireland," to be given by Michael O'Dwyer, Evolution Environmental Services.
- The notice that TCEQ proposes changes to the Industrial Solid Waste and Municipal Hazardous Waste Rules (with NCTCOG staff highlighting that the e-manifest system appeared to be delayed, which might relate to the paperless manifest issue)
- HR 1321: Microbead-Free Water Act of 2015 (enacted at the end of 2015, to go into effect January 1, 2018).
- A news link about a business that transforms beer waste into clean water and energy, targeting Texas and California.

6. **FY2017 Work Program Brainstorm.** NCTCOG staff provides initial thoughts on the FY2017 work program and requests input from WATER.

NCTCOG staff requested members start brainstorming about what they'd like changed or added to the FY2017 work program. Staff made the following suggestions: the next training module, the potential food handler/manager certification program, and concrete steps for the paperless manifest system. NCTCOG staff also requested that the group look at the cost share and let staff know if their entity plans on participating. The UTRWD member requested a summary of accomplishments after the fiscal year is over. NCTCOG staff agreed to provide this.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

7. **Roundtable.** The group shares what is happening in their communities.

Denton – Shared information about enforcement related to grease interceptors and issues with a specific coffee shop. Working on a school pilot for milk disposal.

TRA – Continuing the quarterly collection survey, including standard operating procedures for identification and outreach.

Carrollton – Had a very successful grease collection event. Holds manned events. Noted that many do bring motor oil.

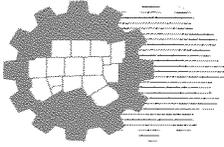
Red Oak – Plans to gather information about biodiesel vendors and look into a grease collection.

Plano – Focusing outreach for areas surrounding two lift stations that have issues with FOG and wipes.

Garland – Working on an elementary school contest.

8. **Next Meeting Date (Tentative).** Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 10 a.m. in the William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room.

9. **Adjournment.**



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Member Sign-in Sheet

NAME	SIGNATURE	ORGANIZATION
Cynthia Arias	<i>Cynthia Arias</i>	City of Carrollton
Stuart Bakken	<i>Stuart Bakken</i>	City of Garland
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Keller
Michele Birmingham		City of Fort Worth
Jesse Borries		Trinity River Authority
Martha Cavazos-Fipps		City of McKinney
Shane Collier		City of Irving
Stephen Conner		City of Garland
Helen Dulac	<i>Helen Dulac</i>	City of Dallas
Yvonne Dupré	<i>Yvonne Dupre</i>	City of Dallas
Brad Dyess		Trinity River Authority
Kathy Fonville		City of Mesquite
Kenneth Garvin		City of North Richland Hills
Neil Gayden		Town of Addison
Joe Gildersleeve		City of Arlington
John Glover	<i>John Glover</i>	City of Denton
Heather Goins	<i>Heather Goins</i>	City of Denton
Michael Helms	<i>Michael Helms</i>	City of Dallas
Danea Henry		City of Richardson
Denise Hickey		North Texas Municipal Water District
Taylor Hollingshead		Town of Addison
Fouad Jaber		Texas A&M University
Jerry Laverty		City of Bedford
Michelle Mann	<i>Michelle Mann</i>	City of Richardson
Katie Masucci	<i>Katie Masucci</i>	City of Plano
Alejandro Mejia	<i>Alejandro Mejia</i>	City of Garland
Karen Menard	<i>Karen Menard</i>	Upper Trinity Regional Water District
Jennifer Moore	<i>Jennifer Moore</i>	Trinity River Authority
David Moulton	<i>David Moulton</i>	City of Mansfield

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Tuan Ngo	<i>Tuan Ngo</i>	City of North Richland Hills
Brooke Noack	<i>Brooke Noack</i>	North Texas Municipal Water District
Kevin O'Dell	<i>Kevin O'Dell</i>	City of Bedford
Abby Owens		City of Plano
James Patterson		City of Euless
Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Lorrie Reeves	<i>L Reeves</i>	City of Carrollton
Kenneth Roseberry		City of Irving
Lydia Ruiz		City of Weatherford
Jessica Smith		City of Duncanville
Janice Tower	<i>Janice Tower</i>	City of Richardson
Elizabeth Turner		North Texas Municipal Water District
Christi Upton	<i>Christi Upton</i>	City of Southlake
Courtney Vanous		City of Carrollton
Duy Vu		City of Grand Prairie
Jack Wachtendorf		City of Arlington
James Whitt		City of Euless
Billy Williams		City of Coppell
Kristy Woodard	<i>Kristy Woodard</i>	City of Frisco
Ray Silva-Kaye	<i>Ray Silva-Kaye</i>	City of Red Oak
Zach Young	<i>Zach Young</i>	City of Richardson
Reiny McCool	<i>Reiny McCool</i>	Trinity River Authority
Ashley Carlisle	<i>Ashley Carlisle</i>	City of Southlake
Scott Joyce	<i>Scott Joyce</i>	City of Southlake
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