



**North Central Texas
Council of Governments
Environment & Development**

**Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Task Force
Thursday, April 4, 2013
MEETING SUMMARY**

Welcome. Attendees were welcomed.

Notes from last meeting. A quick review of the January 31, 2013 meeting.

Updates on FY13 Projects:

- **Training video to educate municipal field staff on identifying illicit discharges.** The training video was discussed in detail. A script with visual cues, largely based on an existing IDDE video, was reviewed and changes were made as requested. The next step is to schedule and film action scenes. A draft of the completed video should be available for the July 11, 2013 IDDE Task Force meeting.
- **IDDE shop poster.** No luck as of yet finding the elusive City of Dallas IDDE shop poster. A poster done by USEPA was suggested as an alternative.
- **Dry Weather Field Screening Training/Workshop with IDDE.** The one day/all day training for dry weather screening and IDDE will take place on April 30, 2013 at NCTCOG offices in Arlington. David Hunter, City of Denton, and Casey Nettles, City of Fort Worth, will lead the training.

Illegal Dumping Hotline use. In response to requests for information regarding the existing illegal dumping hotline for solid waste, the following was presented:

- For fiscal years 2008 & 2009, 60 legitimate calls were received by the hotline and transferred to the appropriate agency;
- FYs 2010 & 2011, 49 legitimate calls were received and forwarded on;
- FYs 2012 & the first half of 2013, 17 legitimate calls.

Legitimate calls are those calls containing enough information to verify and forward to the appropriate agency. The amount of funding devoted to public education of the hotline number varies greatly due to the individual grant-based nature of the funding, so the numbers do not reflect consistent public education efforts regionally or locally. Solid waste funded projects cannot be piggy-backed on by stormwater projects. In response, Annita McCormick suggested adding a poster or some type of outreach document that can be individualized for each MS4, which would contain a local contact number for illicit discharges, to the possible projects for IDDE in FY 2015.

Roundtable and discussion.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the IDDE Task Force will be on: July 11 at 9:30 a.m., in the Tejas Room, 3rd Floor, Centerpoint III, 600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas. On the agenda will be project ideas for FY 2015.