



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Task Force

9:30 a.m. Thursday, December 8, 2022

[Microsoft Teams](#)

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Conference ID: 380 994 027#

1. **Welcome and introductions.**

ACTION ITEM

2. **Meeting Summary.** The July 28, 2022 [Meeting Summary](#) is available online for review and will be presented for approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. **FY 2022-2023 Training.** NCTCOG staff will provide updates on FY2022 training events and solicit input for FY 2023 training events:

- a. **Industrial Inspectors Workshop**

Staff provided a recap of the recent Industrial Inspectors Workshop, held in Mansfield on September 20, 2022.

- b. **Dry Weather Field Screening**

The group discussed options and preferences for the future of the Dry Weather Field Screening Trainings. It was decided that the group would hold a single Dry Weather Training per year, and cover basic & advanced topics, according to the needs around the region. The preference for the upcoming training would be around Spring, perhaps April/May.

Irving has volunteered to host IDDE group events, including the Dry Weather Training. Cleburne would also consider hosting/co-hosting if the group does not think it is too far out of the way.

4. **Discussion of Potential Projects.**

NCTCOG received a request for information that could be a potential project for the group. The group will discuss any potential project ideas from members.

Staff began a discussion with the group regarding potential projects for the upcoming year. The topic ideas were information on horse stable management BMPs as well as Information on construction site covers relating to stormwater management.

There were a few volunteers from the group on both of the project topics. NCTCOG staff will follow up to determine how the volunteers would like to proceed.

There was also discussion if NCTCOG had a construction roundtable that would be appropriate to field this project idea. This roundtable was included in the Regional Stormwater Management Program Work Plan in an Ad-Hoc format until 2022. It was not included in the 2023 Work Plan.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION AND OTHER BUSINESS

5. **Roundtable Topics.** The IDDE Task Force members and NCTCOG will share additional items as time allows.

City of Arlington – Cited frustrations with citizen reporting of illicit discharges under incorrect categories in online portal. They have negative impressions of online reporting and push citizens to call in. Asked if online reporting is a requirement in other cities SWMPs and how it has impacted their reporting.

The City of Dallas reported that they have removed the option to report online, leaving the categories available to view but citizens must call in to report illicit discharges.

City of Fort Worth – Reported that they have a new litter initiative. They are working on litter containment devices, in a collaborative effort with TRA and private partnerships. They have multiple litter collection devices in the works and may be able to provide a case study to the group in the future.

City of Dallas – Reported that they are working on the submitting their annual report.

City of Mesquite – Reported that they do occasionally have reports go into their online system that could cause delays, but mostly receive calls directly to their department.

City of Irving is 5 months into a study on optical brighteners, which will run until June 2023. Will gather data and provide a case study following conclusion. Have begun in-house sampling for caffeine.

They also have a stormwater booth at every public event in the city and found that to be very useful to get information out about how to contact. The people who go to events are generally the type who will call if they see something.

City of Mansfield – Annual report time. They also received draft public notice for MS4 permit.

City of Cleburne – Had an illicit discharge (SSO) run through an abandoned building directly discharging into a creek. Expecting enforcement action and fine because it was an SSO.



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City of Frisco – They have online reporting and provide training of customer service representatives in their public works department. Their department meets with them on an annual basis to make them more aware of what to look out for. Encourages communicating with other departments on your service and purpose.

City of Bedford – Putting together a presentation for new employees in public works on IDDE. Requested pictures of fish kills for the presentation.

They had a recent illicit discharge where someone had dumped gasoline into storm drains, and they collected it with absorbent materials. Requested any information on how to dispose of chemicals such as gasoline.

City of Grand Prairie – Does not have an online reporting requirement. Front office fields all calls and are trained on what calls need to be directed to each department/division. Code enforcement does have an online reporting system, but the categories are very limited and the code front office is familiar with what needs to go to environmental.

6. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** Thursday, March 30, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Staff proposed the idea of meeting in person at the next meeting. Since the Pollution Prevention Program has similar participants, staff proposed that the two programs could alternate in-person and virtual meetings so that the members of both groups could meet in person more regularly. The group liked this idea, so staff will implement this in scheduling going forward.

7. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Casey Cannon by phone at (817) 608-2323 or by email at ccannon@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Liliana Sheppard by phone at (817) 695-9231 or by email lsheppard@nctcog.org 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

December 8 IDDE Roundtable Attendance

Name	Organization
Asciatu Whiteside	DFW Int'l Airport
Brigette Gibson	City of Arlington
Wesley Layfield	City of Bedford
Lauren Betz	City of Cedar Hill
Julie Winchell	City of Cleburne
Kevin Hurley	City of Dallas
Cathy Matthews	City of Fort Worth
Sean Aucoin	City of Frisco
Christopher Wilson	City of Grand Prairie
Gregg Moss	City of Grapevine
Jeff Shiflet	City of Irving
Julian Holmes	City of Mansfield
Jasmine Ferrell	City of Mesquite
Dillon Luna	Town of Northlake
Tuan Ngo	City of North Richland Hills
Mary Abercrombie	City of Princeton
James House	City of Prosper
Madisson Dunn	City of Southlake
Mitchell Carpenter	Tarrant County
James House	Town of Prosper
Casey Cannon	NCTCOG
Carolyn Horner	NCTCOG
Hughes Cowart	NCTCOG