



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

**North Texas Grease Abatement Council/
Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable**

Wednesday, May 6, 2015
10 a.m., Fred Keithley Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

DISCUSSION

2. **New Name.** The group discusses preliminary steps for the new name/expanded mission.

The group decided not to include “North Texas” in its new name, Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER). The NCTCOG Committee webpage and ceasethegreasentx.com site will start using the new name, referring to the former name where appropriate. The council’s logo will be removed, but the Cease the Grease logo will remain. The grease interceptors brochure will use the new name and only the Cease the Grease logo. The group will also start thinking about a new domain name. NCTCOG staff will email the group to start the brainstorming process prior to the next meeting. (The domain will need to be decided on by mid-August.)

3. **Dallas’s Expanded Campaign.** Dallas members provide information about work on a campaign that relates to the group’s expanded mission.

Richard Statser and Yvonne Dupre with the City of Dallas informed the group about the expansion of Dallas’s program, which appears to match the group’s expanded mission. Yvonne let the group know about the status of its campaign development with an ad agency. Dallas is aiming for a campaign slogan and look that could be implemented regionally. The agency should show Dallas concepts soon. Dallas may ask the group for feedback.

4. **Grease Interceptors Brochure.** NCTCOG staff reviews brochure updates.

NCTCOG staff shared the list of cities that will be in the updated brochure as well as the new layout and revised content for the front pages. Staff will send out each city’s page to the city contact for a final review, but will not require approval before sending the brochure to the printer. Staff will also confirm pricing with those who expressed interest in purchasing the brochures. The final file will be made available to entities for their individual use.

5. **Training Discussion.** NCTCOG staff asks the group about interest in grease interceptor inspection training and preferences for curriculum, trainers, etc.

The group talked about known options (Richard Statser/Dallas, Matt Robinson/Environmental Biotech, Garland's contact); intended audiences, preferred training topics, formats, and frequency (ordinances—classroom, once a year; plan review and design/new technology—classroom, once a year; and grease interceptor inspection—classroom and field, twice a year), and the preferred start time (in 3-6 months). The group is also interested in having trainings in more than one location. NCTCOG staff will survey members and interested parties to find out which topics would be most useful and have highest priority.

6. **Holiday Grease Roundup.** The group discusses timing and participation.

Arlington, Carrollton, Dallas, Garland, Southlake, and UTRWD expressed interest in participating, with a loose timeframe of starting the Friday after Thanksgiving and having the collection last two or three weeks, but with variation allowed. Members from Arlington, Dallas, Euless, and Garland said they would participate in the subcommittee. The group approved of leveraging the same campaign look and general deliverables as last year. Members also discussed potential partnerships with grocery stores and schools as well as additional marketing. NCTCOG staff will request more participant information via an emailed form in the coming weeks.

7. **Work Program/Cost Share and Membership.** The group provides final feedback on the work program and cost share. The group also discusses membership details.

NCTCOG staff summarized the changes made since the last meeting. The group did not request any changes, although one member suggested consolidating sections. The group also wanted to keep membership rules to a minimum (no bylaws, no chair, and no limit on number of members attending the meeting). It was decided that each participant entity will have one vote.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **General Updates/Reminders.** NCTCOG staff reminds the group about the SW Food Expo registration and provides information about a recent Flushability Guidelines meeting.

The group talked about the expo and the potential to man the booth. Staff shared information gathered from Cynthia Finley at the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) about the recent Flushability Guidelines meeting and provided NACWA's summary handout. Jennifer Moore/TRA said she will attend the upcoming NACWA conference and may discuss potential partnership opportunities with Cynthia. Staff also asked members to share their experiences with the Endura XL interceptor.

9. **Roundtable.** Members will be asked to share what is happening in their communities.

Arlington—Asked the group about universal paperless tickets.

Dallas—Hasn't had luck in getting approval from TCEQ to move to a paperless system, but would be interested in going in this direction.

NTMWD—Suggested Dallas and others might look to EPA, as it's moving toward paperless records.

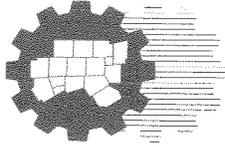
Carrollton—Manually enters several hundred manifests' top-priority information in an Excel spreadsheet every month. Thinks there may be an issue with the universal trip ticket being sent to the wrong place. Also is experiencing some grease trap requirement pushback and would like to know how many municipalities provide exceptions. (Dallas and Arlington shared their experiences, with Dallas suggesting that Carrollton not stray from its ordinance.)

TRA—Shared its current survey results. Working on the techniques. Seeing a lot of paper towels and feminine hygiene products as well as hair clinging to paper towels and wipes.

10. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2015, at 10 a.m. in the Regional Forum Room, NCTCOG, CPII.

Due to a conference scheduling conflict, the meeting has been rescheduled. It will be held on July 23, 2015, at 10 a.m. in the Regional Forum Room.

11. **Adjournment.**



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Member Sign-in Sheet

NAME	SIGNATURE	ORGANIZATION
Brandon Ayala	<i>Yvonne Duple</i>	City of Dallas
Stuart Bakken		City of Garland
Oleksandra Bikman		City of Keller
Michele Birmingham		City of Fort Worth
Gary Cocke		City of Plano
Stephen Conner		City of Garland
Brad Dyess	<i>Brad Dyess</i>	Trinity River Authority
Jesse Fernandez		City of Mansfield
Kathy Fonville		City of Mesquite
Kenneth Garvin		City of North Richland Hills
Joe Gildersleeve	<i>Joe Gildersleeve</i>	City of Arlington
Kimberly Hackley	<i>Richard Statser</i>	City of Dallas
Fouad Jaber		Texas A&M University
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
Tuan Ngo	<i>Tuan Ngo</i>	City of North Richland Hills
Brooke Noack	<i>Brooke Noack</i>	North Texas Municipal Water District
Howard Redfearn		City of Mansfield
Kenneth Roseberry		City of Irving
Christi Upton	<i>Christi Upton</i>	City of Southlake
Jack Wachtendorf	<i>Jack Wachtendorf</i>	City of Arlington
Billy Williams		City of Coppell
Kristy Woodard		City of Frisco

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