

Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

Second Quarter - March 2020



The Holiday Grease Roundup ended on January 6, 2020. This educational campaign is an annual drive developed by the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) to collect fats, oils, and grease (FOG). When FOG is poured down the drain it causes clogs in pipes, which lead to costly repairs and environmental damage from sanitary sewer overflows. Over 3,170 gallons have been collected this year, which comes out to approximately 22,836 pounds!

A big "thank you" to all **participants** and supporting entities for making this another successful holiday season of defending North Texas drains against FOG! To find year-round grease collection sites and other useful information, remember to visit [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#).

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 City of Princeton
 City of Richardson
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 City of Weatherford
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TMDL Survey Submittal Deadline Quickly Approaching!

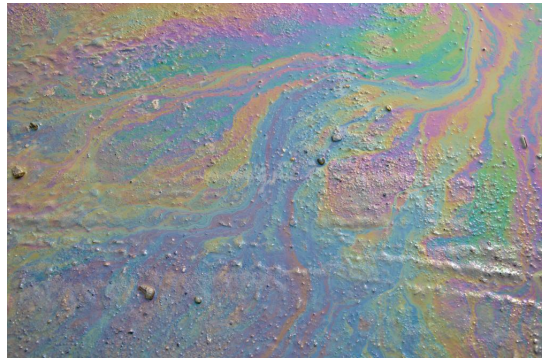
NCTCOG sent out a request for information on February 10, 2020, regarding each entity's water quality initiatives since the adoption of the Greater Trinity River I-Plan. The information gathered will help guide the development of future projects and workshop topics for the TMDL program.

Please submit your response to the [TMDL Survey](#) by close of business on Friday, March 13, 2020. Remember, more than one questionnaire per entity may be submitted, and it is appreciated if more than one department provides information.



TCEQ Rolls Out New Nonpoint Source Viewer

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has introduced a new and exciting online resource - the Texas Watershed and Nonpoint Source Map Viewer! The Viewer is an interactive map that shows Watershed Protection Plans (WPPs) and non-point source projects in Texas aimed at reducing pollution and restoring Texas waterways. The WPP layer also includes watershed boundaries as well as information for completed and developing WPPs. EPA-recognized success stories can also be found in the Viewer, where non-point source projects contributed to restoration of impaired sections of streams and lakes to meet water quality standards.



March is Texas SmartScape Month!

The Texas SmartScape website is a useful tool when planning and implementing your spring landscape and gardening ideas. Remember to use minimal pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers and avoid applying right before rain events because the excess will be washed away as runoff and wind up in streams, lakes and rivers. Use native Texas plants and group according to water and sunlight needs, and irrigate efficiently to conserve water. For more tips, information, and to view a calendar of upcoming events, visit www.txsmartscape.com.



Upcoming Events and Conferences

TCEQ's Environmental Trade Fair and Conference - May 12-13, 2020, Austin, TX

The Environmental Trade Fair and Conference will be held on May 12-13, 2020 at the Austin Convention

Center. TCEQ Occupational License credit hours will be offered for Water System Operators, Wastewater System Operators, Municipal Solid Waste Facility Supervisors, Underground Storage Tank On-Site Supervisors, and Leaking Petroleum Storage Tank Corrective Action Project Managers.

More information, including early-bird attendee registration, is [available online](#).



EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference August 9-13, 2020, New Orleans, Louisiana

The 2020 EPA Region 6 Stormwater Conference will be held on August 9-13, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. Registration for this conference is now open for attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors!

For more information, including registration and hotel information, is [available online](#).

Upcoming DEA National Prescription Drug Take Back Day - April 25, 2020

Dispose of your unused and expired medication at the upcoming DEA's 19th National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 25, 2020!

For more information on how you can participate and promote the responsible disposal of prescription medication, visit the National Take Back Day [website](#), or visit the [Partnership Toolbox](#) page to find promotional materials including a social media toolkit. You can also search for year-round drop-off locations [here](#).



Upcoming Meetings and Workshops



North Central Texas Watershed Stakeholders Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2020
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
William Pitstick Conference Room
NCTCOG Offices
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

[Add to Calendar](#)



TMDL Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2020
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Regional Forum Room
NCTCOG Offices
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

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Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020
9:30 - 11:30 AM
Tarrant Regional Water District's Offices
800 E. Northside Drive
Fort Worth, TX 76102

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The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement bacteria TMDLs throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex. To view the I-Plan for Twenty-Two Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Greater Trinity River Region, or to utilize available resources, please visit www.nctcog.org/TMDL.

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