

What is the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)?

Created by the Texas Legislature in 1989 (House Bill 1458), the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) strives to improve coordination between state and federal agencies involved in groundwater-related activities. TGPC members include:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Chair
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) – Vice Chair
- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD)
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research (AgriLife Research)
- Bureau of Economic Geology of The University of Texas at Austin (UTBEG)
- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)

Major responsibilities of the TGPC include:

- Studying and recommending to the Legislature groundwater protection programs for each area in which groundwater is not protected by current regulation (TCEQ publication SFR-047 – the report to the legislature – can be found at: <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-publications/>).
- Publishing a report documenting the status of groundwater contamination cases and groundwater monitoring programs (TCEQ publication SFR-056 – the current version of the *Joint Report* can be found at: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/groundwater/groundwater-planning-assessment/sfr-056-joint-groundwater-monitoring-contamination-report>).
- Developing and updating a comprehensive *Texas Groundwater Protection Strategy* (TCEQ publication AS-188: <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/groundwater/publications/as-188-texas-groundwater-protection-strategy.pdf>).

TGPC has three Subcommittees: Groundwater Issues, Legislative Report, and Public Outreach and Education. TGPC and its subcommittees hold quarterly public meetings which are announced on the Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/index.shtml>).

The TGPC website functions as a clearinghouse of groundwater information with entire pages devoted to:

- Groundwater Information
- Pesticides
- Water Wells
- Septic Systems
- Groundwater Contamination
- Pollution Prevention
- Water Conservation
- Classroom
- Oil, Gas, and Mining

Resources and Useful Links

- A brochure and flyer describing TGPC are available on TGPC's webpage, <https://tgpc.texas.gov/about-tgpc/>.
- Additional information about TGPC, its committee meetings, subcommittees, and publications can be found on the TGPC website, <https://www.tgpc.texas.gov>.

Other Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

To find additional FAQs visit the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's FAQ webpage at <https://tgpc.texas.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs>.