

Texas Groundwater Protection Committee

DATA MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Building F, Room 2210

12100 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753

10:00 a.m.

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order and Introductions @ 10:00 am

II. Business Discussion and Possible Action

Possibility of various presentations in future subcommittee meetings.

A request to change the subcommittee meeting time from 10:00 am to 10:30 was proposed to facilitate more of a window for out of town subcommittee member travel. The Subcommittee Chair will e-mail the committee members for the out of town subcommittee members response.

III. Information Exchange

TCEQ provided a follow-up TWDB request from the previous data management subcommittee meeting to provide PWS location information of source groundwater locations (wellhead). It was concluded that the TCEQ will continue to pursue the possibility of a database transfer of latitude/longitude information on PWS wells. TWDB indicated that this data transfer is not immediately needed but would be appreciated after TWDB updates the WIID database and that more information would be offered on the WIID updates at the next Data Management Subcommittee meeting the summer of 2014.

The second TWDB request for the TCEQ to provide a permanent identification to PWS wells was tabled for now as current TCEQ processes do not allow for permanent PWS water well identification. The USGS, Lynne Fahlquist offered that an EPA number may be associated with the PWS water well. The TCEQ and USGS commented that both of our agencies would look into the data to see if a permanent EPA number is associated with PWS groundwater wells.

The TDA, David Villarreal, noted that the TDA was “data hungry” for biocide identification and concentrations in hydraulic fracturing fluids as biocides could contribute pesticide residues. The Frac Focus website was identified as a possible source for the biocide component listing and Oil & Gas producers that use the biocides. Other TDA activities cited were the interest for

desalination for aquiculture along the coast, as BP settlement money begins to fund restoration projects, Inter-basin transfers of water and brackish groundwater for agriculture use and relationship to property ownership, and watching the development of the Eagle Ford Shale exploited across the Rio Grande, in Mexico.

#### IV. Announcements

#### V. Public Comment

Lynne Fahlquist added that the USGS could facilitate presentations at future Data Management Subcommittee meetings.

#### VI. Adjourn

The data management subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.