



North Central Texas Council of Governments

**REGIONAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

May 16, 2012

MEETING SUMMARY

The NCTCOG Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council met on May 16, 2012 in the Pitstick Executive Board Room at the NCTCOG offices. Members/representatives in attendance are recorded on the sign in sheet, available on request. NCTCOG staff present included Jack Tidwell, Jeff Rice, Erin Blackman, Tracy Michel, and Mary Tatum. Jack Tidwell called the meeting to order in the Chair and Vice Chair's absence.

AGENDA ITEMS

Special Presentation: Robin Neel with the North Texas Land / Water Sustainability Forum discussed the North Texas Low Impact Development (LID) Design Competition. The Design Competition is being modeled on the successful 2009/10 Houston LID Design Competition, but in North Texas, iSWM™ will be used as the design criteria. Planning for the competition is underway with the finals event scheduled for November 7, 2012.

Regulatory Update: Staff updated the Council on several regulatory items related to:

TCEQ Updates – The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is now using stormwater as one word and David Galindo is TCEQ's new Water Quality Division Director.

Phase II MS4 General Permit – TCEQ is still awaiting comments from the U.S Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on a revised draft submitted to EPA on April 9, 2012. NCTCOG staff informed the Council of the projected timeline for renewing this permit. It is not expected to be renewed until late November/early December (subject to change), which is after the current permit expires in August. TCEQ published an entry in the April 12, 2012 issue of the *Texas Register*, indicating the current permit will remain in effect until it is reissued.

NCTCOG staff also presented Urbanized Area (UA) maps and details regarding what new MS4s may be regulated and what population categories regulated MS4s may fall under.

TPDES Construction General Permit – TCEQ conducted a Water Quality Advisory Work Group Meeting on April 24 and provided an update on the renewal of the Construction General Permit. The draft permit has been prepared and is undergoing internal TCEQ review; they plan to send the draft to EPA in mid-May. The primary changes from the current permit include addressing impaired waters / TMDL and incorporation of Construction Effluent Guidelines, although the permit does not include provisions for turbidity limits. After some discussion, the Committee directed NCTCOG staff to contact TCEQ to request a copy of the draft permit and a 10-day period to review the draft and provide comments prior to submission to EPA.

EPA's National Rulemaking – EPA's Stormwater Rulemaking continues to be delayed. The latest information from the Water Environment Foundation (based on unofficial information from EPA) is that the rulemaking schedule will be released in mid-May with the proposed rule likely to be released in spring of 2013.

EPA's Integrated Framework – EPA plans to release the finalized Integrated Planning Approach Framework in May. This document will describe the integrated planning concept and will help EPA work with state and local governments towards providing integrated solutions to multiple causes of water pollution.

FY2012 Work Program Status Report: Staff gave an update on the status of activities for each program area.

Public Education Task Force (PETF) – Tracy Michel, PETF coordinator, updated the Council on recent PETF activities. The 2012 cooperative purchase has been completed. The stormwater quiz game is also complete. The game is available online and on a DVD. There is a generic game made for three levels of difficulty as well as a template where members can easily make their own questions and answers. Do the Right Thing has kicked off for the summer and an online and paper pledge are available to residents. Photos of dogs whose owners have taken the pledge can enter a photo competition for use in a calendar. The green business project for landscape maintenance companies is still in planning, and one minute videos will be made in attempt to provide workers with an easy way to learn the key issues with yard waste. NCTCOG staff will update the PETF on these videos at the next meeting.

Pollution Prevention (P2) – Tracy continued with P2 Task Force activities. As part of the Peer 2 Peer project, the site visit portion is occurring before the hot summer months. The first site visit was at City of Bedford and was led by Robert Berndt. The next will be at City of Mansfield. NCTCOG staff is looking into possible presentations that the group could benefit from.

Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination (IDDE) – Erin Blackman provided an update on IDDE-related activities, including employee training, Municipal Industrial Inspectors Workshop, and additional trainings. The PowerPoint module for training employees on detecting and reporting illicit discharges has been finalized and sent to IDDE Task Force participants. The Instructor's Guide, which accompanies the module to provide additional information, is currently being finalized. NCTCOG staff is exploring options for the employee training "train-the-trainer" session. A date has not yet been scheduled, but the Municipal Industrial Inspectors Workshop will be held at AkzoNobel (The Glidden Company) in Carrollton, a producer of paints, coatings, and specialty chemicals. The FY2012 Work Program also identified two trainings—IDDE Training and the Dry Weather Field Screening Workshop—as optional depending on resources and interest. NCTCOG staff will determine if resources are available if interest exists.

Stormwater Monitoring Program – Erin Blackman informed the Council that Atkins has successfully collected the first (January to March 2012) and second quarter (April to June 2012) data. The first quarter data are posted on NCTCOG's online data viewer. NCTCOG staff is working with Dallas and Fort Worth to obtain data for posting. Atkins will begin biomonitoring for sites in Garland and Plano this week.

Public Works Coordination – Jeff provided an update of the recent activities regarding iSWM, notably:

- Conducted Construction Stormwater Inspection Training Class May 3
- Conducted iSWM Program Implementation Class February 29
- Developed City Leadership Outreach Presentation
- Updated iSWM Program Guidance page
- Providing iSWM implementation assistance to local governments
- Participating in planning for North Texas LID Design Competition

FY2013 Draft Work Program: NCTCOG staff previously provided the FY2013 Draft Work Program document to the Council for review and sought approval at the meeting. The FY2013 Work Program was unanimously approved. Cost share notices for the FY2013 Regional Stormwater Management Program went out to help entities with their budget planning. Another cost share email will go out in September seeking financial support.

Roundtable Discussion: Municipalities shared information about the activities going on in their communities:

- Burleson – Have coordinated several public involvement activities (e.g., household hazardous waste collection event)
- Dallas – Holding construction and industrial workshops; looking into developing a regional media campaign on litter and invited other entities to join the effort
- Tarrant County – Looking for outfalls in Precinct 1; informed the Council of the second call for solid waste projects, coordinated by NCTCOG's Solid Waste Program

The meeting was adjourned.