Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Public Outreach and Education (POE) Subcommittee Annual Report October 9, 2024

This Annual Report is provided as per the TGPC POE Subcommittee ("Subcommittee") *Charge*¹.

Fiscal Year 2024 Results

- The Subcommittee met four times during the past fiscal year:
 - September 13, 2023
 - December 13, 2023
 - March 20, 2024
 - o June 5, 2024
- At their meetings, the Subcommittee received reports on the following:
 - Texas AgriLife Extension Service provided the number of Water Well Screening Events that were held in the previous quarter.
 Approximately 1,116 samples or attendees were recorded at Texas Well Owner Network (TWON) events during FY 2024.
 - The Subcommittee provided TGPC brochures, magnets, giveaways, and maps to approximately 777 attendees at the following conferences:
 - **§** Texas Plant Protection Association Annual Conference held in Bryan, Texas December 5-6, 2023.
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
 Environmental Trade Fair held in Austin, Texas, May 14-15, 2024.
 - **§** TCEQ Public Water Supply Conference held August 6-7, 2024, in Austin Texas.
 - **§** Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts' *Groundwater Summit*, August 20 22, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas.
 - The "National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 10-16, 2024" poster was distributed to each member agency for display. The State Capitol is no longer allowing displays in the Capitol Rotunda.

¹<u>https://tgpc.texas.gov/POE/</u>POESubCommCharge19Jul2017.pdf

Fiscal Year 2025 Plans

- The Subcommittee will continue to provide outreach materials to conferences, hold TWON events, and write short documents on important information as needed, such as Fact Sheets.
- The Subcommittee will develop the *TGPC POE Subcommittee FY 2025-26 Activity Plan.*
- The Subcommittee will review the *POE Subcommittee Charge* for FY 2025.