Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Agricultural Chemicals (AgChem) Task Force (TF) Status Report

Groundwater Issues (GWI) Subcommittee

AgChem TF members: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) 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)

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension)

United State Geological Survey (USGS)

· Number of AgChem TF Meetings (via email, phone, virtual, or in person) since the last GWI Subcommittee meeting: One

Activity		Status
Previous Fiscal Year (FY) Pesticide	-	Typically presented at First Quarter Fiscal Year (1QFY) meeting
Monitoring Results (Samples,		o N/A
Analyses, Detections)		
Proposed FY Pesticide Monitoring	-	Typically presented at 2QFY meeting
Plan (Cooperative, Other, Analyses)		o N/A
Current FY Pesticide Monitoring		Typically presented at 3QFY and 4QFY meetings
Results (Cooperative, Other,		o TWDB has just begun its monitoring activities for FY2024 which are typically conducted
Analyses)		from April through August of each calendar year.
TCEQ Interagency Pesticide		Typically presented at 1QFY meeting
Database (IPD)		o N/A

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Public Outreach and Education	 A counter-top display and staff providing information on the TGPC, including pesticide information and data, was set up at the annual TCEQ Environmental Trade Fair in Austin on May 14 – 15, 2024.
Other, for example:	NI/A
 Pesticide Management Plan (PMP) for the Implementation of the Texas State Management Plan for Prevention of Pesticide Contamination of Groundwater Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) 	· N/A
 Pesticides of INterest Tracking System (POINTS) Pesticide Assessment Database 	- N/A
 Meetings/Conferences for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to pesticides 	• A U.S. EPA Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide (FIFRA) Spring grant meeting for FY2024 was held in Little Rock, AR on May 8 – 9, 2024. Alan Cherepon (TCEQ) attended the meeting virtually and reported on his work for the FIFRA Grant. Material primarily addressed the departments of agriculture at the various states and their responsibilities, aspects, and issues. Amy Camacho, the new U.S. EPA Region 6 Pesticide Section Supervisor, reported that the federal government is still dealing with the late approval of grant budgets, and that grant applications are due by the end of May 2024 in order for states to obtain grant funding in a timely manner. She also hoped to obtain the grant details for FY2025 soon. A summary report and agenda are available upon request.

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