

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 Monitoring Results (Samples, Analyses, Detections)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically presented at First Quarter Fiscal Year (1QFY) meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N/A
Proposed FY Pesticide Monitoring Plan (Cooperative, Other, Analyses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically presented at 2QFY meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ N/A
Current FY Pesticide Monitoring Results (Cooperative, Other, Analyses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically presented at 3QFY and 4QFY meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Due to issues with agency purchasing, new 40-ml vials for samples have yet to be received, and only one set of 43 Cooperative Monitoring samples have been analyzed by immunoassay so far with only one detect that was below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). Until the vials are received, no additional samples can be collected.
TCEQ Interagency Pesticide Database (IPD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Typically presented at 1QFY meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An updated IPD report is being prepared to replace the previous 2008 report.

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Public Outreach and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On June 3 – 4, 2025, Alan Cherepon (TCEQ) attended TCEQ’s annual Environmental Trade Fair in San Antonio and staffed the TGPC exhibit counter from which Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) grant-related information were distributed.
Other, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pesticide Management Plan (PMP) for the Implementation of the <i>Texas State Management Plan for Prevention of Pesticide Contamination of Groundwater</i> Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Pesticides of INterest Tracking System (POINTS) Pesticide Assessment Database Meetings/Conferences for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) related to pesticides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A N/A On May 13 – 14, 2025, the annual U.S. EPA/States/Tribes FIFRA Spring grant meeting for FY 2025 was held in Austin with the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) as the host. Alan Cherepon (TCEQ) provided a summary of his activities the first half of FY 2025, and very little water quality issues were addressed by others, as this subject continues to be a lower priority for the U.S. EPA. The next Fall pesticide program meeting will be hosted by the U.S. EPA in Dallas in October 2025 and it will be a hybrid format again. The 2026 Spring grant meeting will be hosted by New Mexico. The previous U.S. EPA Region 6 Pesticide Section Supervisor, Amy Comacho, retired in June 2025.