

Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)
Groundwater Issues (GWI) Subcommittee Annual Report
October 8, 2025

This Annual Report is provided as per the TGPC GWI Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) *Charge*¹.

Fiscal Year 2025 Results

- The Subcommittee met^{2,3} four times during Fiscal Year 2025:
 - September 18, 2024;
 - December 4, 2024;
 - March 12, 2025; and,
 - June 18, 2025.
- At these meetings, the Subcommittee received reports from its Agricultural Chemicals Task Force, tracked the status of both TGPC and groundwater-related Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) publications, and discussed the following groundwater-related issues:
 - Oil and Gas Produced Water;
 - Emerging Chemical and Biological Contaminants;
 - Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR);
 - Abandoned Water Wells;
 - Groundwater Quality Monitoring;
 - Brackish Groundwater;
 - Evapotranspiration Networks; and,
 - Others:
 - § A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) final rule announcement regarding the control and clean-up of contamination created by the disposal of coal ash;
 - § A U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announcement regarding an extension of their decision on whether to list two blind catfish that are native to the Edwards Aquifer as endangered species;
 - § A company planned to conduct in-situ leaching (ISL) uranium mining operations in Goliad County within the Evangeline Aquifer;

- § A contract report was completed for TCEQ in November 2024 on the uranium resources in Texas; and,
- § A company planned to build a carbon capture facility in 2025 outside of Odessa.
- The Subcommittee approved the *Groundwater Quality Protection Through Monitoring and Children's Health and Groundwater Quality at Child Care Operations Using Private Water Wells* white papers⁴, and the TGPC approved them on October 9, 2024, and January 8, 2025, respectively.
- As per its TGPC GWI Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 *Activity Plan*⁵, the Subcommittee reviewed its *Charge* during its fourth quarter meeting and did not have any changes to recommend to the TGPC.
- As per its *Charge*, the Subcommittee approved its TGPC GWI Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 *Activity Plan*⁶, and the TGPC approved it on July 9, 2025.

Fiscal Year 2026 Plans

- During Fiscal Year 2026, the Subcommittee will continue developing white papers on various topics.

¹ https://tgpc.texas.gov/wp-content/themes/responsive/subcommittees/gwissues/GWI_SubComm_Charge12Jul2023.pdf

² The TGPC approves all Subcommittee products and designated TGPC members who attended these Subcommittee meetings participated as an employee or representative of their agency or organization, not as a designated TGPC member. Therefore, these Subcommittee meetings were not subject to the Open Meetings Act and they were held 100% virtually. The public was also able to attend these meetings via videoconference or teleconference at no cost.

³ <https://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-subcommittees/tgpc-groundwater-issues-subcommittee/meeting-records-of-the-tgpc-groundwater-issues-subcommittee/>

⁴ <https://tgpc.texas.gov/white-papers/>

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https://tgpc.texas.gov/gwissues/activity_plans/TGPC_GWI_FY2024_2025_ActivityPlan_12Jul2023.pdf

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https://tgpc.texas.gov/gwissues/activity_plans/TGPC_GWI_FY2026_2027_ActivityPlan_09Jul2025.pdf