

**Summary of Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)
Groundwater Issues (GWI) Subcommittee Meeting
September 16, 2026**

The TGPC GWI Subcommittee last met via videoconference on September 16, 2026, and 12 state and federal agencies and organizations were represented.

The Agricultural Chemicals Task Force Status Report was reviewed with the following highlights:

- For Fiscal Year 2026, a total of 200 groundwater samples (not including blank/duplicate samples for QA/QC) were provided to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) as part of the Cooperative Monitoring Program. All samples were analyzed by immunoassay for atrazine, with one detect (0.06 ppb) that was well below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 3.0 ppb.
- On August 4, 2026, Dan Hannah (TCEQ) attended TCEQ's annual Public Drinking Water Conference in Austin and staffed the TGPC exhibit booth from which U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) grant-related information was distributed.

The TGPC Publications Status Report was reviewed with the following highlights:

- *Activities and Recommendations of the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee: Report to the 90th Legislature ("Legislative Report", TCEQ publication SFR-47/26)*
 - o The TGPC Legislative Report Subcommittee was preparing the draft *Legislative Report* to be presented to the TGPC for approval at its October 2026 meeting.
 - o The final report would be delivered by December 31, 2026.
- *Priority Groundwater Management Areas and Groundwater Conservation Districts, Report to the 90th Texas Legislature ("PGMA/GCD Legislative Report", TCEQ publication SFR-53/26)*
 - o The *PGMA/GCD Legislative Report* was being prepared and would be delivered by January 2027.

The following groundwater issues were discussed:

- Oil and Gas Produced Water;
- Emerging Chemical and Biological Contaminants;
- Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR);
- Groundwater Quality Monitoring;
- Brackish Groundwater;
- Evapotranspiration Networks; and,
- Others (uranium mining permits in Goliad County, and a National Ground Water Association (NGWA) position paper on data centers).

As required by the GWI Subcommittee's current *Charge* (https://tgpc.texas.gov/wp-content/themes/responsive/subcommittees/gwissues/GWI_SubComm_Charge12Jul2023.pdf), a draft of the GWI Subcommittee's *Annual Report* was reviewed and approved with one minor change, and it would be presented to the TGPC for final approval at their next meeting.

The next TGPC GWI Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for December 2, 2026.