

TEXAS GROUNDWATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE
Nonpoint Source (NPS) Task Force
Task Force Charge

Date Approved

April 7, 2010

Sponsor

Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC)

Co-Chairs

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)

Members

Participating and interested agencies and individuals.

Task Force Purpose

The primary goal of the NPS Task Force is to prevent and abate NPS pollution of groundwater.

NPS Task Force activities include:

- Coordinating NPS activities;
- Ensuring consistency of activities with the NPS Management Program, the *Texas Groundwater Protection Strategy* (http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/comm_exec/pubs/as/188.pdf), and with other appropriate requirements;
- Targeting;
- Developing strategies;
- Recording activities of other state agencies and organizations; and,
- Implementation.

The NPS Task Force will work in cooperation with TGPC member agencies/organizations, TGPC Subcommittees and Task Force working groups, and others in order to facilitate implementation of measures to address NPS impairment of groundwater.

Expected Results

- Coordinated efforts with TGPC member agencies/organizations and TGPC Subcommittees and Task Force working groups; and,
- Comments and contributions to the Texas NPS Management Plan and NPS Management Program Annual Report.

Scope and Boundaries

The NPS Task Force may utilize additional staff from appropriate agencies as needed in order to address specific issues and to maximize expertise related to its Charge. The NPS Task Force should coordinate with agency program areas, contractors, and interest groups regarding the prevention and abatement of NPS pollution of groundwater.

When activated, NPS Task Force meetings should be held as needed, must meet all requirements of open meetings, and must maintain written records of all meetings.

The NPS Task Force may elect to form working groups in order to address individual issues, as needed. These working groups shall meet as necessary in order to support the NPS Task Force.

Reporting to the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee

When activated, the NPS Task Force shall report on its activities at the regularly scheduled TGPC quarterly meetings.

Projected Completion Date

The continuing facilitation of NPS abatement and prevention measures to address public health issues and reduce contamination of groundwater is open-ended.