



WWTF Workgroup

October 10, 2010 9:30 AM

Workgroup Members Present: Leonard Levine (GCWDA), Kim Laird (TCEQ), Amanda Ross (TCEQ by phone), Ray Mayo (City of LaPorte), Eloy Mendoza (City of Clear Lake), Scott Jones (GBF), and Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

BIG Update: Kim Laird gave a brief update to the BIG's discussion on the geographic scope of their project. Houston Ship Channel, and other others without approved TMDLs, will not be included in the BIG I-Plan. Technically, only watersheds with TMDLs have I-Plans. The description of the watersheds is in the TMDL and the TMDL applies to all segments in the watershed regardless of impairment.

BIG Stakeholders would be fine if other TMDL/I-Plan groups used their I-Plan.

Discussion: Amanda Ross drafted an email/survey that will go out to permittees in the project area to inform them of some of the ideas in the I-Plan and solicit their support. The draft email was distributed to the group and members will email Amanda comments once they have circulated it to the appropriate people and received comments.

Three categories were chosen for the management measures to simplify the writing of the I-Plan and to condense the ideas. Each idea was put into one of three categories - training, permitting, and post permitting.

- ❖ Training – 4, 5, 6, 11, 12
- ❖ Permitting – 2, 7, 8, 13
- ❖ Post Permitting – 1, 9, 18, 19

Numbers 3, 10, 14, and 16 will be re-worded as recommendations and numbers 15 and 17 will be interim measurable milestones.

Amanda will add these categories to the email/survey that is going to the permittees.

The group then discussed the "Schedule of Implementation" for the 9 Key Elements Table. They decided on a 5-year plan to accomplish their goals.

Year 1:

Training –

- Draft a handout to be distributed at TEEX and TWUA training courses. The handout would provide the operators with resources to help them with the new bacteria testing.
- Draft and finalize a guidance document that will be distributed to permittees as their permits come up for renewal to help them with the new bacteria testing.

- Develop a pre-permitting website for permittees with links to training resources, mentors, training options, etc. It would be established by the end of the first year and maintained after that.
- Work with David Hastings from Environmentors to provide outreach to the permittees that have discharge violations. Let permittees know about the Environmentors program and that working with them will not lead to actions by Enforcement.

Training should be a higher priority so that facilities that are coming up for renewal can take full advantage of the resources provided by the Implementation Plan.

Time limited the group from finishing the schedule. Lisa will finalize a draft schedule and send it out to the group for comments.

Action Items:

1. Members will solicit comments on the survey and send them to Lisa or Amanda.
2. Amanda will revise the letter/survey from TCEQ based on comments received from the workgroup.
3. Lisa will add entries to the 9 Key Elements Table.

Next meeting: November 4, 2010 at 9:30 AM