



WWTF Workgroup Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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), and Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

Discussion: Amanda Ross gave an update on the email/survey that will go out to permittees in the project area. She has incorporated comments from the group and from the small business department of TCEQ. The small business department has offered to do the survey for the workgroup. They hope to have the results by December 15, 2010. A question was raised about the wording of question 3.1 – “Increase monitoring frequency for all facilities including smaller facilities.” The group believes this question is too open-ended. It will be re-worded as: “Require a minimum of weekly monitoring for all facilities.”

The group reviewed the schedule of Implementation for the 9 Key Elements Table. They want to add to year one to seek funding for GBF to continue with the implementation activities.

The guidance document that will go to permittees as they come up for renewal was discussed. It is believed that if the guidance document comes from TCEQ, the owners and operators are more likely to use it. It is possible that small business may be able to put the document together with the help of this workgroup. Or, we could seek funding for the workgroup to develop the guidance document during the first year of implementation. Has GBEP been involved with putting together a guidance document? Lisa will check with Stephen Johnson about drafting the document.

Monitoring: One suggestion for monitoring of implementation activities would be to monitor the number of discharge violations. Because not all facilities have monitored, the first year’s activities would be to establish a baseline for number of discharge violations. The years after the first would hopefully show a decrease in discharge violations.

Responsible Parties: Need to clarify that not all facilities in the watershed are included in the implementation plan and that it is based on distance from the affected waters rather than boundary of the watershed. The facilities in the TMDL will be considered a responsible party.

Action Items:

1. Lisa will talk to Stephen Johnson at GBEP about the guidance document.

Next meeting: January 6, 2011 at 9:30 AM