



OSSF Workgroup Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2010 9:30 AM

Workgroup Members Present: Martin Entringer (GCHD), Bryan Eastham (TCEQ), Ryan Gerlich (TX Agrilife Extension Service), Amanda Ross (TCEQ by phone), Justin Mechell (TX Agrilife Extension Service), and Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

Discussion: The first phase of the H-GAC map of OSSFs in the area will be available later this week. A more comprehensive map will follow.

The group agreed to a geographic scope of a half mile from the coastal boundary and the tributaries. These boundaries may change and can be adjusted as needed on a yearly basis.

The authorized agents for OSSFs in this TMDL are TCEQ, Galveston County Health District, Chambers County, Oak Island and City of Beach City. Bryan will send Lisa the contact information for the authorized agents. We should notify others that are not involved with the workgroup about the implementation plan and the possible management measures to be included. We should contact them sooner than later.

Funding: Justin and Bryan will research some state funding and Marty will send funding information from H-GAC.

Monitoring: One of the monitoring ideas for the BIG include H-GAC collecting reports from Authorized Agents. That could be a good idea for our group also.

Justin and Ryan distributed a draft of "Guidance for the Inspection of Anaerobic On-Site Sewage Facilities." They would like comments by December 31, 2010. Chapter 9 is the most important chapter to review.

Action Items

1. Lisa will research the H-GAC website for financial information. Marty will send Lisa the funding information he has from H-GAC
2. Bryan will send a list of the contact information for the authorized agents in the project area.
3. Justin and Bryan will research state funding options.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 9:30 AM