



WWTF Workgroup

July 1, 2010 9:30 AM

Workgroup Members Present: Leonard Levine (GCWDA), Kim Laird (TCEQ), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Scott Jones (GBF), Lisa Miller-Marshall (GBF)

Discussion: The main point of discussion for this meeting was preparing for the public meetings taking place later in the month. Instead of presenting all 19 ideas, the group would like to break the ideas into categories that make them easier to communicate and understand. The four categories that were suggested were:

1. Setting clear goals. Set permit limits and incorporate them into facility discharge permits.
2. Provide the facilities the tools to meet those goals. Provide proactive technical assistance to WWTF to meet the goal. Modify design requirements to improve facility reliability. Require specific operator training to optimize plant operator knowledge in how to best control bacteria.
3. Verify that the facilities are meeting the goals. Some ideas require the facilities to do more self monitoring and others recommend that the state increase their monitoring with targeted activities. Because the monitoring is targeted specifically to bacteria issues, the state should be able to do more with the same amount of resources.
4. Validation and Feedback – If the facility is not meeting the specified goals provide targeted specific feedback to help them achieve compliance with the goals.

With these four categories, a presentation will be developed that informs the public of the bacteria reducing ideas for WWTFs. The presentation will be user friendly and last about five minutes.

Implementation Plan Process:

- The implementation plan is approved as a document, not in parts.
- There are no repercussions for not following through with a management measure. TCEQ meets yearly to review the plan to determine what has been accomplished, what has not, if a measure should be dropped from the plan, etc.
- Funding and permitting carry more weight if they are included in the implementation plan.
- The management measures can begin before the implementation plan is submitted to TCEQ

Action Items:

1. Lisa will prepare the slides for the presentation.
2. Kim will email pictures of wastewater treatment facilities.

Next meeting: September 2, 2010 at 9:30 AM