



CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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Happy New Year!
Central Texas WEAT Heads North to Salado.

Tuesday, January 21, 2003, 6:00 p.m.
Longhorn Room, Stagecoach Inn - Salado, Texas

Anyone interested in carpooling should meet in the northeast corner of the Home Depot parking lot on the east side of IH-35. Take the Howard Lane exit and meet by 4:30 p.m.

Please note that this is a change from our regular meeting place. The Central Texas Section covers 14 counties in the Central Texas area. By having meetings outside the immediate Austin area, the Section Officers hope to better serve our membership in the surrounding counties. The meeting cost of **\$10 (\$5 for students)** includes a sit-down dinner (dinner orders from a limited menu can be made the night of the meeting), short business meeting, and a presentation entitled **"The Status of Water Quality Criteria for Nutrients in Texas"**. The presentation will be made by Dr. Jim Davenport, Water Quality Standards Team Leader for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

If you plan to attend this meeting, please contact Rose at 452-5905 by Thursday, January 16, 2003 for reservations, or e-mail her at rmurphy@apaienv.com

The TCEQ submitted a preliminary draft workplan for considering nutrient criteria to the EPA on November 30, 2001. The workplan noted that "prior to the end of calendar year 2004, the TCEQ expects to produce draft proposals for nutrient criteria for selected waters [primarily reservoirs] in the state for further consideration by the TCEQ and subsequent review by the EPA and stakeholders." The TCEQ has formed an advisory group of interested experts and stakeholders for periodic assistance. The first meeting of the group was May 20, 2002; and a second meeting to assess progress and options is planned for late February 2003. Dr. Davenport will provide us with an update of this process.

Dr. Davenport received a B.A. in Biology from Trinity University, and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Aquatic Biology from the University of Texas at Austin. He initially joined the Texas Department of Water Resources in 1982 as a member of the Water Quality Modeling Team, where he evaluated environmental impacts to Texas streams and reservoirs. Since 1985, he has been the leader of the Water Quality Standards Team of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and predecessor agencies. This group develops and implements water quality standards and goals for the surface waters of Texas, assesses pollutant impacts on aquatic ecosystems, evaluates water quality standards at sites with permitted wastewater discharges, reviews and certifies federal permits for dredge and fill projects, conducts use-attainability analyses for water bodies in Texas, and participates in a variety of water-quality management programs.

Meeting Sponsors

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The Central Texas Section normally meets at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center at the University of Texas at Austin Campus. The meetings are usually the third Tuesday of odd numbered months.

This newsletter is sent to more than 350 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting/newsletter or if you have information for publication, contact Steve Coonan at scoonan@apainv.com or 452-5905.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, Mar 18, 2003, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center
“Legislative Update” - Speaker to be determined

Tuesday, May 20, 2003, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center, Election of Officers
“Odor Control Technologies” - Jim Joyce, Odor and Corrosion Control, Inc.

OTHER EVENTS:

Texas Water '03, April 2-4, 2003 in Corpus Christi, Texas - Annual Joint Conference with TxAWWA

cMom Go!, June 1-4, 2003 in Austin, Texas - Joint Conference sponsored by WEF and WEAT on Current Trends in Collection System Management.



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