



# CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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## Central Texas Section Kicks Off Fall Meetings!

**September 16, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Joe C. Thompson Center – University of Texas at Austin**

The Central Texas Section of WEAT begins the 2003-2004 campaign with a bang. This month, Dr. Peggy Glass with Alan Plummer & Associates, Inc. will give a presentation entitled, “Whole Effluent Toxicity: What’s the Buzz?” The meeting is open to anyone interested in water and wastewater issues. The evening will include a social gathering followed by a buffet dinner. Afterwards, Dr. Glass will give her presentation and there will be a short business meeting.

**If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Laura DiPasquale at 512/322-5862 or at [central@weat.org](mailto:central@weat.org) by Thursday, September 11, 2003.**

This month, Dr. Glass will discuss the Whole Effluent Toxicity (“WET”) program and the concerns that utilities face with the imposition of WET limits in their permits. In particular, Dr. Glass will identify significant changes in TPDES permit language related to WET testing, and discuss what permittees can do to reduce the potential that a WET limit will be added to their permit.

Dr. Glass is a well-respected environmental professional within Texas and the United States. Dr. Glass received her B.S. in Chemistry from Southwest Texas State University, and her Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Glass is currently a principal with Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., where she has over thirty years of experience with water quality issues, including water quality standards. Dr. Glass spent six years at the Texas Department of Water Resources, the predecessor to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”). At that agency, Dr. Glass directed programs related to water quality management planning, water quality standards, wasteload allocation development, and wastewater facility construction grants. Dr. Glass has assisted more than 100 municipalities and industries in obtaining permits for wastewater treatment plant discharges, and she has participated in Toxicity Reduction Evaluations (“TRE”) since 1992. Dr. Glass has also successfully assisted several facilities by demonstrating to EPA and TCEQ that a TRE was not warranted.

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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 held 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 Brad Castleberry at 512-322-5856.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

**Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2003, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center**  
“Austin Clean Water Program” - Reynaldo Cantu, City of Austin  
**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center**  
“VOC Emissions from WWTPs” - Chris Quigley, CH2MHill  
**Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2004, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center**  
“Status of Chapter 210 Rule Revision” - Roger Schenk, CDM

## OTHER EVENTS:

WEFTech 2003, Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, California, October 11-15, 2003.

Water Sources Conference, Austin Convention Center, Austin, Texas, January 11-15, 2004.



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