



# CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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## Central Texas Section Kicks Off Fall Meetings!



### WEAT Presents – Former TCEQ Chairman Bob Huston

**September 21, 2004 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

The Central Texas Section of WEAT begins the 2004-2005 campaign with a bang. This month, former Chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Robert J. (“Bob”) Huston, will be our guest speaker, and he will be discussing issues related to water supply planning and water quality, including reuse and environmental flows. With the impending legislative session, both issues are ripe for activity at the Capitol this Spring. 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, Chairman Huston will give his presentation and there will be a short business meeting.

**If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Laura Di Pasquale at (512) 322-5862 or at [central@weat.org](mailto:central@weat.org) by Wednesday, September 15, 2004.**

#### **About Chairman Huston:**

Chairman Huston is a former Commissioner for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, where he served from 1999 to 2003. While at the Commission, Chairman Huston oversaw a number of significant events, including successfully guiding the Commission through the sunset review process and improving the working relationship between the Commission and Region 6 of the Environmental Protection Agency. Additionally, Commissioner Huston worked diligently with State leadership to create and fund the Texas Emission Reduction Program, a \$750 million incentive grant program to advance technology development and its application to clean up heavy duty diesel engines. While at the Commission, Chairman Huston also served on the Texas Coastal Coordinating Council, the Texas Recycling Market Development Board, and the Texas Alternative Fuels Council. Chairman Huston was also instrumental in negotiations with Mexico regarding the division of water within the Rio Grande pursuant to the Rio Grande Treaty. Before joining the Commission, Chairman Huston enjoyed a number of business ventures, including co-founding Espey, Huston & Associates, Inc, where he worked from 1972 to 1991. Chairman Huston is active in the Texas Water Conservation Association, the Government Advisory Committee to EPA Administrator, and a Fellow and Advisory Council Member for the University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution. Chairman Huston holds a B.A. with Honors in Mathematics, including graduate studies from the University of Texas at Austin.

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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.

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#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

**Potable Reuse, Richard Sawey, CDM, November 16, 2004**

#### **OTHER EVENTS:**

**Safety Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, September 24, 2004**

**WEFTEC 2004, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 2-6, 2004**

**Control of Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) Advanced Training Course, Houston, Texas, November 4-5, 2004**



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