



# WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

*Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas*

**Central Texas Section**

**March 2008**

*Central Texas WEAT's March Meeting Presents*

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## **TCEQ UPDATE ON SSOs AND UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm**

**Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas, Austin**

The Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) anticipates an increase in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) in the immediate future. This is primarily due to the volume of aging collection and treatment systems across Texas. Many of the existing collection and treatment systems were built in the late 1970s or early 1980s with funding from the federal construction grant program. These systems are reaching the end of their useful life. Utility districts or municipalities often have difficulty being proactive in developing programs to rehabilitate their infrastructure or correct problems that cause SSOs due to the excessive time and costs associated with these corrective measures. It is for these reasons that Utility owners are often reluctant to begin corrective action programs until, however, required to by the enforcement process.

The TCEQs SSO initiative is a proactive approach to pollution prevention which focuses on addressing SSOs before they impact human health, safety and/or the environment, and/or become a formal enforcement issues. The TCEQ Field Operations Division will address SSOs by encouraging facilities to develop and implement an SSO corrective action plan which would result in the elimination of overflows in the shortest possible time period and prior to it becoming an enforcement issue. This presentation will discuss this initiative in detail and will also discuss reporting requirements for SSOs.

Monica Harris is a Licensed Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas. Ms. Harris received her Bachelor's Degree in Geology from the University of Texas at Austin, and studied for a summer at Brasenose College, Oxford University, in Oxford, England. Her employment began in the private sector working for two years as a laboratory analyst at an environmental lab. Ms. Harris then began working for the Texas Department of Health, as a PCB/asbestos investigator, and then as Public Information Coordinator for the Environmental Lead Branch. Ms. Harris coordinated the Storm Water and Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations Investigation Programs for the TCEQ Field Operations Division from 2001-2007, and became the Water Section Manager for the Field Operations Support Division in July 2007.

### **Meeting Information**

RSVP by contacting Susan Kelly by Thursday, March 14, 2008  
Call (512) 569-9022 or Email: [central@weat.org](mailto:central@weat.org)

Meeting Cost:           Members and Guests   \$20.00  
                                  Students                     \$5.00

Meeting Location:   Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas  
                                  2405 Robert Dedman Drive  
                                  Located on the southwest corner of Dean Keeton and  
                                  Red River.

#### **Please Note:**

*The Joe C. Thompson Conference Center (TCC) is currently under construction. Access through the south lobby entrance, which faces the LBJ Library and Museum is no longer available. Please access the facility from the north lobby doors or the TCC dining room. There are two sidewalks which lead directly from the TCC parking lot 40, located on Red River and Dean Keeton, to our north lobby entrances.*

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## WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT – MAY 1, 2008

Young Professionals from all over the United States will converge on Austin May 1, 2008. That's right, Austin, Texas is proud to be hosting the annual WEF Young Professional Summit. The Summit is an opportunity for young professionals across the country to meet and share ideas about our industry and discuss ways to become more involved and provide leadership within the Water Environment Federation. Registration cost for the Summit is a mere \$50, and it is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what your peers in the industry are doing, as well as make some great friends. If you are interested in attending this year's YP Summit, please contact Dianne Crilley at [DCrilley@wef.org](mailto:DCrilley@wef.org). Topics include:

- ◆ **Generations in the Workplace** ◆ **Managing Those Older Than You**
- ◆ **Communicating For Success** ◆ **Inspiration from WEF & AWWA Leaders**

Register at: <http://www.wef.org/MembershipCareers/MembershipInformation/MAResourceCtr/MAYoungProfessionals.htm>

## NOMINATIONS FOR 2008-2009 WEAT OFFICERS

It's that time again. During the May meeting, the Central Texas Section of WEAT will vote on a slate of new officers for 2008-2009. At this time, we are accepting nominations from members interested in an officer position. There will be a number of great committee chair and officer positions available. If you would like to become more active in WEAT and serve the local chapter, please contact Brad Castleberry at:

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### Central Texas Section Officers are listed below.

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- Past President - Karol Menhard, 974-3373, [KMenhard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KMenhard@sbcglobal.net)

## WEAT/TAWWA SUMMER SOCIAL, LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR PLANNING COMMITTEE



The Central Texas Section of WEAT and the Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA have begun planning for the joint summer social event. We hope to have a date and venue selected soon. If you are interested in being on the planning committee for this event, or if you have ideas regarding activities or a location for the summer social, please contact Brad Castleberry at: [bcastleberry@lglawfirm.com](mailto:bcastleberry@lglawfirm.com).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 25-28, 2008

Texas Water  
San Antonio, TX  
WEAT/TAWWA

April 15, 2008

Back To Basics  
Environmental Training  
Tyler, Texas  
Northeast TX WEAT

April 13-18, 2008

Water Utility Management  
Institute  
Arlington, TX  
AWWA

May 20, 2008

Eliminating Geotechnical  
Uncertainties Through the Use  
of Geophysics in Water and  
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**Texas Water 2008, March 25-28, 2008  
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