



WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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Central Texas Section

January 2009

Central Texas WEAT's January Meeting Presents

JIM DAVENPORT

Tuesday, January 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.
Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas, Austin

SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS UPDATE

In coordination with an advisory workgroup, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is developing revisions to the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and to the Standards Implementation Procedures. Major revisions under consideration include (1) a broader range of recreational uses and associated bacteria criteria, (2) new numerical criteria for nutrients in large reservoirs in Texas, (3) numerous updates of toxic criteria to protect human health and aquatic life, and (4) updated site-specific standards for over 115 water bodies. The presentation will include an overview of the status of the revisions and a short discussion of key proposals.

Jim Davenport was born in Plainview, Texas. He received a B.A. in Biology from Trinity University, and a M.A. and a 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. From 1985 to 2008, he was the leader of the Water Quality Standards Team of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and predecessor agencies. He currently works on water quality standards and water quality management as a technical specialist in the Monitoring and Assessment Section of the new Water Quality Planning Division at TCEQ.

MEETING INFORMATION

RSVP by contacting Susan Kelly by Thursday, January 15, 2009
Call (512) 569-9022 or Email: 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 that lead directly from the TCC parking lot 40, located on Red River and Dean Keeton, to the north lobby entrances.

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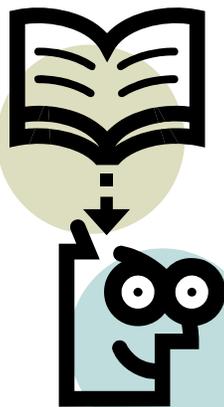
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CHAPTER 217 IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP



The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ's) design criteria for domestic wastewater systems have changed, and they are already in effect! The enacted rules are different than the draft rules and by attending this one-day seminar you can find out how these rules will affect you. The conference is sponsored by the Water Environment Association of Texas in association with American Society of Civil Engineers, Texas Water Utilities Association and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The conference will be held at the Radisson Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio, Texas.

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**Friday,
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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Young Professionals held a Happy Hour on December 10th was well attended. Many thanks to Diamond Fiberglass for sponsoring the event. The next meeting is being planned for sometime in February and a Wii tournament is in the works for February as well. The Wii tournament event is being organized as a fundraiser for the Austin Area Water for People group. A small donation will be required for entry in a bracketed competition for Wii supremacy. Details are forthcoming. If you would like to be added to the announcement list, please email Justin Ware at justin.ware@CH2M.com.

CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT???

The Central Texas Section of WEAT is looking for your feedback on topics to be presented at our section meetings and at specialty conferences. Please contact Secretary, Susan Kelly with any suggestions that you may have. Also if you are interested in sponsoring a Central Texas Section WEAT event please contact President Elect, Kelly Payne for more information. As always, we thank you for supporting Central Texas WEAT!!!

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