



**Stormwater & Land Development and Construction Work Groups
DRAFT Meeting Agenda
Thursday, February 21, 2013
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
H-GAC Conference Room A, Second Floor**

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Presentation (by phone) by TCEQ on status of construction and MS4 general permit renewals—Rebecca Villalba, Stormwater and Pretreatment team leader, and Hanna Neilsen, stormwater permit writer

Review Notes from Last Year

Update on I-Plan Approval Process

Review Annual Report format

Review Implementation Progress--Items identified in the discussions will be included in the annual report.

Implementation Strategy 4.0: Stormwater and Land Development

- 4.1: Continue Existing Programs—Interim Milestones: 80 programs will continue
 - 80 programs have continued.
- 4.2: Model Best Practices—Interim Milestones: Five local programs highlighted on H-GAC or other appropriate website each year; four to six networking meetings each year.
 - H-GAC has posted MS4 Phase II annual reports on its website.
 - 23 MS4 communities have provided their 2011 Year 4 annual reports, all posted on H-GAC website.
 - 4 MS4 communities have provided their 2012 Year 5 annual reports, all posted on H-GAC website.
 - H-GAC has continued its annual series of workshops focusing on the six minimum control measures. The series also included a “Welcome to the MS4 Program” workshop in November 2012.
- 4.3: Encourage Expansion of Storm Water Management Programs—Interim Milestones: By year five, all permit holders shall expand or focus their existing storm water programs as appropriate; by year five, 30 previously unpermitted entities shall develop new programs
 - On May 22, 2012, about five months ahead of schedule, the Bureau of the Census released its maps of urban areas based on the 2010 Census. A preliminary review suggests that 13 cities and 124 special purpose districts may qualify for coverage as a result of the 2010 census, although many of these may qualify for waivers and not all are inside the BIG project area.
 - Any other progress?

- 4.4: Promote Recognition Programs for Developments that Voluntarily Incorporate Bacteria Reduction Measures—Interim Milestones: Within five years, develop a recognition program; Upon completion of the program development, recognize at least one community each year for five years and an increasing number of communities/projects thereafter, or as specified as part of the program development process; Two communities each year analyze regulations and programs to accommodate participation in existing programs.
 - Green Built Gulf Coast: The Greater Houston Builders Association has developed a certification based on the National Green Building Standard ICC 700-2008, with specifications for the Gulf Coast’s unique climate. Whether the program incorporates bacteria reduction is unclear.
 - H-GAC has received funding from the TCEQ to develop an awards program, and hopes to form an ad hoc group to develop the program.
- 4.5: Provide a Circuit Rider Program—Interim Measureable Milestones: Each year, contact 50 stakeholders and provide five in-depth community consultations.
 - H-GAC has received funding from TCEQ to compile and examine local codes that may present an impediment to implementing low impact development.
 - Note: North Central Texas COG was just beginning a peer-to-peer site visit and information exchange program.
- 4.6: Petition the TCEQ to Facilitate Reimbursement of Bacteria Reduction Measures—Interim Milestone: Letter of commitment (or similar) from TCEQ within three years.
 - Conversations with TCEQ have been ongoing and show progress.

Implementation Strategy 5.0: Construction

- 5.1: Increase Compliance with and Enforcement of Stormwater Management Plans—Interim Milestones: Increases in inspection capacity; number of educational materials distributed and the number of groups receiving educational materials; number of trainings offered and the number of trainees
 - 5.1.1: Increase enforcement at construction sites by increasing percentage of sites inspected
 - MS4 Phase II annual reports—Information from and potential improvements
 - EPA’s recommended ‘Small MS4 Report Form’
 - JTF progress
 - Any other progress?
 - 5.1.2—Develop and distribute educational material to inform contractors, construction site owners, developers, MS4 operators, and citizen of proper construction site practices
 - MS4 Phase II annual reports—Information from and potential improvements
 - Any other progress?

- 5.1.3—Conduct training workshops for contractors, construction site owners, developers, and MS4 operators regarding storm water management best practices and encourage them to in turn require training of their crews
 - H-GAC Clean Water Initiative Workshops (April 11, 2013; last in November 2011, 2012)
 - Houston Chapter of Association of General Contractors (annual calendar)
 - MS4 annual reports
 - Any other progress?

Identify Activities on Which to Focus Efforts

Identify Possible Revisions to the I-Plan—The work group may choose to recommend changes to the I-Plan for consideration by the BIG at its annual meeting.

Confirm Recommendations to the BIG for Annual Report

The workgroup must make recommendations to the BIG regarding activities related to the work group. Using a sample form conceptually approved by the BIG, meeting participants will consider the following:

- Status of activities (not started/in progress/complete, ahead/on/behind schedule)
- Progress
- Achievements
- Focus
- Revisions

Adjourn

BIG Annual Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2013