

What is the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) ?

Created by the Texas Legislature in 1989 (House Bill 1458), the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) strives to improve coordination between state and federal agencies involved in groundwater-related activities. TGPC members include:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Chair
- Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) – Vice Chair
- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
- Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB)
- Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts (TAGD)
- Texas A&M AgriLife Research (AgriLife Research)
- Bureau of Economic Geology of The University of Texas at Austin (UTBEG)
- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR)

A brochure and flyer describing the TGPC are available at <http://tgpc.texas.gov/about-tgpc/>. Major responsibilities of the TGPC include:

- Studying and recommending to the Legislature groundwater protection programs for each area in which groundwater is not protected by current regulation (TCEQ publication SFR-047 – the current report can be found at <http://tgpc.texas.gov/tgpc-publications/>);
- Publishing a report documenting the status of groundwater contamination cases and groundwater monitoring programs (TCEQ publication SFR-056 – the current version of the *Joint Report* can be found at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/water_supply/groundwater/gw_index.html); and,
- Developing and updating a comprehensive *Texas Groundwater Protection Strategy* (TCEQ publication AS-188, http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/comm_exec/pubs/as/188.pdf).

The TGPC has three Subcommittees: Groundwater Issues, Legislative Report, and Public Outreach and Education. The TGPC and its Subcommittees hold quarterly public meetings which are announced on the Secretary of State's website (<http://www.sos.texas.gov>).

The TGPC website functions as a clearinghouse of groundwater information with entire pages devoted to:

- Groundwater Information
- Pesticides
- Water Wells
- Septic Systems
- Groundwater Contamination
- Pollution Prevention
- Water Conservation
- Classroom
- Oil, Gas, and Mining

Additional details about the TGPC and its meetings, Subcommittees, and publications can be found at the TGPC website (<http://www.tgpc.texas.gov>).

For additional Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) related to groundwater quantity, groundwater quality, septic systems, water wells, administrative entities, and publications, visit the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's FAQ webpage at <http://tgpc.texas.gov/frequently-asked-questions-faqs/>.