# How is Groundwater Quality and/or Quantity Affected by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Issue\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ?

White Paper Prepared by the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC) Groundwater Issues (GWI) Subcommittee

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## Executive Summary

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## Acronym List

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## Introduction

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## Full Issue Information and Discussion

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status, trends, implications, etc.

## Conclusion

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## Continuing Research Need(s)

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if applicable

## Recommendation(s) or Policy Option(s)

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recommendation(s) if there is consensus on the issue

policy option(s), including the pros and cons for each option, if there isn’t consensus on the issue

## TGPC GWI Subcommittee

TGPC GWI Subcommittee members include, but are not limited to:

* Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ);
* Texas Water Development Board (TWDB);
* 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);
* Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD);
* Texas Tech University (TTU);
* Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service (AgriLife Extension); and,
* United States Geological Survey (USGS).

The primary goals of the TGPC GWI Subcommittee are to:

* Facilitate interagency communication for assessment programs addressing groundwater contamination;
* Coordinate and assist member agencies with monitoring programs for:
  + Ambient groundwater conditions;
  + Pesticides; and,
  + Emerging contaminants or constituents of concern;
* Support the intent of the *Texas Groundwater Protection Strategy* (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/downloads/groundwater/publications/as-188-texas-groundwater-protection-strategy.pdf>) by:
  + Reviewing published data reports, and evaluating data independent of published reports, to assist in the determination of the effectiveness of existing regulatory programs and to identify potential groundwater contaminants not addressed by existing regulatory programs;
  + Developing recommendations for consideration by the TGPC to address potential groundwater contamination identified through monitoring and data review; and,
  + Developing white papers on the groundwater issues listed in their biannual *Activity Plan* which summarize the best available scientific data on a specific groundwater issue, identify areas where there is insufficient scientific data to thoroughly assess the issue, evaluate the effectiveness of existing regulatory programs to address the issue, and provide recommendations or policy options to the TGPC regarding the issue.

The above recommendations or policy options represent the opinion of the TGPC GWI Subcommittee and do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of each participating organization. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) may have contributed scientific information, only.

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