

# **FY 2018 – 2019 Cypress Creek Basin Quality Assurance Project Plan**

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## List of Acronyms

AWRL	Ambient Water Reporting Limit
BMP	Best Management Practices
BS	Biased to Season Monitoring
CAP	Corrective Action Plan
CE	Collecting Entity
CLI	Caddo Lake Institute
COC	Chain of Custody
CRP	Clean Rivers Program
DMRG	Surface Water Quality Monitoring Data Management Reference Guide, December 2016, or most recent version
DM&A	Data Management and Analysis
DQO	Data Quality Objective
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
FY	Fiscal Year
GIS	Geographical Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
IR	<i>Texas Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)</i>
LCRA ELS	Lower Colorado River Authority Environmental Laboratory Services
LCS	Laboratory Control Sample
LCSD	Laboratory Control Sample Duplicate
LIMS	Laboratory Information Management System
LOD	Limit of Detection
LOQ	Limit of Quantitation
MT	Monitoring Type
NELAP	National Environmental Lab Accreditation Program
NETMWD	Northeast Texas Municipal Water District
QA	Quality Assurance
QM	Quality Manual
QAO	Quality Assurance Officer
QAPP	Quality Assurance Project Plan
QAS	Quality Assurance Specialist
QC	Quality Control
QMP	Quality Management Plan
RT	Routine Monitoring
SE	Submitting Entity
SLOC	Station Location
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
SWQM	Surface Water Quality Monitoring
SWQMIS	Surface Water Quality Monitoring Information System
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TNI	The NELAC Institute
TSWQS	Texas Surface Water Quality Standards
VOA	Volatile Organic Analytes
WMS	Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc.

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## **A4 Project/Task Organization**

### ***Description of Responsibilities***

#### **TCEQ**

##### **Sarah Eagle**

###### **CRP Work Leader**

Responsible for Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) activities supporting the development and implementation of the Texas Clean Rivers Program (CRP). Responsible for verifying that the TCEQ Quality Management Plan (QMP) is followed by CRP staff. Supervises TCEQ CRP staff. Participates in the development, approval, implementation, and maintenance of written QA standards (e.g., Program Guidance, SOPs, QAPPs, QMP). Reviews and responds to any deficiencies, corrective actions, or findings related to the area of responsibility. Oversees the development of Quality Assurance (QA) guidance for the CRP. Reviews and/or approves all QA audits, corrective actions, evaluations, reports, work plans, contracts, QAPPs, and TCEQ Quality Management Plan. Enforces corrective action, as required, where QA protocols are not met. Ensures CRP personnel are fully trained.

##### **Sharon Coleman**

###### **Acting CRP Lead Quality Assurance Specialist**

Participates in the development, approval, implementation, and maintenance of written QA standards (e.g., Program Guidance, SOPs, QAPPs, QMP). Assists program and project manager in developing and implementing quality system. Serves on planning team for CRP special projects. Coordinates the review and approval of CRP QAPPs. Prepares and distributes annual audit plans. Conducts monitoring systems audits of Planning Agencies. Concurs with and monitors implementation of corrective actions. Conveys QA problems to appropriate management. Recommends that work be stopped in order to safeguard programmatic objectives, worker safety, public health, or environmental protection. Ensures maintenance of QAPPs and audit records for the CRP.

##### **Kelly Rodibaugh**

###### **CRP Project Manager**

Responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of CRP contracts. Tracks, reviews, and approves deliverables. Participates in the development, approval, implementation, and maintenance of written QA standards (e.g., Program Guidance, SOPs, QAPPs, QMP). Assists CRP Lead QA Specialist in conducting Basin Planning Agency audits. Verifies QAPPs are being followed by Basin Planning Agency and that projects are producing data of known quality. Coordinates project planning with the Basin Planning Agency Project Manager. Reviews and approves data and reports produced by the Basin Planning Agency. Notifies QA Specialists of circumstances which may adversely affect the quality of data derived from the collection and analysis of samples. Develops, enforces, and monitors corrective action measures to ensure the Basin Planning Agency meets deadlines and scheduled commitments.

##### **Cathy Anderson**

###### **Team Leader, Data Management and Analysis (DM&A) Team**

Participates in the development, approval, implementation, and maintenance of written QA standards (e.g., Program Guidance, SOPs, QAPPs, QMP). Develops and maintains data management-related SOPs for CRP data management. Ensures DM&A staff perform data management-related tasks.

##### **Peter Bohls**

###### **CRP Data Manager, DM&A Team**

Responsible for coordination and tracking of CRP data sets from CRP Project Manager review through approval. Ensures that data are reported following instructions in the DMRG. Runs automated data validation checks in SWQMIS and coordinates data verification and error correction with CRP Project Managers. Generates SWQMIS summary reports to assist CRP Project Managers' data review. Identifies data anomalies and inconsistencies. Provides training and guidance to CRP and Planning Agencies on technical data issues to ensure that data are submitted according to documented procedures. Reviews QAPPs for valid stream monitoring stations. Checks validity of parameter codes, submitting entity code(s), collecting entity code(s), and monitoring type code(s). Develops and maintains data management-related SOPs for CRP data management. Coordinates

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and processes data correction requests. Participates in the development, implementation, and maintenance of written QA standards (e.g., Program Guidance, SOPs, QAPPs, QMP).

### **Kelly Rodibaugh**

#### **CRP Project Quality Assurance Specialist**

Serves as liaison between CRP management and TCEQ QA management. Participates in the development, approval, implementation, and maintenance of written QA standards (e.g., Program Guidance, SOPs, QAPPs, QMP). Serves on planning team for CRP special projects and reviews QAPPs in coordination with other CRP staff. Coordinates documentation and implementation of corrective action for the CRP.

## **Northeast Texas Municipal Water District**

### **Walt Sears, Jr.**

#### **Northeast Texas Municipal Water District General Manager**

Mr. Sears is the General Manager of NETMWD and is a member of the Steering Committee for the Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program. Mr. Sears will provide coordination and cooperation between the project partners, stakeholders, and WMS.

### **Robert Speight**

#### **Northeast Texas Municipal Water District Project Manager**

Responsible for implementing and monitoring CRP requirements in contracts, QAPPs, and QAPP amendments and appendices. Coordinates basin planning activities and work of basin partners. Conducts monitoring systems audits of WMS to ensure QAPPs are followed by the Cypress Creek basin planning agency participants and that projects are producing data of known quality. Ensures that subparticipants are qualified to perform contracted work. Ensures CRP project managers and/or QA Specialists are notified of deficiencies and corrective actions, and that issues are resolved. Responsible for validating that data collected are acceptable for reporting to the TCEQ. Maintains quality-assured data on NETMWD internet sites.

### **Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc.**

WMS contracts with the Northeast Texas Municipal Water District to administer the tasks and responsibilities outlined in this QAPP on behalf of the NETMWD.

### **Randy Rushin**

#### **WMS Project Manager**

Responsible for contact and coordination with NETMWD, TCEQ and other entities participating in the Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program activities. Responsible for reviewing and maintaining the QAPP and monitoring its implementation. Responsible for implementing and monitoring CRP requirements in contracts, QAPPs and QAPP amendments and appendices and maintaining records of sub-tier commitment to requirements specified in this QAPP. Responsible for the supervision of all CRP field activities (water quality, biological sampling and monitoring), including equipment calibration, sampling, sample preservation, fieldwork, sample transport, and chain-of-custody maintenance in compliance with the approved QAPP. Designates WMS staff with subordinate responsibility, and oversees task progress and completion of project deliverables. Responsible for performing necessary data analysis and development of conclusions and recommendations in technical deliverables. Supports NETMWD to ensure that monitoring systems audits on sub-participants are conducted to verify that QAPP's are followed by the Cypress Creek Basin Planning Agency participants; projects are producing data of known quality; subcontractors are qualified to perform contracted work; CRP project managers and/or QA Specialists are notified of deficiencies and non-conformances, and that issues are resolved; and that data are validated and are acceptable for reporting to the TCEQ. Notifies the NETMWD Project Manager of circumstances which may adversely affect the quality of data. Responsible for maintaining records of QAPP distribution, including appendices and amendments. Responsible for maintaining records of QAPP distribution, including appendices and amendments. Responsible for maintaining written records of sub-tier commitment to requirements specified in this QAPP. Ensures that field staff is properly trained and that training records are maintained.

## **Scott Mgebroff**

### **WMS Quality Assurance Officer**

Responsible for coordinating the implementation of the QA program. Coordinates the research and review of technical QA material and data related to water quality monitoring system design and analytical techniques. Responsible for identifying, receiving, and maintaining project QA records. Responsible for coordinating with the TCEQ QAS to resolve QA-related issues. Coordinates and monitors deficiencies, non-conformances and corrective actions; coordinate and maintain records of data verification and validation.

## **Dave Bass**

### **WMS Data Manager**

Works with WMS PM and Data Collection Supervisor to ensure that field sampling is performed in accordance with SOP's, DQO's, and this QAPP, reporting to the WMS QAO any deviation from SOP's or DQO's, maintaining proper documentation of sampling events, sampling preservation, sampling shipment, and field procedures at designated stations. Responsible for the transfer of basin quality-assured water quality data in a format compatible with SWQMIS. Assists QAO with identifying, receiving, and maintaining project QA records. Responsible for coordinating with the TCEQ QAS to resolve QA-related issues. Notifies the WMS PM of particular circumstances which may adversely affect the quality of data. Assists QAO with deficiencies, non-conformances and corrective actions; coordinates and maintains records of data verification and validation. Review data from monitoring events and provide data quality comments to the WMS PM. Responsible for ensuring that field data are properly reviewed and verified.

## **Dr. Roy Darville**

### **Data Collection Supervisor**

Ensures that all field sampling activities are conducted in accordance with this QAPP, reporting to the WMS PM and QAO any deviation from this QAPP, maintaining proper documentation of sampling events, sampling preservation, sampling shipment, and field procedures at designated stations. Responsible for the supervision of all field activities conducted by Caddo Lake Institute (CLI), including water quality sampling and monitoring, and including equipment preparation, sampling, sample preservation, fieldwork, sample transport, and chain-of-custody maintenance in compliance with the approved QAPP. Participates in field data collection activities.



## **Lower Colorado River Authority Environmental Laboratory Services (LCRA ELS)**

### **Jason Woods**

#### **Laboratory Project Manager**

Responsible for analyses performed by LCRA ELS. Responsible for project set up in LIMS. Serves as the primary point of contact for all laboratory activity conducted by LCRA under this QAPP.

### **Roland Garcia**

#### **Laboratory Manager**

Responsible for the overall performance, administration, and reporting of analyses performed by LCRA ELS. Responsible for ensuring that laboratory personnel involved in generating analytical data have adequate training and a thorough knowledge of the QAPP and all SOPs specific to the analysis or task performed and or supervised. Responsible for oversight of all operations, ensuring that all QA/QC requirements are met, and documentation related to the analysis is completely and accurately reported.

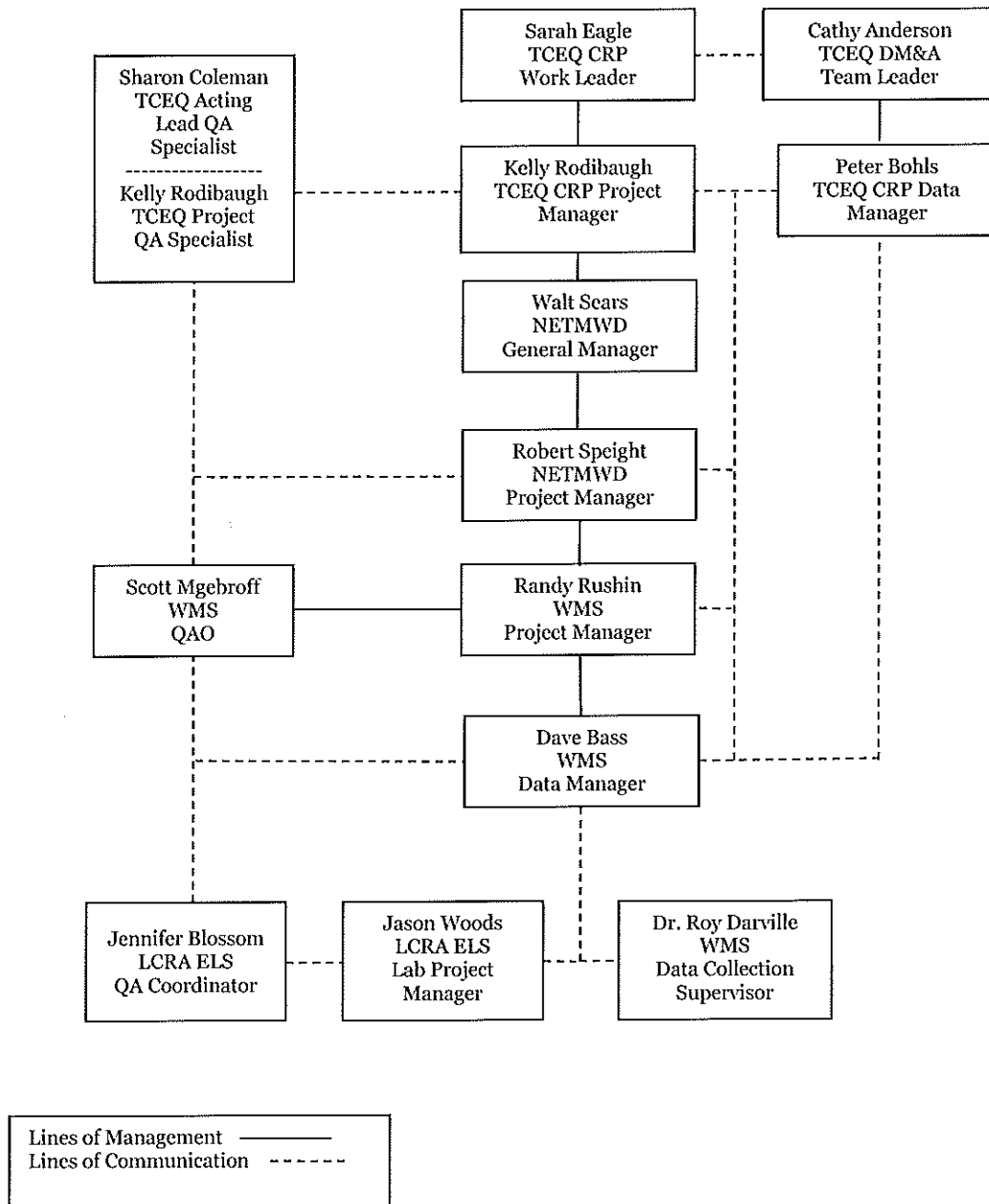
### **Jennifer Blossom**

#### **Quality Assurance Coordinator**

Responsible for the overall quality control and quality assurance of analyses performed by LCRA's ELS. Monitors the implementation of the QM/QAPP within the laboratory to ensure complete compliance with QA data quality objectives, as defined by the contract and in the QAPP. Conducts in-house audits to ensure compliance with written SOPs and to identify potential problems. Responsible for supervising and verifying all aspects of the QA/QC in the laboratory.

# Project Organization Chart

## Figure A4.1. Organization Chart - Lines of Communication



## A5 Problem Definition/Background

In 1991, the Texas Legislature passed the Texas Clean River Act (Senate Bill 818) in response to growing concerns that water resource issues were not being pursued in an integrated, systematic manner. The act requires that ongoing water quality assessments be conducted for each river basin in Texas, an approach that integrates water quality issues within the watershed. The CRP legislation mandates that each river authority (or local governing entity) shall submit quality-assured data collected in the river basin to the commission. Quality-assured data in the context of the legislation means data that comply with TCEQ rules for surface water quality monitoring (SWQM) programs, including rules governing the methods under which water samples are collected and analyzed and data from those samples are assessed and maintained. This QAPP addresses the program developed between the NETMWD and the TCEQ to carry out the activities mandated by the legislation. The QAPP was developed and will be implemented in accordance with provisions of the TCEQ Quality Management Plan, January 2017 or most recent version (QMP).

The purpose of this QAPP is to clearly delineate NETMWD QA policy, management structure, and procedures which will be used to implement the QA requirements necessary to verify and validate the surface water quality data collected. The QAPP is reviewed by the TCEQ to help ensure that data generated for the purposes described above are scientifically valid and legally defensible. This process will ensure that data collected under this QAPP and submitted to SWQMIS have been collected and managed in a way that guarantees its reliability and therefore can be used in water quality assessments, total maximum daily load (TMDL) development, establishing water quality standards, making permit decisions and used by other programs deemed appropriate by the TCEQ. Project results will be used to support the achievement of CRP objectives, as contained in the *Clean Rivers Program Guidance and Reference Guide FY 2018 -2019*.

The Cypress Creek Basin in Texas consists of three major watersheds converging at the lowermost segment of Big Cypress Creek (Segment 0402). The four largest reservoirs in the basin are Caddo Lake (Segment 0401), Lake O' the Pines (Segment 0403), Lake Bob Sandlin (Segment 0408), and Lake Cypress Springs (Segment 0405). These four reservoirs are impoundments of Big Cypress Creek and are designated for use as public water supplies. Four smaller reservoirs (Monticello, Welch, Ellison Creek, and Johnson Creek) have been constructed on tributary streams to be used primarily as cooling ponds for steam-electric power plants. While shoreline development has been permitted only around Lake Cypress Springs, recreational and retirement housing construction continues within the small watersheds draining directly into Lake Bob Sandlin, Lake O' the Pines and Caddo Lake.

The Cypress Creek Basin water quality monitoring program has been established to collect surface water samples within the basin and to provide longitudinal water quality data for continuing evaluation of water quality. Previous efforts of other monitoring agencies have established reliable and useful data for evaluation under the SWQM water quality screening procedures. Monitoring data has been collected at gage locations within each of the ten segments of the Cypress Creek Basin since 1981.

This Cypress Creek Basin water quality monitoring plan was developed to maintain consistent sampling through time and locations, provide data analyzed using consistent detection limits, and address water quality impairments and concerns throughout the basin. Low dissolved oxygen (DO) concentrations occur in stream and marginal reservoir habitats throughout the Cypress Creek Basin. All segments except 0408 (Lake Bob Sandlin), 0405 (Lake Cypress Springs), and 0403 (Lake O' the Pines) have reaches on the *2014 303(d) List*, or for which concerns about low DO concentrations are expressed in the *2014 Texas Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)* (IR). In most locations, the low DO concentrations are associated with natural low flow conditions and high levels of photosynthesis and respiration.

Marginal and backwater habitats in Caddo Lake, as in Lake O' the Pines, occasionally exhibit DO concentrations below the segment standard for support of aquatic life. However, these episodes are not generally accompanied by large daily changes in DO concentrations, and often reflect relatively constant, low concentrations throughout a 24-hour sample period. Caddo Lake has a lower nutrient load than Lake O' the Pines, and consequently does not support intense algal production during summer conditions. It is more likely in Caddo Lake that an intense oxygen demand is produced from the sediments during summer conditions, primarily from the decomposition of rooted plants mass-produced with the help of nutrients in the sediment. The 2014 IR also includes a review of the DO levels in Caddo Lake which highlighted a pattern of lower DO in the upper end of the lake.

Assessment units in segments 0402, 0404, 0406, 0407, 0409 and 0410 have concerns for, or are listed as impaired for bacteria levels. In 2011, data collection was completed for a collaborative effort to assess sources for the listings in 0404 (Big Cypress Creek), 0404B (Tankersley Creek), and 0404C (Hart Creek). This approach to assessing bacteria loading is one option to consider in the other listed watersheds in the basin.

Except for ammonia, nutrient concentrations in streams rarely exceed TCEQ screening levels. However, total phosphorus and total nitrogen concentrations in streams throughout the Cypress Creek Basin are usually at levels that can result in excessive algal growth under low flow conditions or in impoundments. The heaviest loads have been observed originating from the Tankersley Creek watershed, and to a lesser extent, from other tributary watersheds in the upper part of the basin, for example, Prairie and Lilly Creeks, and the tributaries to Lake Cypress Springs and Lake Bob Sandlin. Some phosphorus and a large proportion of the nitrogen load is lost during transport in Big Cypress Creek from the vicinity of Mount Pleasant and Pittsburg to the headwaters of Lake O' the Pines, presumably through biological activity and trapping in the floodplain.

Low pH values, toxicity in water and sediments, and mercury in fish tissues appear to be phenomena associated with the lower portion of the Cypress Creek Basin. The lower basin coincides with predominantly acid soils and forested watersheds that result in "soft", acidic waters of relatively low buffering capacity. Those conditions, coupled with the intense biological activity associated with a warm, shallow, eutrophic environment are thought to be conducive to the mobilization of heavy metals, such as mercury, into aquatic food chains.

Despite the widespread occurrence of low DO concentrations, elevated nutrient and bacteria levels and other water quality problems, biological communities in streams throughout the Cypress Creek Basin continue to exhibit the abundance, trophic structure (the mixture of herbivores, detritivores and predators), and diversity appropriate to, or better than, that expected based on the quality of the habitat at those locations. To the extent that low DO concentrations are associated with low flow conditions, it is likely that aquatic communities in the Cypress Creek Basin are, to some extent, adapted to tolerate conditions that occur at least occasionally during summer conditions even in minimally disturbed streams.

The primary goal of the Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program is to provide the appropriate, quality assured data to allow continuing assessment and management of water quality in the Cypress Creek Basin. Objectives of this monitoring program include local participation in the collection and submittal of quality-assured data to provide the TCEQ with reliable information concerning water quality conditions within the basin. Assessment of accurate information provides valuable insight into the nature and source of water quality problems and successes. These assessments, along with sound decisions based on the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards (TSWQS) help in the evaluation of permit requirements with respect to water quality conditions and trends to specific water bodies in the basin. These evaluations, in addition to historical data, are used to support the development of cost-effective water quality management programs.

## **A6 Project/Task Description**

Assessment and management of water quality within the Cypress Creek Basin is dependent on quality-assured data. Water quality monitoring and data collection is a primary function of the Clean Rivers Program. Water quality monitoring in the Cypress Creek Basin is made possible through a cooperative program directed by NETMWD. Program participants assisting NETMWD in planning, data collection, analysis, and reporting of water quality data include WMS, TCEQ, the Clean Rivers Program Steering Committee members, basin partners Caddo Lake Institute (CLI) and affiliates, Pilgrim's Pride Corporation, Franklin County Water District, Titus County Fresh Water District #1, US Steel Tubular Products, Luminant, and the USGS.

The monitoring schedule was originally based on a five-year rotating basin approach, with one group of stations monitored in close proximity during each of the five years to investigate known concerns and detect potential ones. The goal was complete coverage of the basin by the end of the schedule rotation. The design and site selection approach taken over the last few years, however, has focused attention on specific watersheds and water bodies known or suspected to have water quality issues based either on local public concern or assessment unit information contained in the TCEQ 2014 *Texas Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 305(b) and 303(d)*. For FY 2018, sampling will continue without the intentional examination of any particular target environmental condition or event

The monitoring program for the Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program is divided into two major areas: (1)

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water quality monitoring via routine (RT) station monitoring and (2) monitoring that is biased to season (BS).

Routine monitoring of physical, chemical, and bacteriological parameters is used primarily to populate SWQMIS with data usable for assessment. A major objective of this monitoring type is to improve the ability to identify trends and water quality changes in the major sub-basins of the Cypress Creek Basin. Reservoir monitoring usually occurs near the dam and in the major arms that receive contributory surface inflow from rivers and streams. Monitoring of reservoir aquatic habitat can serve as an indicator of upstream problems and possible near shore impacts. Different sub-watershed areas of the basin and their stations are generally sampled quarterly to provide information on water quality conditions.

Biased-to-season monitoring is accomplished by collecting DO, pH, conductance, and temperature values over a period of twenty-four hours (diel). BS monitoring will be conducted with no less than one-half and no more than two-thirds of the monitoring occurring in the index period, and no less than one fourth and no more than one-third will be collected in the critical period. Index and critical period is determined following the definition published in *Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods, Chapter 2*. In FY2018, diel monitoring will be performed at four stations with a similar effort expected in FY 2019.

See Appendix B for the project-related work plan tasks and schedule of deliverables for a description of work defined in this QAPP.

See Appendix B for sampling design and monitoring pertaining to this QAPP.

## **Amendments to the QAPP**

Revisions to the QAPP may be necessary to address incorrectly documented information or to reflect changes in project organization, tasks, schedules, objectives, and methods. NETMWD will submit a completed QAPP Amendment document, including a justification of the amendment, a table of changes, and all pages, sections or attachments affected by the amendment. Amendments are effective immediately upon approval by the NETMWD and WMS Project Managers, the WMS QAO, the CRP Project Manager, the TCEQ QA Manager (or designee), the CRP Lead QA Specialist, and additional parties affected by the amendment. Amendments are not retroactive. No work shall be implemented without an approved QAPP or amendment prior to the start of work. Any activities under this contract that commence prior to the approval of the governing QA document constitute a deficiency and are subject to corrective action as described in section C1 of this QAPP. Any deviation or deficiency from this QAPP which occurs after the execution of this QAPP should be addressed through a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). An Amendment may be a component of a CAP to prevent future recurrence of a deviation. Amendments will be incorporated into the QAPP by way of attachment and distributed to personnel on the distribution list by the WMS Project Manager. WMS will secure an adherence letter from each sub-tier project participant (e.g., subcontractors, sub-participant, or other units of government) affected by the amendment stating the organization's awareness of and commitment to requirements contained in each amendment to the QAPP. The WMS PM will maintain this documentation as part of the project's QA records, and ensure that the documentation is available for review.

## **Special Project Appendices**

Projects requiring QAPP appendices will be planned by WMS in consultation with the NETMWD and the TCEQ Project Manager and TCEQ technical staff. Appendices will be written in an abbreviated format and will reference the Basin QAPP where appropriate. Appendices will be approved by the NETMWD and WMS Project Managers, the WMS QAO, the LCRA ELS (as applicable), and the CRP Project Manager, the CRP Project QA Specialist, the TCEQ QA Manager (or designee), other TCEQ personnel, and additional parties affected by the Appendix, as appropriate. Copies of approved QAPP appendices will be distributed by WMS to project participants before data collection activities commence. WMS will secure written documentation from each sub-tier project participant (e.g., subcontractors, subparticipants, other units of government) stating the organization's awareness of and commitment to requirements contained in each special project appendix to the QAPP. WMS will maintain this documentation as part of the project's QA records, and ensure that the documentation is available for review.

## A7 Quality Objectives and Criteria

The purpose of routine water quality monitoring is to collect surface water quality data that can be used to characterize water quality conditions, identify significant long-term water quality trends, support water quality standards development, support the permitting process, and conduct water quality assessments in accordance with TCEQ's [Guidance for Assessing and Reporting Surface Water Quality in Texas, June 2015](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/waterquality/swqm/assess/14txir/2014_guidance.pdf) or most recent version ([https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/waterquality/swqm/assess/14txir/2014\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/waterquality/swqm/assess/14txir/2014_guidance.pdf)). These water quality data, and data collected by other organizations (e.g., USGS, TCEQ, etc.), will be subsequently reconciled for use and assessed by the TCEQ.

The measurement performance specifications to support the project purpose for a minimum data set are specified in Appendix A: Table A7.1 and in the text following.

### Ambient Water Reporting Limits (AWRLs)

The AWRL establishes the reporting specification at or below which data for a parameter must be reported to be compared with freshwater screening criteria. The AWRLs specified in Appendix A, Table A7.1 are the program-defined reporting specifications for each analyte and yield data acceptable for the TCEQ's water quality assessment. A [full listing of AWRLs](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/waterquality/crp/QA/awrlmaster.pdf) can be found at <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/waterquality/crp/QA/awrlmaster.pdf>.

The limit of quantitation (LOQ) is the minimum level, concentration, or quantity of a target variable (e.g., target analyte) that can be reported with a specified degree of confidence by the laboratory analyzing the sample. Analytical results shall be reported down to the laboratory's LOQ (i.e., the laboratory's LOQ for a given parameter is its reporting limit).

The following requirements must be met in order to report results to the CRP:

- The laboratory's LOQ for each analyte must be at or below the AWRL as a matter of routine practice.
- The laboratory must demonstrate its ability to quantitate at its LOQ for each analyte by running an LOQ check sample for each analytical batch of CRP samples analyzed.
- Control limits for LOQ check samples are found in Appendix A.

Laboratory Measurement Quality Control Requirements and Acceptability Criteria are provided in Section B5.

### Precision

Precision is the degree to which a set of observations or measurements of the same property, obtained under similar conditions, conform to themselves. It is a measure of agreement among replicate measurements of the same property, under prescribed similar conditions, and is an indication of random error.

Laboratory precision is assessed by comparing replicate analyses of laboratory control samples (LCS) in the sample matrix (e.g. deionized water, sand, commercially available tissue) or sample/duplicate pairs in the case of bacterial analysis. Precision results are compared against measurement performance specifications and used during evaluation of analytical performance. Program-defined measurement performance specifications for precision are defined in Appendix A.

### Bias

Bias is a statistical measurement of correctness and includes multiple components of systematic error. A measurement is considered unbiased when the value reported does not differ from the true value. Bias is determined through the analysis of LCS and LOQ Check Samples prepared with verified and known amounts of all target analytes in the sample matrix (e.g. deionized water, sand, commercially available tissue) and by calculating percent recovery. Results are compared against measurement performance specifications and used during evaluation of analytical performance. Program-defined measurement performance specifications for bias are specified in Appendix A.

### Representativeness

Site selection, the appropriate sampling regime, the sampling of all pertinent media according to TCEQ SOPs, and use of only approved analytical methods will assure that the measurement data represents the conditions at

the site. Routine data collected under CRP for water quality assessment are considered to be spatially and temporally representative of routine water quality conditions. Water Quality data are collected on a routine frequency and are separated by approximately even time intervals. At a minimum, samples are collected over at least two seasons (to include inter-seasonal variation) and over two years (to include inter-year variation) and include some data collected during an index period (March 15- October 15). Although data may be collected during varying regimes of weather and flow, the data sets will not be biased toward unusual conditions of flow, runoff, or season. The goal for meeting total representation of the water body will be tempered by the potential funding for complete representativeness.

### **Comparability**

Confidence in the comparability of routine data sets for this project and for water quality assessments is based on the commitment of project staff to use only approved sampling and analysis methods and QA/QC protocols in accordance with quality system requirements and as described in this QAPP and in TCEQ SOPs.

Comparability is also guaranteed by reporting data in standard units, by using accepted rules for rounding figures, and by reporting data in a standard format as specified in the Data Management Plan Section B10.

### **Completeness**

The completeness of the data is basically a relationship of how much of the data are available for use compared to the total potential data. Ideally, 100% of the data should be available. However, the possibility of unavailable data due to accidents, insufficient sample volume, broken or lost samples, etc. is to be expected. Therefore, it will be a general goal of the project(s) that 90% data completion is achieved.

## **A8 Special Training/Certification**

Before new field personnel independently conduct field work, WMS PM and Data Collection Supervisor trains him/her in proper instrument calibration, field sampling techniques, and field analysis procedures. The QA officer (or designee) will document the successful field demonstration. The QA Officer (or designee) will retain documentation of training and the successful field demonstration in the employee's personnel file, and the documentation will be available during monitoring systems audits.

The requirements for Global Positioning System (GPS) certification are located in Section B10, Data Management.

Contractors and subcontractors must ensure that laboratories analyzing samples under this QAPP meet the requirements contained in section The NELAC Institute Standard (2009) Volume 1, Module 2, Section 4.5.5 (concerning Subcontracting of Environmental Tests).

## **A9 Documents and Records**

The documents and records that describe, specify, report, or certify activities are listed.

**Table A9.1 Project Documents and Records**

Document/Record	Location	Retention (yrs)	Format
QAPPs, amendments and appendices	NETMWD/WMS**	7	Paper/Electronic
Field SOPs	NETMWD/WMS**	7	Paper/Electronic
Laboratory Quality Manuals	LCRA ELS*	5	Paper/Electronic
Laboratory SOPs	LCRA ELS*	5	Paper/Electronic
QAPP distribution documentation	NETMWD/WMS**	7	Paper/Electronic
Field staff training records	NETMWD/WMS**	5	Paper/Electronic
Field equipment calibration/maintenance logs	WMS**/CLI	5	Electronic/Paper
Field instrument printouts	WMS**/CLI	5	Electronic/Paper
Field notebooks or data sheets	WMS**/CLI	5	Electronic/Paper
Chain of Custody records	NETMWD/WMS**	7	Electronic
Laboratory calibration records	LCRA ELS*	5	Paper
Laboratory instrument printouts	LCRA ELS*	5	Paper
Laboratory data reports/results	NETMWD/WMS**/ LCRA ELS*	5	Paper/Electronic /Paper
Laboratory equipment maintenance logs	LCRA ELS*	5	Paper
QC data log	WMS	5	Electronic
Corrective Action Documentation	NETMWD/WMS**/ LCRA ELS*	5	Paper/Electronic /Paper

\*Laboratory Records must be retained in accordance with the NELAC Standards

\*\*WMS will transfer all paper documents to NETMWD annually and will retain electronic copies only.

### Laboratory Test Reports

Test/data reports from the laboratory must document the test results clearly and accurately. Routine data reports should be consistent with the TNI Standard (2009), Volume 1, Module 2, Section 5.10 and include the information necessary for the interpretation and validation of data. The requirements for reporting data and the procedures are provided.

- Title of report
- Name and address of the laboratory
- Name and address of the client
- A clear identification of the sample(s) analyzed
- Station, date and time of sample collection/receipt
- Identification of method used
- Identification of samples that did not meet QA requirements and why (e.g., holding times exceeded)
- Sample results
- Units of measurement
- Sample matrix
- Dry weight or wet weight (as applicable)
- Sample depth
- Name and title of person authorizing the report
- Project-specific quality control results to include: equipment and field blank results (as applicable)
- Narrative information on QC failures or deviations from requirements that may affect the quality of results or is necessary for verification and validation of data.
- Holding time for *E. coli*.
- LOQ and LOD (formerly referred to as the reporting limit and the method detection limit, respectively), and qualification of results outside the working range (if applicable)



## Certification of NELAP compliance

The information in test reports will be consistent with the information that is needed to prepare data submittals to TCEQ. Otherwise, reports will be consistent with the TNI Standards and will include any additional information critical to the review, verification, validation, and interpretation of data.

## Electronic Data

After data collection, data sheets and applicable QA documentation (calibration logs) will be scanned into a portable document format (pdf) file and electronically submitted to the WMS Project Manager. Laboratory data is also sent electronically to the WMS Project Manager.

The WMS Project Manager compiles and electronically distributes data files to the WMS QAO and Data Manager as they are received. Once the data have been verified, validated and formatted, the WMS Data Manager will electronically submit the files to the WMS and NETWMD Project Managers. Once approved, the WMS Data Manager will submit the data files to TCEQ Project Manager.

Data will be submitted electronically to the TCEQ in the Event/Result file format described in the most current version of the [DMRG](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/data-management/dmrg_index.html), which can be found at [https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/data-management/dmrg\\_index.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/data-management/dmrg_index.html). A completed Data Review Checklist and Data Summary (see Appendix F) will be submitted with each data submittal.

## B1 Sampling Process Design

See Appendix B for sampling process design information and monitoring tables associated with data collected under this QAPP.

## B2 Sampling Methods

### Field Sampling Procedures

Field sampling will be conducted in accordance with the latest versions of the TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods for Water, Sediment, and Tissue, 2012.(RG-415) and Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data, 2014 (RG-416), collectively referred to as "SWQM Procedures". Updates to SWQM Procedures are posted to the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures website

([https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/monitoring/swqm\\_guides.html](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/waterquality/monitoring/swqm_guides.html)), and shall be incorporated into the NETMWD's procedures, QAPP, SOPs, etc., within 60 days of any final published update. Additional aspects outlined in Section B below reflect specific requirements for sampling under CRP and/or provide additional clarification.

**Table B2.1 Sample Storage, Preservation and Handling Requirements**

Parameter	Matrix	Container	Preservation	Sample Volume	Holding Time
TSS	Water	New Plastic or New Cubitainer	Cool to < 6 °C, dark	400 ml	7 days
Alkalinity	Water			100 ml	14 days
Sulfate	Water			100 ml	28 days
Chloride	Water			100 ml	28 days
Nitrate and Nitrite (N)	Water			150 ml	48 hrs
Ammonia	Water	New Plastic or New Cubitainer	1-2 ml conc. H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH <2 and cool to < 6 °C, dark	150 ml	28 days
Total Phosphorus	Water			150 ml	28 days
TKN	Water			200 ml	28 days
TOC	Water			100 ml	28 days
Chlorophyll a/ Pheophytin	Water	New Amber Glass	Dark and ice before filtration; Dark and frozen after filtration	1000 ml	≤ 48 hrs Unfiltered 24 days Filtered
<i>E. coli</i>	Water	Plastic (sterile)	Cool to < 6 °C, dark sample container with sodium thiosulfate powder	125 ml	8 hours +

<sup>+</sup>*E.coli* samples should always be processed as soon as possible and incubated no later than 8 hours from time of collection. When transport conditions necessitate sample incubation after 8 hours from time of collection, the holding time may be extended and samples must be processed as soon as possible and within 30 hours.

### Sample Containers

Certificates from sample container manufacturers are maintained in a notebook by the LCRA ELS. All sample containers will be provided by the LCRA ELS and will be purchased pre-cleaned and disposable. All containers will have preservatives added prior to shipment from the LCRA ELS.

- The bacteriological sample containers are the 120 and 290 mL bottles from IDEXX.
- Brown polyethylene bottles are provided for chlorophyll-a sampling.

*No bottles will be reused for sampling.*

## **Processes to Prevent Contamination**

Procedures outlined in SWQM Procedures outline the necessary steps to prevent contamination of samples. These include: direct collection into sample containers, when possible; use of certified containers for organics; and clean sampling techniques for metals. Field QC samples (identified in Section B5) are collected to verify that contamination has not occurred.

## **Documentation of Field Sampling Activities**

Field sampling activities are documented on field data sheets as presented in Appendix D. Flow worksheets, aquatic life use monitoring checklists, habitat assessment forms, field biological assessment forms, and records of bacteriological analyses (if applicable) are part of the field data record. Parameters which are preferred by the SWQM and Water Quality Standards Programs are highlighted in the shell A7 document. The following will be recorded for all visits:

Station ID  
Sampling Date  
Location  
Sampling Depth  
Sampling Time  
Sample Collector's name and signature  
Values for all field parameters collected

Notes containing detailed observational data not captured by field parameters, including;

Water appearance  
Weather  
Biological activity  
Recreational activity  
Unusual odors  
Pertinent observations related to water quality or stream uses  
Watershed or instream activities  
Specific sample information  
Missing parameters

## **Recording Data**

For the purposes of this section and subsequent sections, all field and laboratory personnel follow the basic rules for recording information as documented below:

- Write legibly, in indelible ink
- Changes are made by crossing out original entries with a single line strike-out, entering the changes, and initialing and dating the corrections.
- Close-out incomplete pages with an initialed and dated diagonal line.

## **Sampling Method Requirements or Sampling Process Design Deficiencies, and Corrective Action**

Examples of sampling method requirements or sample design deficiencies include but are not limited to such things as inadequate sample volume due to spillage or container leaks, failure to preserve samples appropriately, contamination of a sample bottle during collection, storage temperature and holding time exceedance, sampling at the wrong site, etc. Any deviations from the QAPP, SWQM Procedures, or appropriate sampling procedures may invalidate data, and require documented corrective action. Corrective action may include for samples to be discarded and re-collected. It is the responsibility of the NETMWD Project Manager, in consultation with the WMS Project Manager and WMS QAO, to ensure that the actions and resolutions to the problems are documented and that records are maintained in accordance with this QAPP. In addition, these actions and resolutions will be conveyed to the CRP Project Manager both verbally and in writing in the project progress reports and by completion of a CAP.

The definition of and process for handling deficiencies and corrective action are defined in Section C1.

## **B3 Sample Handling and Custody**

### ***Sample Tracking***

Proper sample handling and custody procedures ensure the custody and integrity of samples beginning at the time of sampling and continuing through transport, sample receipt, preparation, and analysis.

A sample is in custody if it is in actual physical possession or in a secured area that is restricted to authorized personnel. The Chain of Custody (COC) form is a record that documents the possession of the samples from the time of collection to receipt in the laboratory. The following information concerning the sample is recorded on the COC form (See Appendix E). The following list of items matches the COC form in Appendix E.

- Date and time of collection
- Site identification
- Sample matrix
- Number of containers
- Preservative used
- Was the sample filtered
- Analyses required
- Name of collector
- Custody transfer signatures and dates and time of transfer
- Bill of lading, if applicable

### ***Sample Labeling***

Samples from the field are labeled on the container, or on a label; with an indelible marker. Label information includes:

- Site identification
- Date and time of collection
- Preservative added, if applicable
- Indication of field-filtration for metals, as applicable
- Sample type (i.e., analyses) to be performed

### ***Sample Handling***

The WMS Data Manager or designee will notify LCRA ELS prior to each sampling event with information regarding the expected sampling date and number of sample containers required. The LCRA ELS will deliver all sample containers, ice chests, and appropriate chain-of-custody forms to a pre-determined location prior to each sampling event. The containers used will be provided by LCRA ELS, will be pre-cleaned with proper techniques, supplied with correct preservatives, and labeled accordingly. Quality control for sample containers will be provided by LCRA ELS.

The Data Collection Supervisor will be responsible for ensuring that samples are collected using approved TCEQ methods. A Chain-of-Custody form will be completed for each sample collected during the sampling event. Samples will be shipped to LCRA ELS or arrangements will be made with LCRA ELS for sample pick up at a pre-determined location after each day's sampling event is completed in order to assure that the chain-of-custody forms are correctly filled out and signed. The LCRA ELS transfer custodian will also see that the samples arrive within holding time constraints. LCRA ELS will have a sample custodian who examines all arriving samples for proper documentation, and proper preservation. This custodian will accept delivery by signing the final portion of the chain-of-custody form. The sample custodian will log and monitor the progress of the samples through the analysis stage. Internal sample handling, custody, and storage procedures are described in LCRA ELS's Quality Manual(s).

## ***Sample Tracking Procedure Deficiencies and Corrective Action***

All deficiencies associated with COC procedures, as described in this QAPP, are immediately reported to the WMS Project Manager. These include such items as delays in transfer resulting in holding time violations; violations of sample preservation requirements; incomplete documentation, including signatures; possible tampering of samples; broken or spilled samples, etc. The NETMWD Project Manager in consultation with the WMS Project Manager and WMS QAO will determine if the procedural violation may have compromised the validity of the resulting data. Any failures that have reasonable potential to compromise data validity will invalidate data and the sampling event should be repeated. The resolution of the situation will be reported to the TCEQ CRP Project Manager in the project progress report. CAPs will be prepared by the WMS QAO and submitted to TCEQ CRP Project Manager along with project progress report.

The definition of and process for handling deficiencies and corrective action are defined in Section C1.

## **B4 Analytical Methods**

The analytical methods, associated matrices, and performing laboratories are listed in Appendix A. The authority for analysis methodologies under CRP is derived from the 30 Tex. Admin. Code ch. 307, in that data generally are generated for comparison to those standards and/or criteria. The Texas Surface Water Quality Standards state "Procedures for laboratory analysis must be in accordance with the most recently published edition of the book entitled Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, the TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures as amended, 40 CFR 136, or other reliable procedures acceptable to the TCEQ, and in accordance with chapter 25 of this title."

Laboratories collecting data under this QAPP must be NELAP-accredited in accordance with 30 TAC Chapter 25.

### ***Standards Traceability***

All standards used in the field and laboratory are traceable to certified reference materials. Standards preparation is fully documented and maintained in a standards log book. Each documentation includes information concerning the standard identification, starting materials, including concentration, amount used and lot number; date prepared, expiration date and preparer's initials/signature. The reagent bottle is labeled in a way that will trace the reagent back to preparation.

### ***Analytical Method Deficiencies and Corrective Actions***

Deficiencies in field and laboratory measurement systems involve, but are not limited to such things as instrument malfunctions, failures in calibration, blank contamination, quality control samples outside QAPP defined limits, etc. In many cases, the field technician or lab analyst will be able to correct the problem. If the problem is resolvable by the field technician or lab analyst, then they will document the problem on the field data sheet or laboratory record and complete the analysis. If the problem is not resolvable, the LCRA ELS Quality Assurance Coordinator is notified, and the nature and disposition of the problem is reported on the data report which is sent to the NETMWD and WMS Project Managers. If the analytical system failure may compromise the sample results, the resulting data will not be reported to the TCEQ. The NETMWD Project Manager will include this information in the CAP and submit with the Progress Report which is sent to the TCEQ CRP Project Manager.

The definition of and process for handling deficiencies and corrective action are defined in Section C1.

The TCEQ has determined that analyses associated with qualifier codes (e.g., "holding time exceedance", "sample received unpreserved", "estimated value") may have unacceptable measurement uncertainty associated with them. This will immediately disqualify analyses from submittal to SWQMIS. Therefore, data with these types of problems should not be reported to the TCEQ. Additionally, any data collected or analyzed by means other than those stated in the QAPP, or data suspect for any reason should not be submitted for loading and storage in SWQMIS. However, when data is lost, its absence will be described in the data summary report submitted with the corresponding data set, and a corrective action plan (as described in section C1) may be necessary.

## **B5 Quality Control**

### ***Sampling Quality Control Requirements and Acceptability Criteria***

The minimum field QC requirements, and program-specific laboratory QC requirements, are outlined in SWQM Procedures. None of the parameters covered in this QAPP require the collection of field QC samples.

### ***Laboratory Measurement Quality Control Requirements and Acceptability Criteria***

#### **Batch**

A batch is defined as environmental samples that are prepared and/or analyzed together with the same process and personnel, using the same lot(s) of reagents. A preparation batch is composed of one to 20 environmental samples of the same NELAP-defined matrix, meeting the above mentioned criteria and with a maximum time between the start of processing of the first and last sample in the batch to be 25 hours. An analytical batch is composed of prepared environmental samples (extract, digestates, or concentrates) which are analyzed together as a group. An analytical batch can include prepared samples originating from various environmental matrices and can exceed 20 samples.

#### **Method Specific QC requirements**

QC samples, other than those specified later this section, are run (e.g., sample duplicates, surrogates, internal standards, continuing calibration samples, interference check samples, positive control, negative control, and media blank) as specified in the methods and in SWQM Procedures. The requirements for these samples, their acceptance criteria or instructions for establishing criteria, and corrective actions are method-specific.

Detailed laboratory QC requirements and corrective action procedures are contained within the individual laboratory quality manuals (QMs). The minimum requirements that all participants abide by are stated below.

#### **Comparison Counting**

For routine bacteriological samples, repeat counts on one or more positive samples are required, at least monthly. If possible, compare counts with an analyst who also performs the analysis. Replicate counts by the same analyst should agree within 5 percent, and those between analysts should agree within 10 percent. Record the results.

#### **Limit of Quantitation (LOQ)**

The laboratory will analyze a calibration standard (if applicable) at the LOQ published in Appendix A, Table A7, on each day calibrations are performed. In addition, an LOQ check sample will be analyzed with each analytical batch. Calibrations including the standard at the LOQ listed in Appendix A, 7.1 will meet the calibration requirements of the analytical method or corrective action will be implemented.

#### **LOQ Check Sample**

An LOQ check sample consists of a sample matrix (e.g., deionized water, sand, commercially available tissue) free from the analytes of interest spiked with verified known amounts of analytes or a material containing known and verified amounts of analytes. It is used to establish intra-laboratory bias to assess the performance of the measurement system at the lower limits of analysis. The LOQ check sample is spiked into the sample matrix at a level less than or equal to the LOQ published in Appendix A, Table A7, for each analyte for each analytical batch of CRP samples run. If it is determined that samples have exceeded the high range of the calibration curve, samples should be diluted or run on another curve. For diluted or high concentration samples run on batches with calibration curves that do not include the LOQ published in Appendix A, Table A7, a check sample will be run at the low end of the calibration curve.

The LOQ check sample is carried through the complete preparation and analytical process. LOQ Check Samples are run at a rate of one per analytical batch.

The percent recovery of the LOQ check sample is calculated using the following equation in which %R is percent recovery,  $S_R$  is the sample result, and  $S_A$  is the reference concentration for the check sample:

$$\%R = S_R / S_A \times 100$$

Measurement performance specifications are used to determine the acceptability of LOQ Check Sample analyses as specified in Appendix A Table A7.1.

### Laboratory Control Sample (LCS)

An LCS consists of a sample matrix (e.g., deionized water, sand, commercially available tissue) free from the analytes of interest spiked with verified known amounts of analytes or a material containing known and verified amounts of analytes. It is used to establish intra-laboratory bias to assess the performance of the measurement system. The LCS is spiked into the sample matrix at a level less than or near the midpoint of the calibration for each analyte. In cases of test methods with very long lists of analytes, LCSs are prepared with all the target analytes and not just a representative number, except in cases of organic analytes with multiplex responses.

The LCS is carried through the complete preparation and analytical process. LCSs are run at a rate of one per preparation batch.

Results of LCSs are calculated by percent recovery (%R), which is defined as 100 times the measured concentration, divided by the true concentration of the spiked sample.

The following formula is used to calculate percent recovery, where %R is percent recovery;  $S_R$  is the measured result; and  $S_A$  is the true result:

$$\%R = S_R / S_A \times 100$$

Measurement performance specifications are used to determine the acceptability of LCS analyses as specified in Appendix A Table A7.1.

### Laboratory Duplicates

A laboratory duplicate is an aliquot taken from the same container as an original sample under laboratory conditions and processed and analyzed independently. A laboratory duplicate is prepared in the laboratory by splitting aliquots of a sample, LCS, or matrix spike. Both samples are carried through the entire preparation and analytical process. Laboratory duplicates are used to assess precision and are performed at a rate of one per preparation batch.

For most parameters except bacteria, precision is evaluated using the relative percent difference (RPD) between duplicate LCS results as defined by 100 times the difference (range) of each duplicate set, divided by the average value (mean) of the set. For duplicate results,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$ , the RPD is calculated from the following equation: (If other formulas apply, adjust appropriately.)

$$RPD = \frac{|X_1 - X_2|}{\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2}{2}\right)} \times 100$$

For bacteriological parameters, precision is evaluated using the results from laboratory duplicates. Bacteriological duplicates are analyzed on a 10% frequency (or once per preparation batch, whichever is more frequent). Sufficient volume should be collected to analyze laboratory duplicates from the same sample container.

The base-10 logarithms of the results from the original sample and its duplicate are calculated. The absolute value of the difference between the two base-10 logarithms is calculated and compared to the precision criterion in Appendix A, Table A7.1.

If the precision criterion is exceeded, the data are not acceptable for use under this project and are not reported to TCEQ. Results from all samples associated with that failed duplicate (usually a maximum of 10 samples) are considered to have excessive analytical variability and are qualified as not meeting project QC requirements.

The precision criterion in Appendix A, Table A7.1 for bacteriological duplicates applies only to samples with

concentrations > 10 MPN.

**Matrix spike (MS)** – Matrix spikes are prepared by adding a known quantity of target analyte to a specified amount of matrix sample for which an independent estimate of target analyte concentration is available.

Matrix spikes indicate the effect of the sample on the precision and accuracy of the results generated using the selected method. Matrix-specific QC samples indicate the effect of the sample matrix on the precision and accuracy of the results generated using the selected method. The information from these controls is sample/matrix specific and would not normally be used to determine the validity of the entire batch. The frequency of matrix spikes is specified by the analytical method, or a minimum of one per preparation batch, whichever is greater. To the extent possible, matrix spikes prepared and analyzed over the course of the project should be performed on samples from different sites.

The components to be spiked shall be as specified by the mandated analytical method. The results from matrix spikes are primarily designed to assess the validity of analytical results in a given matrix, and are expressed as percent recovery (%R).

The percent recovery of the matrix spike is calculated using the following equation, where %R is percent recovery,  $S_{SR}$  is the concentration measured in the matrix spike,  $S_R$  is the concentration in the parent sample, and  $S_A$  is the concentration of analyte that was added:

$$\%R = \frac{S_{SR} - S_R}{S_A} \times 100$$

Matrix spike recoveries are compared to the acceptance criteria published in the mandated test method. If the matrix spike results are outside established criteria, the data for the analyte that failed in the parent sample is not acceptable for use under this project and will not be reported to TCEQ. The result from the parent sample associated with that failed matrix spike will be considered to have excessive analytical variability and will be qualified by the laboratory as not meeting project QC requirements. Depending on the similarities in composition of the samples in the batch, the NETMWD may consider excluding all of the results in the batch related to the analyte that failed recovery.



## **Method blank**

A method blank is a sample of matrix similar to the batch of associated samples (when available) that is free from the analytes of interest and is processed simultaneously with and under the same conditions as the samples through all steps of the analytical procedures, and in which no target analytes or interferences are present at concentrations that impact the analytical results for sample analyses. The method blanks are performed at a rate of once per preparation batch. The method blank is used to document contamination from the analytical process. The analysis of method blanks should yield values less than the LOQ. For very high-level analyses, the blank value should be less than 5% of the lowest value of the batch, or corrective action will be implemented. Samples associated with a contaminated blank shall be evaluated as to the best corrective action for the samples (e.g. reprocessing, data qualifying codes). In all cases the corrective action must be documented.

The method blank shall be analyzed at a minimum of one per preparation batch. In those instances for which no separate preparation method is used (e.g., VOA) the batch shall be defined as environmental samples that are analyzed together with the same method and personnel, using the same lots of reagents, not to exceed the analysis of 20 environmental samples.

## **Quality Control or Acceptability Requirements Deficiencies and Corrective Actions**

Sampling QC excursions are evaluated by the WMS Project Manager, in consultation with the WMS QAO. In that differences in sample results are used to assess the entire sampling process, including environmental variability, the arbitrary rejection of results based on pre-determined limits is not practical. Therefore, the professional judgment of the LCRA ELS Lab Manager, NETMWD Project Manager, WMS Data Manager and WMS QAO will be relied upon in evaluating results. Rejecting sample results based on wide variability is a possibility.

Laboratory measurement quality control failures are evaluated by the laboratory staff. The disposition of such failures and the nature and disposition of the problem is reported to the LCRA ELS Laboratory QAO. The Laboratory QAO will discuss with the NETMWD and WMS Project Managers. If applicable, the NETMWD Project Manager will include this information in the CAP and submit with the Progress Report which is sent to the TCEQ CRP Project Manager.

The definition of and process for handling deficiencies and corrective action are defined in Section C1.

## **B6 Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance**

All sampling equipment testing and maintenance requirements are detailed in the SWQM Procedures. Sampling equipment is inspected and tested upon receipt and is assured appropriate for use. Equipment records are kept on all field equipment and a supply of critical spare parts is maintained.

All laboratory tools, gauges, instrument, and equipment testing and maintenance requirements are contained within laboratory QM(s).

## **B7 Instrument Calibration and Frequency**

Field equipment calibration requirements are contained in the SWQM Procedures. Post-calibration error limits and the disposition resulting from error are adhered to. Data collected from field instruments that do not meet the post-calibration error limits specified in the SWQM Procedures will not be submitted for inclusion into SWQMIS.

Detailed laboratory calibrations are contained within the QM(s).

## **B8 Inspection/Acceptance of Supplies and Consumables**

No special requirements for acceptance are specified for field sampling supplies and consumables. Reference to the laboratory QM may be appropriate for laboratory-related supplies and consumables.

## **B9 Acquired Data**

Non-directly measured data, secondary data, or acquired data involves the use of data collected under another project, and collected with a different intended use than this project. The acquired data still meets the quality requirements of this project, and is defined below. The following data source(s) will be used for this project:

United States Geological Survey (USGS) gage station data will be used throughout this project to aid in determining gage height and flow. Rigorous QA checks are completed on gage data by the USGS and the data are approved by the USGS and permanently stored at the USGS. This data will be submitted to the TCEQ under parameter code 00061 Flow, Instantaneous or parameter code 74069 Flow Estimate depending on the proximity of the monitoring station to the USGS gage station.

Reservoir stage data are collected every day from the USGS, International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) websites. These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) derives reservoir storage (in acre-feet) from these stage data (elevation in feet above mean sea level), by using the latest rating curve datasets available. These data are published at the TWDB website at <http://waterdatafortexas.org/reservoirs/statewide>. The web application uses real time gaged observations 7 AM reading each day (or closest reading available) from 119 major reservoirs to approximate daily storage for each reservoir, as well as daily total storage for water planning regions, river basins and the state of Texas. These instantaneous data are updated to mean daily data for all previous days. These data will be submitted to the TCEQ under parameter code 00052 Reservoir Stage and parameter code 00053 Reservoir Percent Full.

Precipitation data are obtained from USGS precipitation gauges located throughout the watershed. Data from the USGS gauge located closest to the monitoring station will be used.

## **B10 Data Management**

### ***Data Management Process***

The NETMWD Cypress Creek Basin CRP Database will be maintained and updated with data obtained from the Cypress Creek Basin CRP monitoring programs (routine and systematic stations, special studies, and flow studies). All data results will be maintained electronically in accordance with procedures and guidelines described in the Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program Data Management Plan. The process described below summarizes these procedures and guidelines.

All data to be stored in the SWQMIS will be submitted in the format specified in the latest version of the SWQM Data Management Reference Guide.

Additional water quality data collected through this monitoring program will be introduced into the NETMWD database by either manual entry, or digital electronic files by the WMS Data Manager. In each case, the data will be screened to ensure (1) transcription accuracy, and (2) that the data meets the quality criteria for that data type (e.g., were holding times exceeded, were reporting limits met) prior to its submission to the TCEQ CRP Project Manager.

This data management process will be used as guidance for the collection, quality assurance and archiving of all data collected pursuant to the CRP. This plan has been developed after a full assessment of the human, data, and computer resource needs of the CRP as appropriate for the Cypress Creek Basin. It is anticipated that the types of data to be collected and archived in the future may change, as future data retrieval, analysis and presentation

needs may change.

With respect to the management of data generated in the Cypress Creek Basin CRP monitoring programs, the process begins with field sampling and ends with the data users with a typical line of transmission as follows:

1. Field Sampling
2. Sample Custodian
3. Lab Analyst
4. LCRA ELS Project Manager
5. WMS Project Manager
6. WMS Data Manager
7. WMS Quality Assurance Officer
8. Transfer of Data to TCEQ CRP Project Manager
9. TCEQ CRP Project Manager transfers data to TCEQ CRP Data Manager
10. TCEQ CRP Data Manager loads data into SWQMIS Production environment.

The analytical laboratory supervisor is responsible for the management and submission of valid data from the laboratory analyses. LCRA ELS Quality Assurance Coordinator validates the analytical data by comparing the various quality control measurements and by recalculating a random selection of the results produced by each analyst submitting data. The LCRA ELS Project Manager, using the lab's standard reporting format, will provide results to the WMS Project Manager. The analytical laboratory will retain files of all quality assurance verifications for five years in accordance with NELAP and make them available for inspection on request.

After the laboratory supervisor has received data from the lab analyst, the supervisor screens the data to ensure accuracy and that the data meets the quality criteria for that data type. Quality assurance and control is integrated at all points along this process, with sample field sheets, Chain of Custody forms, analyst's bench sheets, control charts, and lab reports.

Scanned field forms and copies of the Chain of Custody forms will be sent by the WMS Project Manager to the WMS Data Manager for data screening and quality assurance and data formatting. This information will be quality checked by the WMS Data Manager by comparing it with the appropriate CRP monitoring schedule to verify that the correct stations have been sampled, that the correct sets of measurements and samples have been collected, and that calibration procedures have been correctly applied. The WMS Data Manager will be responsible for the review of all field and laboratory-generated data for consistency with QA criteria, for accuracy of data entry, and for timely transfer to TCEQ. The WMS Data Manager will also be responsible for ensuring that all field reports, calibration records, and general information is maintained and properly filed.

Upon completion of the review, the WMS Data Manager will convert quality-assured data into pipe-delimited text format which is submitted to the TCEQ Project Manager for review. The TCEQ Project Manager will submit the file to the TCEQ Data Manager for review and loading into the SWQMIS database. Once these procedures have been completed, copies of all data reports and QA records (both paper and electronic) will be transferred from WMS to NETMWD and retained for the periods described in Table A9.1.

Data will only be excluded from the NETMWD data set files if it is determined to be erroneous, or is found to have been collected in a manner that does not follow the TCEQ guidelines for data procurement. The WMS Data Manager will alert the WMS Project Manager to any abnormalities or apparent outliers. The WMS Project Manager in consultation with the WMS QAO and NETMWD Project Manager will evaluate the data and determine if any statistical tests need to be performed to further evaluate the data. The suspect data will be recorded in the Data Manager's QC data log, noting the reason for its exclusion. A summary will be provided in the data summary report, as well as any appropriate corrective actions.

Paper copies of all field sheets and calibration logs are maintained at the WMS offices in Sulphur Springs, Texas and transferred annually to the NETMWD office in Hughes Springs, Texas for the required duration defined in Table A9.1. Requests for data should be made to the NETMWD Project Manager.

## **Data Dictionary**

Terminology and field descriptions are included in the 2016 DMRG, or most recent version. A table outlining the entities that will be used when submitting data under this QAPP is included below for the purpose of verifying

which entity codes are included in this QAPP.

Name of Monitoring Entity	Tag Prefix	Submitting Entity	Collecting Entity
Caddo Lake Institute	CY	NT	CL
Northeast Texas Municipal Water District	CY	NT	NT
Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc.	CY	NT	WM

## **Data Errors and Loss**

The WMS Project Manager will be responsible for determining what data, if any, will be excluded from the NETMWD Cypress Creek Basin CRP Database. The WMS Project Manager and laboratory responsible for analysis will initially review any questions concerning analytical data. If a modification of the data originally reported is deemed necessary, documentation of the original data, the question concerning that data and the modified data along with the copies of the data change will be entered in the WMS Data Manager's data log and saved electronically.

The WMS Data Manager produces data files in Microsoft Excel formats, and transfers to the pipe-delimited text file format before submitting the data to the TCEQ. The file format utilized involves the established event and result file formats. Presently, the WMS Data Manager manually reviews all data for the established minimum, maximum, and AWRL limits set for each parameter by the TCEQ.

First, any values flagged during review will be checked against the laboratory report to see if there are transcription errors. If the values are correct, then an e-mail querying the validity of the value reported will be sent to the laboratory. Values that are verified as correct by the laboratory will be flagged as outliers within the data set. In addition to the review check, a minimum 10% check is done on all data sets by the WMS QAO prior to their conversion to text files. A data review checklist and data summary form (Appendix F) will be included with the submittal of the completed data set. This summary form includes data information and comments specific to the data set.

Care must be taken to ensure that all Excel files exported are in pipe-delimited text format (following the guidelines in the DMRG (most recent version)) to ensure correct transfer of all information. After the conversion of any database files into another format, a ten-percent check of the transferred files occurs. File transfer and checking is initially a responsibility of the WMS QAO, and secondarily the WMS Data Manager.

Preparation of data files is dependent on the use of forms and checklists, some of which are available in the appendices of this QAPP. These documents include: 1) Field documentation which contains all instrument calibration/standards records, field measurements, and site characteristics (Appendix D), 2) Field notes, 3) Laboratory documentation including analyst's comments on the condition of the sample and progress of the analysis, raw data, instrument printouts, results of calibration, QA checks, external and internal standards records, and SOPs, and 4) Chain of Custody forms (Appendix E).

Examples of data deliverable forms and checklists can be found in Appendix F. Refer to QAPP Appendices as appropriate for Field and Laboratory Data Sheets, the Data Summary, etc.

## **Record Keeping and Data Storage**

All data files and GIS data layers will be stored on the NETMWD server and WMS computers. A full backup of all WMS files is completed weekly and stored off-site in a water & fire proof safe. Electronic data and reports will be submitted to NETMWD at the end of each quarter. All paper documents are scanned upon receipt and then transferred to NETMWD annually. In addition, all data files and reports concerning the project are available to the Project Manager at TCEQ.

The disaster recovery procedure consists of reinstalling the operation system and software either from the original software media, or from a disaster recovery CD that has been created and stored on site. Electronic files will be replaced from the weekly backup files.

## **Data Handling, Hardware, and Software Requirements**

Laboratory data will be housed in LCRA ELS's Chemware© Horizon LIMS. Once reports are generated, portable

document format (pdf) copies will be delivered to the WMS PM. Lab data will be forwarded by the WMS PM to the WMS QAO for QA checks and the WMS DM for transcription and formatting per the most current version of the SWQM Data Management Reference Guide.

Field data is collected on paper field sheets. After collection, the documents are converted to portable document format (pdf). These files are sent to the WMS PM for archiving and distributed to the WMS QAO and WMS DM as above.

All data is stored on stored on Microsoft Windows© based computers and manipulated using the Microsoft Office suite of programs.

## **Information Resource Management Requirements**

The information management specifications include TCEQ as well as each grantee’s internal information management controls. The TCEQ has the following data specification requirements: the Surface Water Quality Monitoring Data Management Reference Guide (DMRG), GIS Policy (TCEQ OPP 8.11) and GPS Policy (TCEQ OPP 8.12). Note that GPS certification is not required for positional data that will be used for photo interpolation in the Station Location (SLOC) request process. Data will be managed in accordance with the DMRG, and applicable NETMWD information resource management policies.

GPS equipment may be used as a component of the information required by the SLOC request process for creating the certified positional data that will ultimately be entered into SWQMIS database. Positional data obtained by CRP grantees using a GPS will follow the TCEQ’s OPP 8.11 and 8.12 policy regarding the collection and management of positional data. All positional data entered into SWQMIS will be collected by a GPS certified individual with an agency approved GPS device to ensure that the agency receives reliable and accurate positional data. Certification can be obtained in any of three ways: completing a TCEQ training class, completing a suitable training class offered by an outside vendor, or by providing documentation of sufficient GPS expertise and experience. Contractors must agree to adhere to relevant TCEQ policies when entering GPS-collected data.

In lieu of entering certified GPS coordinates, positional data may be acquired with a GPS and verified with photo interpolation using a certified source, such as Google Earth or Google Maps. The verified coordinates and map interface can then be used to develop a new SLOC.

## **C1 Assessments and Response Actions**

The following table presents the types of assessments and response actions for data collection activities applicable to the QAPP.

**Table C1.1 Assessments and Response Requirements**

<b>Assessment Activity</b>	<b>Approximate Schedule</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Response Requirements</b>
Status Monitoring Oversight, etc.	Continuous	NETMWD	Monitoring of the project status and records to ensure requirements are being fulfilled	Report to TCEQ in Quarterly Report
Monitoring Systems Audit of Basin Planning Agency	Dates to be determined by TCEQ QA	TCEQ	Field sampling, handling and measurement; facility review; and data management as they relate to CRP	30 days to respond in writing to the TCEQ to provide corrective actions

Monitoring Systems Audit of Program Subparticipants	One audit per subparticipant prior to the expiration of the QAPP	WMS	Field sampling, handling and measurement; facility review; and data management as they relate to CRP	30 days to respond in writing to WMS. WMS submits to the NETMWD. The NETMWD will report problems to TCEQ in Progress Report.
Laboratory Assessment	Dates to be determined by TCEQ	TCEQ Laboratory Assessor	Analytical and quality control procedures employed at the laboratory and the contract laboratory	30 days to respond in writing to the TCEQ to provide corrective actions

### **Corrective Action Process for Deficiencies**

Deficiencies are any deviation from the QAPP, *SWQM Procedures*, SOPs, or the DMRG. Deficiencies may invalidate resulting data and require corrective action. Repeated deficiencies should initiate a CAP. Corrective action for deficiencies may include for samples to be discarded and re-collected. Deficiencies are documented in logbooks, field data sheets, etc. by field or laboratory staff, are communicated to WMS Project Manager, and should be subject to periodic review so their responses can be uniform, and their frequency tracked. It is the responsibility of the WMS Project Manager, in consultation with the WMS QAO, to ensure that the actions and resolutions to the problems are documented and that records are maintained in accordance with this QAPP. In addition, these actions and resolutions will be conveyed to the CRP Project Manager both verbally and in writing in the project progress reports and by completion of a CAP.

### **Corrective Action**

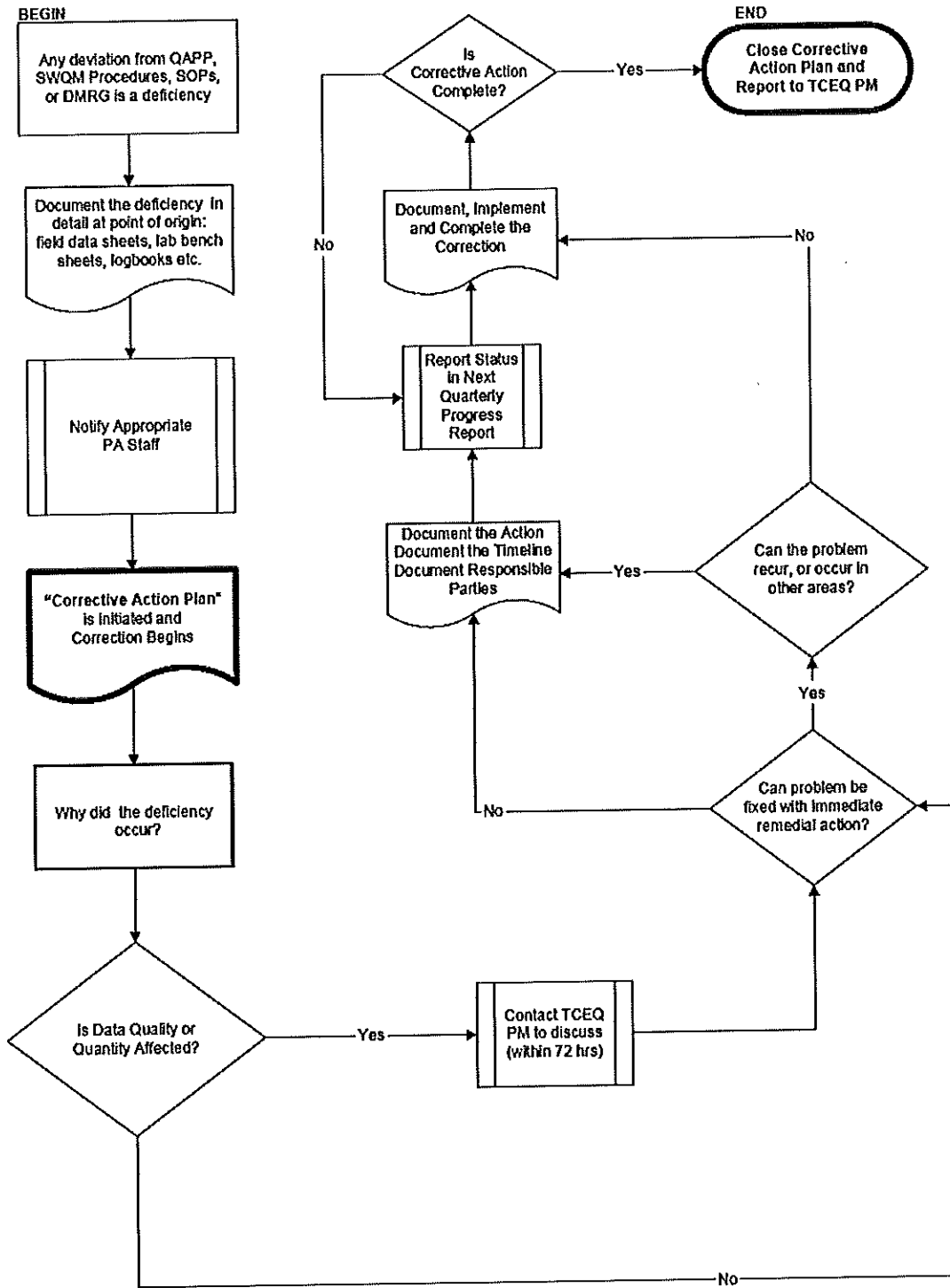
CAPs should:

- Identify the problem, nonconformity, or undesirable situation
- Identify immediate remedial actions if possible
- Identify the underlying cause(s) of the problem
- Identify whether the problem is likely to recur, or occur in other areas
- Evaluate the need for corrective action
- Use problem-solving techniques to verify causes, determine solution, and develop an action plan
- Identify personnel responsible for action
- Establish timelines and provide a schedule
- Document the corrective action

To facilitate the process a flow chart has been developed (see figure C1.1: Corrective Action Process for Deficiencies).

**Figure C1.1 Corrective Action Process for Deficiencies**

**Corrective Action Process for Deficiencies**



Status of CAPs will be included with quarterly progress reports. In addition, significant conditions which, if uncorrected, could have a serious effect on safety or on the validity or integrity of data will be reported to the TCEQ immediately.

The WMS Project Manager is responsible for implementing corrective actions and tracking deficiencies and corrective actions in a pre-CAP log. Records of audit findings and corrective actions are maintained by the NETMWD Project Manager. Audit reports and corrective action documentation will be submitted to the TCEQ with the Progress Report.

If audit findings and corrective actions cannot be resolved, then the authority and responsibility for terminating work are specified in the TCEQ QMP and in agreements in contracts between participating organizations.

## C2 Reports to Management

**Table C2.1 QA Management Reports**

Type of Report	Frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc.)	Projected Delivery Date(s)	Person(s) Responsible for Report Preparation	Report Recipients
Monitoring Summary	Quarterly	By the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of the month following the end of the quarter	WMS PM	NETMWD PM TCEQ CRP PM
Progress Report	Quarterly	By the 15 <sup>th</sup> day of the month following the end of the quarter	WMS PM	NETMWD PM TCEQ CRP PM
Data Review and Sampling Results Submittal	Three times per year	By the contracted due date	WMS DM	NETMWD PM TCEQ CRP PM
Monitoring Systems Audit Report	Annually	Within 30 days of Audit completion	NETMWD PM	TCEQ CRP PM
Contractor Evaluations	Once per 2-year contract period	Within 30 days of Evaluation completion	TCEQ CRP PM	NETMWD PM

### **Reports to NETMWD Project Management**

Each quarter, WMS QAO will review QA laboratory results and field sheets. Reports with any corrected actions that occurred will be sent to NETMWD for review, quarterly. NETMWD will then review and transmit these reports to TCEQ for their review. The LCRA ELS will submit data and QA/QC reports within 30 days of the receipt of samples for analysis to the NETMWD and WMS PM.

### **Reports to TCEQ Project Management**

All reports detailed in this section are contract deliverables and are transferred to the TCEQ in accordance with contract requirements.

#### **Progress Report**

Summarizes the NETMWD's activities for each task; reports monitoring status, problems, delays, deficiencies, status of open CAPs, and documentation for completed CAPs; and outlines the status of each task's deliverables.

#### **Monitoring Systems Audit Report and Response**

Following any audit performed by the NETMWD, a report of findings, recommendations and response is sent to the TCEQ in the quarterly progress report.



**Data Summary**

Contains basic identifying information about the data set and comments regarding inconsistencies and errors identified during data verification and validation steps or problems with data collection efforts (e.g. Deficiencies).

***Reports by TCEQ Project Management*****Contractor Evaluation**

The NETMWD participates in a Contractor Evaluation by the TCEQ annually for compliance with administrative and programmatic standards. Results of the evaluation are submitted to the TCEQ Financial Administration Division, Procurement and Contracts Section.

## **D1 Data Review, Verification, and Validation**

All field and laboratory data will be reviewed and verified for integrity and continuity, reasonableness, and conformance to project requirements, and then validated against the project objectives and measurement performance specifications which are listed in Section A7. Only those data which are supported by appropriate quality control data and meet the measurement performance specifications defined for this project will be considered acceptable, and will be reported to the TCEQ for entry into SWQMIS.

## **D2 Verification and Validation Methods**

All field and laboratory data will be reviewed, verified and validated to ensure they conform to project specifications and meet the conditions of end use as described in Section A7 of this document.

Data review, verification, and validation will be performed using self-assessments and peer and management review as appropriate to the project task. The data review tasks to be performed by field and laboratory staff are listed in the first two columns of Table D2.1, respectively. Potential errors are identified by examination of documentation and by manual or computer-assisted examination of corollary or unreasonable data. If a question arises or an error is identified, the manager of the task responsible for generating the data is contacted to resolve the issue. Issues which can be corrected are corrected and documented. If an issue cannot be corrected, the task manager consults with the higher level project management to establish the appropriate course of action, or the data associated with the issue are rejected and not reported to the TCEQ for storage in SWQMIS. Field and laboratory reviews, verifications, and validations are documented.

After the field and laboratory data are reviewed, another level of review is performed once the data are combined into a data set. This review step as specified in Table D2.1 is performed by the WMS Data Manager and the WMS QAO. Data review, verification, and validation tasks to be performed on the data set include, but are not limited to, the confirmation of laboratory and field data review, evaluation of field QC results, additional evaluation of anomalies and outliers, analysis of sampling and analytical gaps, and confirmation that all parameters and sampling sites are included in the QAPP.

The Data Review Checklist (See Appendix F) covers three main types of review: data format and structure, data quality review, and documentation review. The Data Review Checklist is transferred with the water quality data submitted to the TCEQ to ensure that the review process is being performed.

Another element of the data validation process is consideration of any findings identified during the monitoring systems audit conducted by the TCEQ CRP Lead Quality Assurance Specialist. Any issues requiring corrective action must be addressed, and the potential impact of these issues on previously collected data will be assessed. After the data are reviewed and documented, the WMS Project Manager validates that the data meet the data quality objectives of the project and are suitable for reporting to TCEQ.

If any requirements or specifications of the CRP are not met, based on any part of the data review, the responsible party should document the nonconforming activities and submit the information to the WMS Data Manager with the data for the Data Summary (See Appendix F). All failed QC checks, missing samples, missing analytes, missing parameters, and suspect results should be discussed in the Data Summary.

**Table D2.1: Data Review Tasks**

<b>Data to be Verified</b>	<b>Field Task</b>	<b>Laboratory Task</b>	<b>WMS Data Manager Task</b>
Sample documentation complete; samples labeled, sites identified	WMS Data Collection Supervisor		WMS DM
Field QC samples collected for all analytes as prescribed in the TCEQ SWQM Procedures Manual	WMS Data Collection Supervisor		
Standards and reagents traceable	WMS Data Collection Supervisor	LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM
Chain of Custody complete/acceptable	WMS Data Collection Supervisor	LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM
NELAP Accreditation is current		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS QAO
Sample preservation and handling acceptable	WMS DM	LCRA ELS QAO	
Holding times not exceeded		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM
Collection, preparation, and analysis consistent with SOPs and QAPP	WMS Data Collection Supervisor	LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM, WMS QAO
Field documentation (e.g., biological, stream habitat) complete	WMS DM		
Instrument calibration data complete	WMS DM	LCRA ELS QAO	
Bacteriological records complete		LCRA ELS QAO	
QC samples analyzed at required frequency		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM
QC results meet performance and program specifications		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS QAO
Analytical sensitivity (Limit of Quantitation/Ambient Water Reporting Limits) consistent with QAPP		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS QAO, WMS DM
Results, calculations, transcriptions checked		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM, WMS QAO
Laboratory bench-level review performed		LCRA ELS QAO	
All laboratory samples analyzed for all scheduled parameters		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS DM
Corollary data agree			WMS DM
Nonconforming activities documented		LCRA ELS QAO	WMS QAO, WMS DM
Outliers confirmed and documented; reasonableness check performed			WMS DM
Dates formatted correctly			WMS DM
Depth reported correctly and in correct units			WMS DM

<b>Data to be Verified</b>	<b>Field Task</b>	<b>Laboratory Task</b>	<b>WMS Data Manager Task</b>
TAG IDs correct			WMS DM, WMS PM
TCEQ Station ID number assigned			WMS PM
Valid parameter codes			WMS QAO, WMS DM
Codes for submitting entity(ies), collecting entity(ies), and monitoring type(s) used correctly			WMS DM
Time based on 24-hour clock			WMS DM
Absence of transcription error confirmed			WMS QAO, WMS PM
Absence of electronic errors confirmed			WMS QAO, WMS PM
Sampling and analytical data gaps checked (e.g., all sites for which data are reported are on the coordinated monitoring schedule)			WMS QAO, WMS DM
Field QC results attached to data review checklist			WMS DM
Verified data log submitted			WMS QAO, WMS PM
10% of data manually reviewed			WMS QAO

### **D3 Reconciliation with User Requirements**

Data produced in this project, and data collected by other organizations (e.g., USGS, TCEQ, etc.), will be analyzed and reconciled with project data quality requirements. Data which do not meet requirements will not be submitted to SWQMIS nor will be considered appropriate for any of the uses noted in Section A5.

**Appendix A: Measurement Performance Specifications (Table A7.1)**

Measurement performance specifications define the data quality needed to satisfy project objectives. To this end, measurement performance specifications are qualitative and quantitative statements that:

- clarify the intended use of the data
- define the type of data needed to support the end use
- identify the conditions under which the data should be collected

Appendix A of the QAPP addresses measurement performance specifications, including:

- analytical methodologies
- AWRLs
- limits of quantitation
- bias limits for LCSs
- precision limits for LCSDs
- completeness goals
- qualitative statements regarding representativeness and comparability

The items identified above need to be considered for each type of monitoring activity. The CRP emphasizes that data should be collected to address multiple objectives, if possible, thereby maximizing the expenditure of resources. Caution should be applied when attempting to collect data for multiple purposes because measurement performance specifications may vary according to the purpose. For example, limits of quantitation may differ for data used to assess standards attainment and for trend analysis. When planning projects, first priority should be given to the main use of the project data and the data quality needed to support that use, then secondary goals should be considered.

Table A7.1 should be modified to reflect actual parameters, methods, etc. employed by the Basin Planning Agency and its participants. Procedures for laboratory analysis must be in accordance with the most recently published edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 40 CFR 136, or otherwise approved independently. Only data collected that have a valid TCEQ parameter code assigned in Table A7.1 are stored in SWQMIS. Any parameters listed in Table A7.1 that do not have a valid TCEQ parameter code assigned will not be stored in SWQMIS.

Table A7.1 - Measurement Performance Specifications

**TABLE A7.1a Measurement Performance Specifications for the Cypress Creek Basin**

Conventional Parameters in Water										
Parameter	Units	Matrix	Method	Parameter Code	TCEQ AWR/L	LOQ	LOQ Check Sample %Rec	Precision (RPD of LCS/LCSD)	Bias %Rec. of LCS	Lab
ALKALINITY, TOTAL (MG/L AS CaCO3)	mg/L	water	SM 2320B	00410	20	20	NA	20	NA	LCRA ELS
RESIDUE, TOTAL NONFILTRABLE (MG/L)	mg/L	water	SM 2540D	00530	5	1	NA	NA	NA	LCRA ELS
NITROGEN, AMMONIA, TOTAL (MG/L AS N)	mg/L	water	EPA 350.1 Rev. 2.0 (1993)	00610	0.1	0.02	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
NITRITE NITROGEN, TOTAL (MG/L AS N)	mg/L	water	EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993)	00615	0.05	0.02	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
NITRATE NITROGEN, TOTAL (MG/L AS N)	mg/L	water	EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993)	00620	0.05	0.02	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
NITROGEN, KJELDAHL, TOTAL (MG/L AS N)	mg/L	water	EPA 351.2	00625	0.2	0.2	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
PHOSPHORUS, TOTAL, WET METHOD (MG/L AS P)	mg/L	water	EPA 365.3	00665	0.06	0.02	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
CARBON, TOTAL ORGANIC, NPOC (TOC), MG/L	mg/L	water	SM 5310 B, C, or D	00680	2	0.5	NA	NA	NA	LCRA ELS
CHLORIDE (MG/L AS CL)	mg/L	water	EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993)	00940	5	5	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
SULFATE (MG/L AS SO4)	mg/L	water	EPA 300.0 Rev. 2.1 (1993)	00945	5	5	70-130	20	80-120	LCRA ELS
PHEOPHYTIN-A UG/L FLUOROMETRIC METHOD	µg/L	Water	EPA 445	32213	3	2	NA	NA	NA	LCRA ELS
CHLOROPHYLL-A, FLUOROMETRIC METHOD, UG/L	µg/L	water	EPA 445.0	70953	3	2	NA	20	80-120	LCRA ELS

**References:**

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Manual #EPA-600/4-79-020  
 American Public Health Association (APHA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), and Water Environment Federation (WEF), Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20th Edition, 1998. (Note: The 21st edition may be cited if it becomes available.)  
 TCEQ SOP, V1 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods, 2012 (RG-415).  
 TCEQ SOP, V2 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data, 2014 (RG-416).



**TABLE A7.1b Measurement Performance Specifications for the Cypress Creek Basin**

Bacteriological Parameters in Water											
Parameter	Units	Matrix	Method	Parameter Code	TCEQ AWRL	LOQ	LOQ Check	Sample %Rec	Log Difference of Duplicates	Bias %Rec. of LCS	Lab
E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX METHOD, MPN/100ML	MPN/100 mL	water	SM 9223-B**	31699	1	1	NA	NA	0.50*	NA	LCRA ELS
E. COLI, COLILERT, IDEXX, HOLDING TIME	hours	water	NA	31704	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	LCRA ELS

\* This value is not expressed as a relative percent difference. It represents the maximum allowable difference between the logarithm of the result of a sample and the logarithm of the duplicate result. See Section B5.

\*\* E-coli samples analyzed by these methods should always be processed as soon as possible and within 8 hours. When transport conditions necessitate delays in delivery longer than 6 hours, the holding time may be extended and samples must be processed as soon as possible and within 30 hours.

References:

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Manual #EPA-600/4-79-020  
 American Public Health Association (APHA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), and Water Environment Federation (WEF), Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20th Edition, 1998. (Note: The 21st edition may be cited if it becomes available.)  
 TCEQ SOP, V1 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods, 2012 (RG-415).  
 TCEQ SOP, V2 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data, 2014 (RG-416).

**TABLE A7.1c Measurement Performance Specifications for the Cypress Creek Basin**

Flow Parameters					
Parameter	Units	Matrix	Method	Parameter Code	Lab
FLOW STREAM, INSTANTANEOUS (CUBIC FEET PER SEC)	cfs	water	TCEQ SOP V1	00061	Field
FLOW SEVERITY:1=No Flow,2=Low,3=Normal,4=Flood,5=High,6=Dry	NU	water	TCEQ SOP V1	01351	Field
STREAM FLOW ESTIMATE (CFS)	cfs	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	74069	Field
FLOW MTH 1=GAGE 2=ELEC 3=MECH 4=WEIR/FLU 5=DOPPLER	NU	other	TCEQ SOP V1	89835	Field
<p>References:                      United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Manual #EPA-600/4-79-020                      American Public Health Association (APHA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), and Water Environment Federation (WEF), Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20th Edition, 1998. (Note: The 21st edition may be cited if it becomes available.)                      TCEQ SOP, V1 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods, 2012 (RG-415).                      TCEQ SOP, V2 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data, 2014 (RG-416).</p>					

TABLE A7.1d Measurement Performance Specifications for the Cypress Creek Basin					
Field Parameters					
Parameter	Units	Matrix	Method	Parameter Code	Lab
TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE)	DEG C	water	SM 2550 B and TCEQ SOP V1	00010	Field
TRANSPARENCY, SECCHI DISC (METERS)	meters	water	TCEQ SOP V1	00078	Field
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, FIELD (US/CM @ 25C)	us/cm	water	EPA 120.1 and TCEQ SOP V1	00094	Field
OXYGEN, DISSOLVED (MG/L)	mg/L	water	SM 4500-O G and TCEQ SOP V1	00300	Field
PH (STANDARD UNITS)	s.u	water	EPA 150.1 and TCEQ SOP V1	00400	Field
DAYS SINCE PRECIPITATION EVENT (DAYS)	days	other	TCEQ SOP V1	72053	Field
DEPTH OF BOTTOM OF WATER BODY AT SAMPLE SITE	meters	water	TCEQ SOP V2	82903	Field
RESERVOIR STAGE (FEET ABOVE MEAN SEA LEVEL)†	FT ABOVE MSL	water	TWDB	00052	Field
RESERVOIR PERCENT FULL†	% RESERVOIR CAPACITY	water	TWDB	00053	Field
RESERVOIR ACCESS NOT POSSIBLE LEVEL TOO LOW ENTER 1 IF REPORTING	NS	other	TCEQ Drought Guidance	00051	Field
MAXIMUM POOL WIDTH AT TIME OF STUDY (METERS)*	meters	other	TCEQ SOP V2	89864	Field
WIND INTENSITY (1=CALM,2=SLIGHT,3=MOD.,4=STRONG)	NU	other	NA	89965	Field
PRESENT WEATHER (1=CLEAR,2=PTCLDY,3=CLDY,4=RAIN,5=OTHER)	NU	other	NA	89966	Field
WATER SURFACE (1=CALM,2=RIPPLE,3=WAVE,4=WHITECAP)	NU	water	NA	89968	Field
WATER ODOR (1=SEWAGE, 2=OILY/CHEMICAL, 3=ROTTEN EGGS, 4=MUSKY, 5=FISHY, 6=NONE, 7=OTHER (WRITE IN COMMENTS))	NU	water	NA	89971	Field
WATER COLOR 1=BRWN 2=RED 3=GRN 4=BLCK 5=CLR 6=OT	NU	water	NA	89969	Field
TEMPERATURE, AIR (DEGREES CENTIGRADE)	DEG C	air	NA	00020	Field
PRIMARY CONTACT, OBSERVED ACTIVITY (# OF PEOPLE OBSERVED)	# of people observed	other	NA	89978	Field
EVIDENCE OF PRIMARY CONTACT RECREATION (1 = OBSERVED, 0 = NOT OBSERVED)	NU	other	NA	89979	Field

Reporting to be consistent with SWQM guidance and based on measurement capability.  
† As published by the Texas Water Development Board on their website:  
<http://wiid.twdb.state.tx.us/ims/resinfo/BushButton/lakestatus.asp?selcat=3&slbasin=2>  
\* To be routinely reported when collecting data from perennial pools.

References:  
United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Manual #EPA-600/4-79-020

American Public Health Association (APHA), American Water Works Association (AWWA), and Water Environment Federation (WEF), Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, 20th Edition, 1998. (Note: The 21st edition may be cited if it becomes available.)  
TCEQ SOP, V1 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods, 2012 (RG-415).  
TCEQ SOP, V2 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data, 2014 (RG-416).

<b>TABLE A7.1e Measurement Performance Specifications for the Cypress Creek Basin</b>					
<b>24-Hour Parameters in Water</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Matrix</b>	<b>Method</b>	<b>Parameter Code</b>	<b>Lab</b>
TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE), 24HR AVG	DEG C	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00209	Field
WATER TEMPERATURE, DEGREES CENTIGRADE, 24HR MAX	DEG C	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00210	Field
TEMPERATURE, WATER (DEGREES CENTIGRADE) 24HR MIN	DEG C	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00211	Field
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, US/CM, FIELD, 24HR AVG	uS/cm	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00212	Field
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, US/CM, FIELD, 24HR MAX	uS/cm	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00213	Field
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, US/CM, FIELD, 24HR MIN	uS/cm	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00214	Field
PH, S.U., 24HR MAXIMUM VALUE	std. units	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00215	Field
PH, S.U., 24HR, MINIMUM VALUE	std. units	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00216	Field
WATER TEMPERATURE, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS	NU	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00221	Field
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS	NU	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00222	Field
pH, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS	NU	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	00223	Field
DISSOLVED OXYGEN, 24-HOUR MIN. (MG/L) MIN. 4 MEA	mg/l	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	89855	Field
DISSOLVED OXYGEN, 24-HOUR MAX. (MG/L) MIN. 4 MEA	mg/l	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	89856	Field
DISSOLVED OXYGEN, 24-HOUR AVG. (MG/L) MIN. 4 MEA	mg/l	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	89857	Field
DISSOLVED OXYGEN, # OF MEASUREMENTS IN 24-HRS	NU	Water	TCEQ SOP V1	89858	Field
References:					
TCEQ SOP, V1 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods, 2012 (RG-415).					
TCEQ SOP, V2 - TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring Procedures, Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data, 2014 (RG-416).					

## **Appendix B: Task 3 Work Plan & Sampling Process Design and Monitoring Schedule (Plan)**

## **TASK 3: WATER QUALITY MONITORING**

**Objectives:** Water quality monitoring will focus on collecting information to characterize water quality in a variety of locations and conditions. These efforts will include a combination of:

- planning and coordinating basin-wide monitoring;
- routine, regularly-scheduled monitoring to collect long-term information and support statewide assessment of water quality; and
- systematic, regularly-scheduled short-term monitoring to screen water bodies for issues.

**Task Description:** The NETMWD will make the basin-wide water quality monitoring plan its primary focus for the biennium.

The NETMWD will complete the following subtasks described below:

**Monitoring Description** – Based upon the input from the Cypress Creek Basin Steering Committee and through the Coordinate Monitoring process, up to 16 routine stations will be monitored quarterly for field parameters, flow (where applicable), bacteria, and conventional water chemistry by the NETMWD. Diel studies consisting of pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, and temperature, along with instantaneous flow measurements (when possible) and field observations will be conducted four times per year. Two diel monitoring events will be completed in the index period and one event in the critical period at a minimum of two stations.

In FY 2019, up to six fewer sites will be monitored due to the costs of producing the Cypress Creek Basin Summary Report. Changes to the monitoring schedule will be made after considering input from the Basin Steering Committee, the TCEQ, and other sources of information. The specific locations, parameters, and sampling frequencies for FY 2019 will be provided in the Cypress Creek Basin QAPP Appendix B monitoring schedule.

All monitoring procedures and methods will follow the guidelines prescribed in the NETMWD QAPP, the TCEQ Surface Water Quality Monitoring (SWQM) Procedures, Volume 1: Physical and Chemical Monitoring Methods (RG-415) and the TCEQ SWQM Procedures, Volume 2: Methods for Collecting and Analyzing Biological Assemblage and Habitat Data (RG-416).

**Coordinated Monitoring Meeting** - The NETMWD will hold an annual coordinated monitoring meeting as described in the CRP Guidance. Qualified monitoring organizations will be invited to attend the working meeting in which monitoring needs and purposes will be discussed segment by segment and station by station. Information from participants and stakeholders will be used to select stations and parameters that will enhance overall water quality monitoring coverage, eliminate duplication of effort, and address basin priorities. A summary of the changes to the monitoring schedule will be provided to the participants within two weeks of the meeting. The changes to the monitoring schedule will be entered into the statewide database on the Internet (<http://cms.lcra.org>) and communicated to meeting attendees. Changes to monitoring schedules that occur during the course of the year will be entered into the statewide database on the Internet and communicated to meeting attendees.

**Monitoring Activities Report** - Each Progress Report (Task 1) will include all types of monitoring and indicate the number of sampling events and the types of monitoring conducted in the quarter.

### **Deliverables and Dues Dates:**

#### **September 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018**

- A. Conduct water quality monitoring, summarize activities in the Monitoring Activities Report, and submit with Progress Report - December 15, 2017; March 15 and June 15, 2018
- B. Coordinated Monitoring Meeting - between March 15 and April 30, 2018

- C. Coordinated Monitoring Meeting Summary of Changes - within 2 weeks of the meeting
- D. Email notification that Coordinated Monitoring Schedule updates are complete - May 31, 2018

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## ***Appendix B Sampling Process Design and Monitoring Schedule (plan)***

### **Sample Design Rationale FY 2018**

The sample design is based on the legislative intent of CRP. Under the legislation, the Basin Planning Agencies have been tasked with providing data to characterize water quality conditions in support of the Texas Water Quality Integrated Report, and to identify significant long-term water quality trends. Based on Steering Committee input, achievable water quality objectives and priorities and the identification of water quality issues are used to develop work plans which are in accord with available resources. As part of the Steering Committee process, the NETMWD coordinates closely with the TCEQ and other participants to ensure a comprehensive water monitoring strategy within the watershed.

The goal of this portion of the Clean Rivers Program is to provide the appropriate, quality assured data to allow continuing assessment and management of water quality in the Cypress Basin. The Long-Term Goals of the Clean Rivers program include the following:

- Establish a long-term monitoring program for the basin,
- Focus on and provide for local participation in monitoring,
- Provide reliable information to the public to enhance awareness and knowledge of water quality conditions in the basin,
- Monitor and evaluate water quality trends,
- Identify the nature and source of water quality problems that result in significant impairments,
- Evaluate the applicability of State Surface Water Quality Criteria to specific water bodies in the basin,
- Evaluate permit requirements with respect to water quality conditions and trends in the basins, and,
- Provide data to support the development of cost-effective water quality management programs.

During FY 2018, 23 routine stations will be monitored and 24-hour diel monitoring will be performed at four stations. The results from data collected at these monitoring stations will be submitted to the TCEQ for inclusion in the SWQMIS database.

#### **Routine Monitoring**

Routine monitoring stations are situated to provide long term water quality data at locations draining major sub-watersheds and important river segment reaches within the Cypress Creek Basin. The primary objective of collecting comparable water quality data over a substantial period of time is to identify temporal trends and to differentiate water quality characteristics, impairments and possible causes over discrete sub-watershed areas.

Parameters to be measured or sampled are listed in Table A7.1. Field parameters and conventional water samples for laboratory analysis will be collected regardless of the conditions encountered. Field parameters include the measurements of water temperature, DO, specific conductance, pH, and transparency. Conventional water quality samples will be analyzed for total suspended solids, alkalinity, sulfate, chloride, total phosphorous, ammonia nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen, nitrite nitrogen, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, total organic carbon, chlorophyll-*a* and pheophytin.

The following changes have been made to the FY 2018 monitoring schedule. These changes are a result of concerns or requests made by Cypress Creek Basin steering committee members and/or monitoring entities.

1. Station #10295 - BIG CYPRESS CREEK AT SH 43 NORTH OF KARNACK: Quarterly monitoring of Bacteria has been added to the schedule in addition to Conventionals, Field Parameters, and Flow that were collected by the CLI through an SEP in FY 2017.
2. Station #10319 - JAMES/JIMS BAYOU BRIDGE ON MARION CR 3312 NE OF SMITHLAND: Quarterly monitoring of Bacteria has been added to the schedule in addition to Conventionals, Field Parameters, and Flow that were collected by the CLI through an SEP in FY 2017

3. Station #10331 - LITTLE CYPRESS CREEK AT FM 134 NW OF BALDWIN SE OF JEFFERSON: Quarterly monitoring of Bacteria has been added to the schedule in addition to Conventionals, Field Parameters, and Flow that were collected by the CLI through an SEP in FY 2017.
4. Station #14976 - JIMS BAYOU AT SH43 APPROXIMATELY 12 MI NE OF JEFFERSON AND 1.0 MI SOUTH OF KILDARE JUNCTION ON SH43: Biological sampling will be discontinued due to completion of monitoring needed to assess the reach for the Integrated Report. Sampling was conducted in FY 2016 and 2017.
5. Station #17954 - SOUTH LILLY CREEK AT FM 2454: Quarterly monitoring of South Lilly Creek will be added back to the CMS for routine monitoring of Conventionals, Bacteria, Field Parameters, and Flow. Monitoring had been conducted previously, but the TCEQ R5 had planned to pick up the site in FY 2017 but were not able to due to budget constraints.
6. Station #10245 - BLACK CYPRESS CREEK AT US 59 NORTH OF JEFFERSON: This station was sampled as part of the CLI SEP program in FY2017. Sampling will be discontinued by CRP since TCEQ R5 already conducts quarterly monitoring at this station.

For FY 2018, hardness sampling will not be conducted. There are no listings or concerns for Hardness in the Cypress Creek Basin and historic results show that Hardness is low throughout the basin. The removal of this parameter was a cost-savings measure allowing the NETMWD to collect quarterly samples at an additional station in FY 2018. Conventional and bacteria sampling will be conducted at sixteen stations. This is an increase from 12 sites in FY 2017.

WMS will perform all monitoring activities except monthly routine monitoring of field parameters at six stations in Caddo Lake and at one in Big Cypress Creek which will be collected by the CLI. CLI will collect monthly field parameters in Caddo Lake at mid-lake (Station 10283), Caddo Lake at Harrison Bayou (Station 10286), Caddo Lake in Goose Prairie, South of Star Ditch (Station 10288), Clinton Lake at Channel Marker C111 Near Caddo Lake (Station 14236), Caddo Lake near shore at end of FM 2198 at Dwight Shellman's Property SE of Uncertain (Station 15249), and on Big Cypress Creek at Caddo Lake State Park (Station 15022). WMS will collect quarterly conventional and bacteria samples at Station 10283 and Station 15249.

### **Biased Season Monitoring**

Diel monitoring will be conducted four times throughout the year. No less than one-half and no more than two-thirds of the samples will be collected in the index period, and no less than one fourth and no more than one-third will be collected in the critical period. Diel monitoring includes quarterly sampling on James Bayou at Cass CR 1775 1.6 MI SW of Kildare (Station 10321), Little Cypress Creek at FM 134 (Station 10331), and Black Cypress Bayou at County Road 1617; 3.7 miles northeast of Berea (Station 10244). Diels only will be performed at Prairie Creek at FM 557 (Station 15386). Flow will be measured at all wade-able stream stations or will be obtained from a nearby USGS gaging station.

## **Site Selection Criteria**

This data collection effort involves monitoring routine water quality, using procedures that are consistent with the TCEQ SWQM program, for the purpose of data submission into the SWQMIS database maintained by the TCEQ. To this end, some general guidelines are followed when selecting sampling sites, as outlined below, and discussed thoroughly in SWQM Procedures, Volumes I and II. Overall consideration is given to accessibility and safety. All monitoring activities have been developed in coordination with the CRP Steering Committee and with the TCEQ.

1. Locate stream sites so that samples can be safely collected from the centroid of flow. Centroid is defined as the midpoint of that portion of stream width which contains 50 percent of the total flow. If multiple potential sites on a stream segment are appropriate for monitoring, choose one that would best represent the water body, and not a site that displays unusual conditions or contaminant source(s). Avoid backwater areas or eddies when selecting a stream site.
2. At a minimum for reservoirs, locate sites near the dam (reservoirs) and in the major arms. Larger reservoirs

might also include stations in the middle and upper (riverine) areas. Select sites that best represent the water body by avoiding coves and back water areas. A single monitoring site is considered representative of 25 percent of the total reservoir acres, but not more than 5,120 acres.

3. Routine monitoring sites are selected to maximize stream coverage or basin coverage. Very long segments may require more stations. As a rule of thumb, stream segments between 25 and 50 miles long require two stations, and longer than 50 miles require three or more depending on the existence of areas with significantly different sources of contamination or potential water quality concerns. Major hydrological features, such as the confluence of a major tributary or an instream dam, may also limit the spatial extent of an assessment based on one station.
4. Because historical water quality data can be very useful in assessing use attainment or impairment, it may be best to use sites that are on current or past monitoring schedules.
5. All classified segments (including reservoirs) should have at least one routine monitoring site that adequately characterizes the water body, and monitoring should be coordinated with the TCEQ or other qualified monitoring entities reporting routine data to TCEQ.
6. Routine monitoring sites may be selected to bracket sources of pollution, influence of tributaries, changes in land uses, and hydrological modifications.
7. Sites should be accessible. When possible, stream sites should have a USGS or IBWC stream flow gauge. If not, it should be possible to conduct flow measurement during routine visits.

## Monitoring Sites for FY 2018

Table B1.1 Sample Design and Schedule, FY 2018

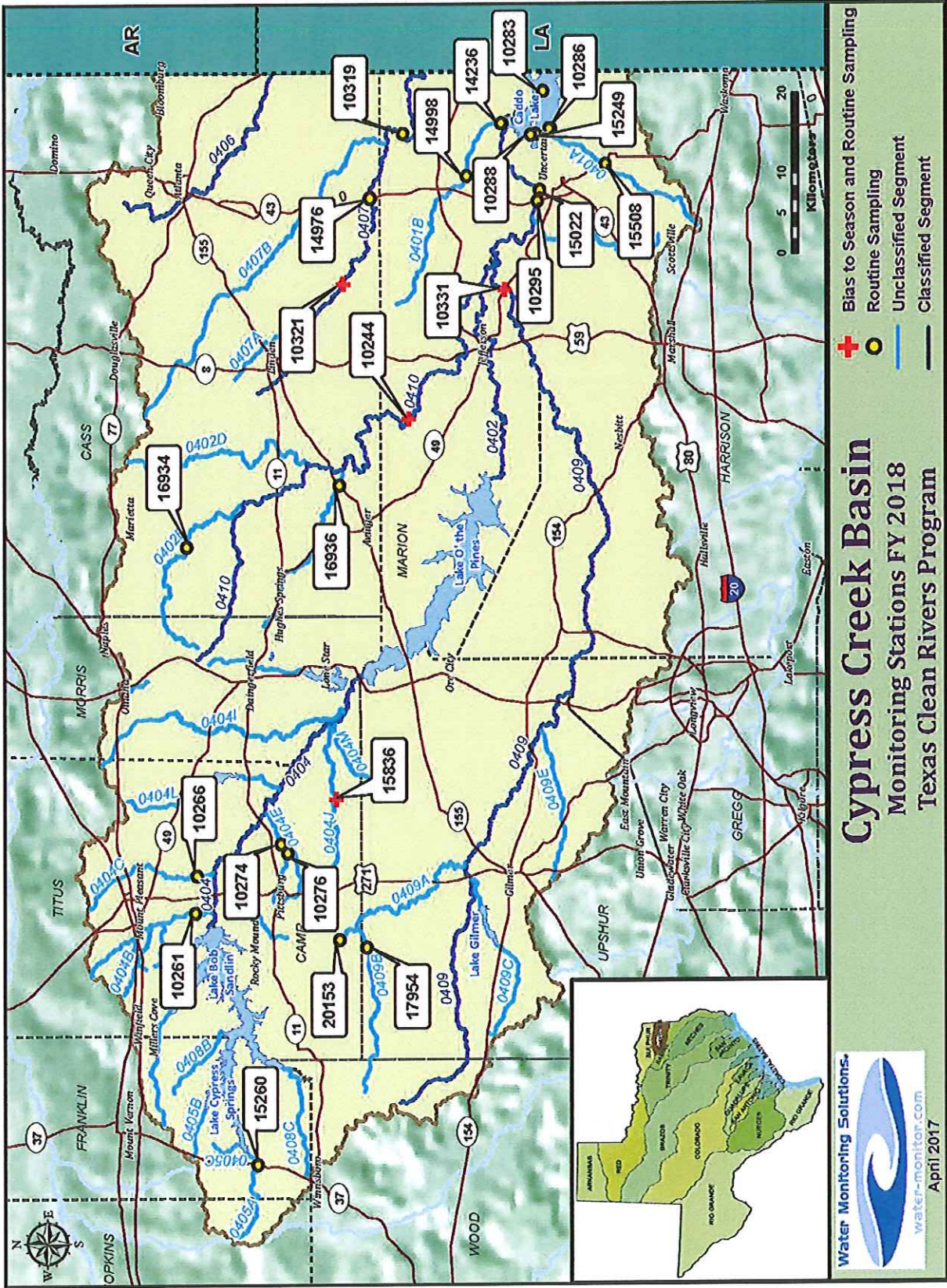
Site Description	Station ID	Waterbody ID	SE	CE	MT	Field	Conv	Bacteria	Flow	24 HR DO	Comments
CADDO LAKE 0.25 MI NE OF THE MOUTH OF HARRISON BAYOU AND 0.35 MI EAST OF LONG POINT	10286	0401	NT	CL	RT	11					CLI Monthly Sampling Program
CADDO LAKE IN GOOSE PRAIRIE SOUTH OF STAR DITCH 500 M SOUTHEAST OF END OF FM 2198	10288	0401	NT	CL	RT	11					CLI Monthly Sampling Program
CADDO LAKE MID LAKE 1.8 KM SOUTH OF END OF FM 727 1.9 KM NORTHWEST OF COLLIERS LAUNCH CAMS707	10283	0401	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4			
CADDO LAKE MID LAKE 1.8 KM SOUTH OF END OF FM 727 1.9 KM NORTHWEST OF COLLIERS LAUNCH CAMS707	10283	0401	NT	CL	RT	11					CLI Monthly Sampling Program
CADDO LAKE NEAR SHORE AT END OF FM 2198 AT DWIGHT SHELLMANS PROPERTY SE OF UNCERTAIN	15249	0401	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4			
CADDO LAKE NEAR SHORE AT END OF FM 2198 AT DWIGHT SHELLMANS PROPERTY SE OF UNCERTAIN	15249	0401	NT	CL	RT	11					CLI Monthly Sampling Program
CLINTON LAKE 165 METERS NORTH AND 1.09 KILOMETERS EAST TO THE INTERSECTION OF CYPRESS VILLAGE ROAD AND CYPRESS VILLAGE SOUTH AT CHANNEL MARKER C111 NEAR CADDO LAKE	14236	0401	NT	CL	RT	11					CLI Monthly Sampling Program

Site Description	Station ID	Waterbody ID	SE	CE	MT	Field	Conv	Bacteria	Flow	24 HR DO	Comments
KITCHEN CREEK AT MARION CR3416 APPROXIMATELY 10 MI E. OF JEFFERSON AND 2.5 MI S OF INTERSECTION OF CR3416 AND SH49 EAST OF SMITHLAND	14998	0401B	NT	WM	RT	4					
BIG CYPRESS CREEK APPROX 1.2KM DOWNSTREAM OF SH43 AT CADDO LAKE STATE PARK BOAT RAMP	15022	0402	NT	CL	RT	11			11		CLI Monthly Sampling Program; Flow from USGS gage
BIG CYPRESS CREEK AT SH 43 NORTH OF KARNACK	10295	0402	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
HUGHES CREEK AT SH155 APPROX 6KM NE OF AVINGER	16936	0402B	NT	WM	RT	4					Too deep to wade for flow
KELLEY CREEK AT FM250 APPROX 15KM NE OF HUGHES SPRINGS	16934	0402E	NT	WM	RT	4			4		
TANKERSLEY CREEK AT FM3417 5.7 KM SOUTH OF MOUNT PLEASANT	10261	0404B	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
HART CREEK AT TITUS COUNTY ROAD SE 12 3.8 KM UPSTREAM OF BIG CYPRESS CREEK CONFLUENCE SOUTH OF MOUNT PLEASANT	10266	0404C	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
DRY CREEK AT CAMP COUNTY ROAD/McMINN RD 1.4 KM NORTH OF FM 557/McMINN RD INTERSECTION 5 KM EAST OF PITTSBURG	10274	0404E	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
SPARKS BRANCH AT CR4220 4.6 KM EAST OF PITTSBURG	10276	0404F	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		Flow measured when wadeable
PRAIRIE CREEK AT FM 557 7.4 MI SW OF PITTSBURG	15836	0404J	NT	WM	BS	4			4	4	
BIG CYPRESS CREEK AT SH 37 4.6 MI NORTH OF WINNSBORO	15260	0405A	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		Flow will be measured when wadeable

Site Description	Station ID	Waterbody ID	SE	CE	MT	Field	Conv	Bacteria	Flow	24 HR DO	Comments
JAMES BAYOU AT CASS CR 1775 1.6 MI SW OF KILDARE	10321	0407	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		Flow will be measured when wadeable
JAMES BAYOU AT CASS CR 1775 1.6 MI SW OF KILDARE	10321	0407	NT	WM	BS	4			4	4	Flow will be measured when wadeable
JAMES/JIMS BAYOU BRIDGE ON MARION CR 3312 NE OF SMITHLAND	10319	0407	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
JIMS BAYOU AT SH43 APPROXIMATELY 12 MI NE OF JEFFERSON AND 1.0 MI SOUTH OF KILDARE JUNCTION ON SH43	14976	0407	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
LITTLE CYPRESS CREEK AT FM 134 NW OF BALDWIN SE OF JEFFERSON	10331	0409	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
LITTLE CYPRESS CREEK AT FM 134 NW OF BALDWIN SE OF JEFFERSON	10331	0409	NT	WM	BS	4			4	4	Flow from USGS gage at US 59
LILLY CREEK AT FM 556 APPROXIMATELY 1.04 KM SOUTHWEST OF HICKORY HILL IN CAMP COUNTY TEXAS	20153	0409A	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4			Too deep to wade for flow measurement
SOUTH LILLY CREEK AT FM 2454 1.8 KM SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION WITH FM 556 AND SOUTHWEST OF PITTSBURG	17954	0409B	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		
BLACK CYPRESS BAYOU AT COUNTY ROAD 3.7 MILES NORTHWEST OF BERE A	10244	0410	NT	WM	BS	4			4	4	Flow will be measured when wadeable
BLACK CYPRESS BAYOU AT COUNTY ROAD 3.7 MILES NORTHWEST OF BERE A	10244	0410	NT	WM	RT	4	4	4	4		

## **Station Location Map**

A map of stations monitored by the NETMWD are provided below. The maps were generated by WMS. This product is for informational purposes and may not have been prepared for or be suitable for legal, engineering, or surveying purposes. It does not represent an on-the-ground survey and represents only the approximate relative location of property boundaries. For more information concerning this map, contact the Water Monitoring Solutions, Inc. at 903-439-4741.





## **Appendix D: Field Data Sheets**



**Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program  
Stream Field Form**

<b>Station ID:</b>				<b>Date:</b>				<b>Time:</b>			
<b>Station Location:</b>											
<b>Sample(s) Collected By:</b>											
<b>Days Since Last Rain:</b>			<b>Total Rainfall - 7 Days Inclusive Prior to Sampling (Inches):</b>								
<b>Stream Conditions: (circle one)</b>											
<b>Stream Type:</b>		<b>Present Weather:</b>		<b>Wind Intensity</b>		<b>Wind Direction</b>		<b>Aesthetics:</b>			
perennial		Clear		Calm		N S		Wilderness			
intermittent w/ perennial pools		Partly Cloudy		Slight		E W		Natural			
intermittent		Cloudy		Moderate		NE SE		Common			
		Rain		Strong		NW SW		Offensive			
<b>Flow (cfs):</b>		<b>Flow Severity:</b>		<b>Water Odor:</b>		<b>Water Color:</b>		<b>Water Clarity:</b>			
		No Flow Flood		Sewage Oily/ Chemical		Brown Red		Poor Good			
<b>Flow Method:</b>		Low Flow High		Rotten Eggs Musky		Green Black		Fair Excellent			
		Normal Dry		Fishy None Other		Clear Other					
<b>Photos Taken</b>	<b>Sample Depth (m)</b>	<b>Air Temp °C</b>	<b>Water Temp °C</b>	<b>Sp. Cond µS/cm</b>	<b>DO % sat</b>	<b>DO mg/L</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>Secchl (m)</b>			
<b>Parameters sampled:</b> Field Conventional <i>E. coli</i>								<b>Recreational Use</b>			
<b>Evidence of Flow Fluctuations:</b>								# of people			
<b>Observed Stream Uses:</b>								1-10 or >10			
								<b>Rec Evidence</b>			
<b>Adjacent Land Use:</b>								Yes No			
<b>Channel Obstructions/Modifications:</b>											
<b>Observations:</b> (stream flow [if any], debris in water, canopy coverage, obvious signs of eutrophication, etc.):											



**Cypress Creek Basin Clean Rivers Program  
Reservoir Field Form**

<b>Station ID:</b>				<b>Date:</b>				<b>Time:</b>			
<b>Station Location:</b>											
<b>Sample(s) Collected By:</b>											
<b>Days Since Last Rain:</b>				<b>Total Rainfall - 7 Days Inclusive Prior to Sampling (Inches):</b>							
<b>Water Level:</b>		<b>Present Weather:</b>		<b>Wind Intensity</b>		<b>Wind Direction</b>		<b>Water Surface</b>			
Below Normal		Clear		Calm		N S		Calm			
Normal		Partly Cloudy		Slight		E W		Ripple			
Above Normal		Cloudy		Moderate		NE SE		Waves			
		Rain		Strong		NW SW		Whitecap			
<b>Total Depth (m):</b>		<b>Sediment Odor:</b>		<b>Water Odor:</b>		<b>Water Color:</b>		<b>Water Clarity:</b>			
		None Sewage		Sewage Oily/Chemical		Brown Red		Poor Good			
<b>Reservoir Stage (ft.)</b>		Musky Other:		Rotten Eggs Musky		Green Black		Fair Excellent			
		Fishy		Fishy None Other		Clear Other					
<b>Photos Taken</b>	<b>Sample Depth (m)</b>	<b>Air Temp °C</b>	<b>Water Temp °C</b>	<b>Sp. Cond µS/cm</b>	<b>DO % sat</b>	<b>DO mg/L</b>	<b>pH</b>	<b>Secchl (m)</b>			
	0.3										
	1.0										
	2.0										
	3.0										
	4.0										
	5.0										
	6.0										
<b>% Cloud Coverage:</b>						<b>% Aquatic Plant Coverage:</b>					
<b>Observed Uses:</b>								<b>Recreational Use</b>			
								# of people			
<b>Adjacent Land Use:</b>								1-10 or >10			
								<b>Rec Evidence</b>			
								Yes No			
<b>Observations:</b> (stream flow [if any], debris in water, canopy coverage, obvious signs of eutrophication, etc.):											
<b>Parameters sampled:</b> <b>Field</b> <b>Conventionals</b> <b>E. coli</b>											



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## Discharge Measurement Summary

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File Information		Site Details	
File Name	17954.215.WAD	Site Name	FM 2454
Start Date and Time	2011/02/15 10:43:26	Operator(s)	RUSHIN

System Information		Units (English Units)		Discharge Uncertainty		
Sensor Type	FlowTracker	Distance	ft	Category	ISO	Stats
Serial #	P3026	Velocity	ft/s	Accuracy	1.0%	1.0%
CPU Firmware Version	3.7	Area	ft <sup>2</sup>	Depth	0.1%	1.7%
Software Ver	2.11	Discharge	cfs	Velocity	0.9%	4.9%
				Width	0.1%	0.1%
				Method	1.9%	-
				# Stations	2.2%	-
				<b>Overall</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

Summary			
Averaging Int.	20	# Stations	23
Start Edge	REW	Total Width	33.600
Mean SNR	27.9 dB	Total Area	47.130
Mean Temp	50.50 °F	Mean Depth	1.403
Disch. Equation	Mid-Section	Mean Velocity	0.0899
		<b>Total Discharge</b>	<b>4.2354</b>

Measurement Results												
St	Clock	Loc	Method	Depth	%Dep	MeasD	Vel	CorrFact	MeanV	Area	Flow	%Q
0	10:43	2.00	None	0.000	0.0	0.0	0.0000	1.00	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0
1	10:43	3.50	0.6	0.570	0.6	0.228	0.0755	1.00	0.0755	0.855	0.0645	1.5
2	10:44	5.00	0.6	0.950	0.6	0.380	0.0997	1.00	0.0997	1.425	0.1421	3.4
3	10:44	6.50	0.6	1.150	0.6	0.460	0.1115	1.00	0.1115	1.725	0.1924	4.5
4	10:45	8.00	0.6	1.300	0.6	0.520	0.0942	1.00	0.0942	1.950	0.1836	4.3
5	10:46	9.50	0.6	1.430	0.6	0.572	0.1270	1.00	0.1270	2.145	0.2724	6.4
6	10:47	11.00	0.6	1.550	0.6	0.620	0.1171	1.00	0.1171	2.325	0.2723	6.4
7	10:47	12.50	0.6	1.500	0.6	0.600	0.1519	1.00	0.1519	2.250	0.3418	8.1
8	10:48	14.00	0.6	1.600	0.6	0.640	0.1381	1.00	0.1381	2.400	0.3315	7.8
9	10:49	15.50	0.6	1.620	0.6	0.648	0.1073	1.00	0.1073	2.430	0.2607	6.2
10	10:49	17.00	0.6	1.620	0.6	0.648	0.1161	1.00	0.1161	2.430	0.2822	6.7
11	10:50	18.50	0.6	1.620	0.6	0.648	0.0755	1.00	0.0755	2.430	0.1834	4.3
12	10:51	20.00	0.6	2.150	0.6	0.860	0.1188	1.00	0.1188	3.225	0.3830	9.0
13	10:52	21.50	0.6	2.100	0.6	0.840	0.1027	1.00	0.1027	3.150	0.3235	7.6
14	10:52	23.00	0.6	2.000	0.6	0.800	0.0912	1.00	0.0912	3.000	0.2736	6.5
15	10:53	24.50	0.6	2.200	0.6	0.880	0.0607	1.00	0.0607	3.300	0.2003	4.7
16	10:54	26.00	0.6	1.800	0.6	0.720	0.0886	1.00	0.0886	2.700	0.2392	5.6
17	10:55	27.50	0.6	1.700	0.6	0.680	0.0902	1.00	0.0902	2.550	0.2301	5.4
18	10:55	29.00	0.6	1.500	0.6	0.600	0.0121	1.00	0.0121	2.250	0.0273	0.6
19	10:56	30.50	0.6	1.270	0.6	0.508	0.0171	1.00	0.0171	1.905	0.0325	0.8
20	10:57	32.00	0.6	1.070	0.6	0.428	0.0000	1.00	0.0000	1.605	0.0000	0.0
21	10:58	33.50	0.6	0.600	0.6	0.240	-0.0010	1.00	-0.0010	1.080	-0.0011	0.0
22	10:58	35.60	None	0.000	0.0	0.0	0.0000	1.00	0.0000	0.000	0.0000	0.0

Rows in Italics Indicate a QC warning. See the Quality Control page of this report for more information.

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### Quality Control

St	Loc	%Dep	Message
3	6.50	0.6	High SNR variation during measurement: 13.8,13.3
18	29.00	0.6	SNR (41.9) is different from typical SNR (27.9)
		0.6	High SNR variation during measurement: 10.8,7.7
20	32.00	0.6	SNR (45.3) is different from typical SNR (27.9)
21	33.50	0.6	SNR (48.3) is different from typical SNR (27.9)

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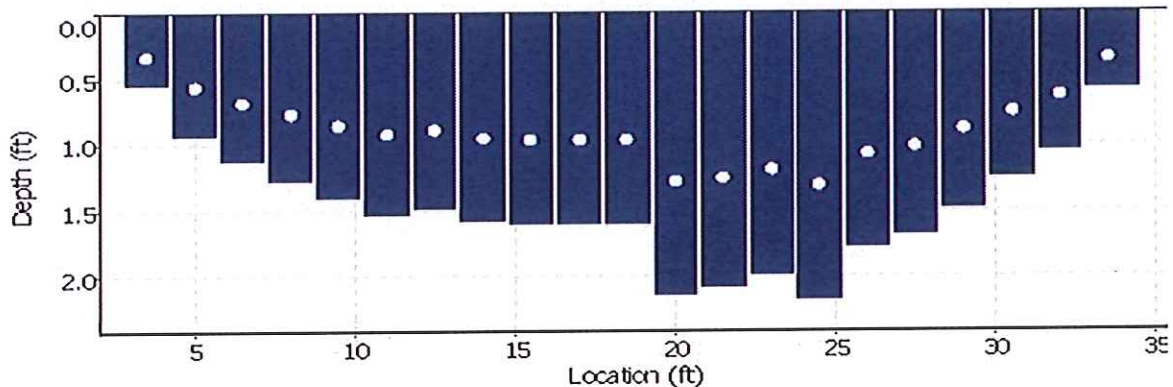
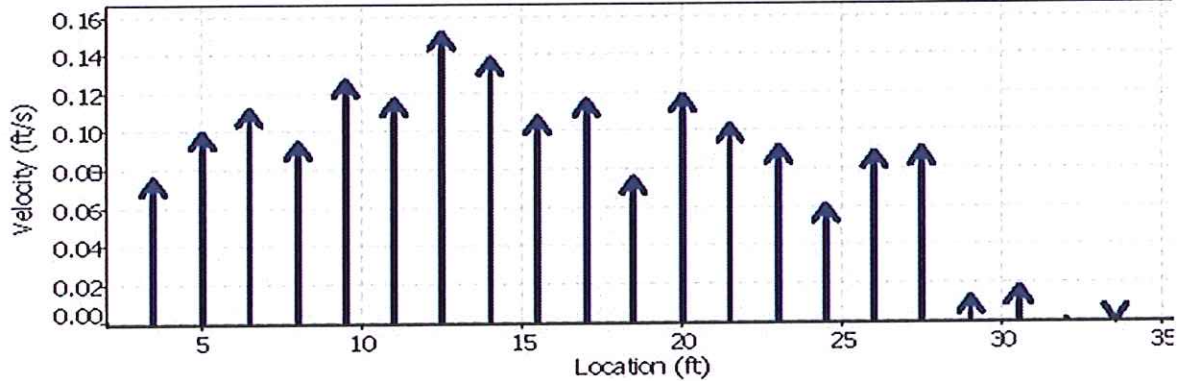
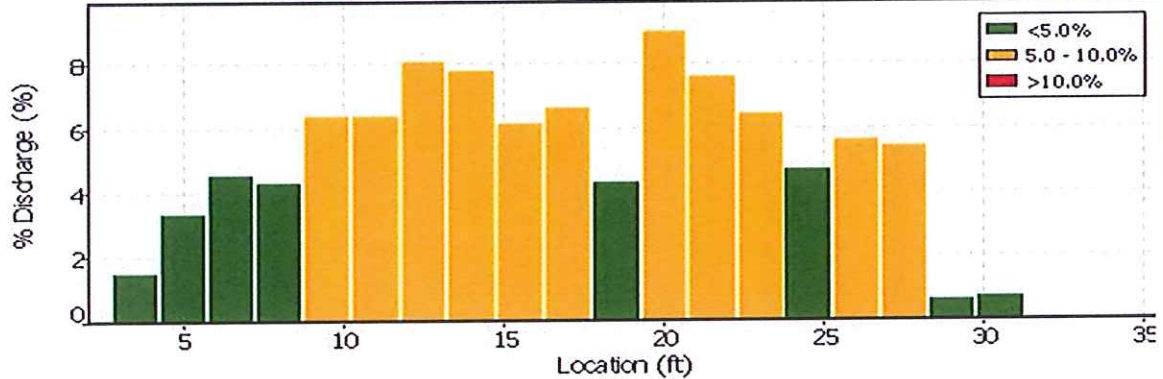
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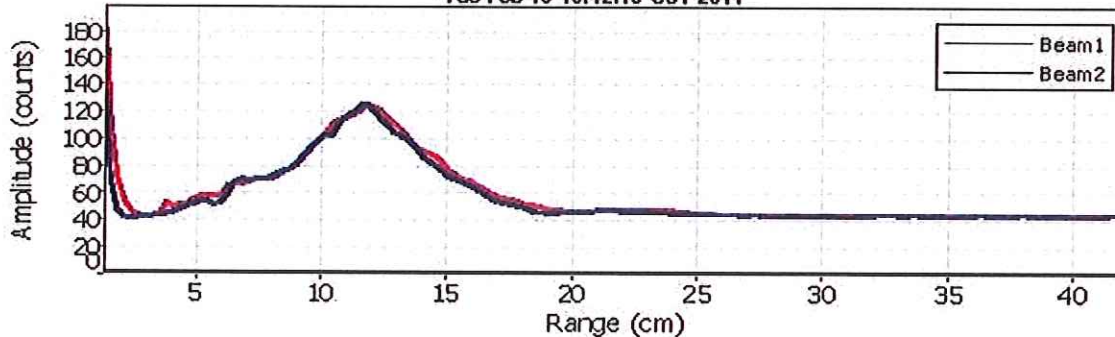
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Site Name FM 2454  
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### Automatic Quality Control Test (BeamCheck)

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- ✔ Noise level check - Pass
- ✔ SNR check - Pass
- ✔ Peak location check - Pass
- ✔ Peak shape check - Pass



## **Appendix E: Chain of Custody Forms**



# Appendix F: Data Review Checklist and Summary Shells

## Data Review Checklist

This checklist is to be used by the Planning Agency and other entities handling the monitoring data in order to review data before submitting to the TCEQ. This table may not contain all of the data review tasks being conducted.

<b>Data Format and Structure</b>	Y, N, or N/A
Are there any duplicate Tag Id numbers in the Events file?	
Do the Tag prefixes correctly represent the entity providing the data?	
Have any Tag Id numbers been used in previous data submissions?	
Are Tag IDs associated with a valid SLOC?	
Are sampling Dates in the correct format, MM/DD/YYYY with leading zeros?	
Are sampling Times based on the 24 hr clock (e.g. 09:04) with leading zeros?	
Is the Comments field filled in where appropriate (e.g. unusual occurrence, sampling problems, unrepresentative of ambient water quality)?	
Are Submitting Entity, Collecting Entity, and Monitoring Type codes used correctly?	
Do sampling dates in the Results file match those in the Events file for each Tag Id?	
Are values represented by a valid parameter code with the correct units?	
Are there any duplicate parameter codes for the same Tag Id?	
Are there any invalid symbols in the Greater Than/Less Than (GT/LT) field?	
Are there any Tag Ids in the Results file that are not in the Events file or vice versa?	
<b>Data Quality Review</b>	Y, N, or N/A
Are "less-than" values reported at the LOQ? If no, explain in Data Summary.	
Have the outliers been verified and a "1" placed in the Verify_flg field?	
Have checks on correctness of analysis or data reasonableness been performed? e.g., Is ortho-phosphorus less than total phosphorus? Are dissolved metal concentrations less than or equal to total metals? Is the minimum 24 hour DO less than the maximum 24 hour DO? Do the values appear to be consistent with what is expected for site?	
Have at least 10% of the data in the data set been reviewed against the field and laboratory data sheets?	
Are all parameter codes in the data set listed in the QAPP?	
Are all stations in the data set listed in the QAPP?	
<b>Documentation Review</b>	Y, N, or N/A
Are blank results acceptable as specified in the QAPP?	
Were control charts used to determine the acceptability of lab duplicates (if applicable)?	
Was documentation of any unusual occurrences that may affect water quality included in the Event file's Comments field?	
Were there any failures in sampling methods and/or deviations from sample design requirements that resulted in unreportable data? If yes, explain in Data Summary.	
Were there any failures in field and/or laboratory measurement systems that were not resolvable and resulted in unreportable data? If yes, explain in Data Summary.	
Was the laboratory's NELAP Accreditation current for analysis conducted?	

# Data Summary

## Data Set Information

Data Source: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Tag ID Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Range: \_\_\_\_\_

- I certify that all data in this data set meets the requirements specified in Texas Water Code Chapter 5, Subchapter R (TWC §5.801 et seq) and Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 25, Subchapters A & B.
- This data set has been reviewed using the criteria in the Data Review Checklist.

Planning Agency Data Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain in the table below any data discrepancies discovered during data review including:

- o Inconsistencies with LOQs
- o Failures in sampling methods and/or laboratory procedures that resulted in data that could not be reported to the TCEQ (indicate items for which the Corrective Action Process has been initiated and send *Corrective Action Status Report* with the applicable Progress Report).

Dataset \_\_\_\_ contains data from FY\_\_ QAPP Submitting Entity code \_\_ and collecting entity \_\_. This is field and lab data that was collected by the (collecting entity). Analyses were performed by the (lab name). The following tables explain discrepancies or missing data as well as calculated data loss.

### Discrepancies or missing data for the listed tag ID:

Tag ID	Station ID	Date	Parameters	Type of Problem	Comment/PreCAPs/CAPs

### Data Loss

Parameter	Missing Data points out of Total	Percent Data Loss for this Dataset	Parameter	Missing Data points out of Total	Percent Data Loss for this Dataset