

**Approved minutes
TOXIC SUBSTANCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE
(TSCC)**

**March 25, 2008
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
DSHS Room G-107 – Austin, Texas 78756**

1. Call to order and welcome visitors

John Villanacci calls meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Sign-in sheet was distributed among those present

Other attendees present:

Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – Joseph Haney

Department of Agriculture (TDA) - David Villarreal

Department of State Health Services (DSHS) - Richard Beauchamp, Michelle Bost,

Tom Ellerbee, Nancy Ingram, Julie Borders, Tina Walker, Carrie Bradford, Brienne Brown

Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) - David Sager

Railroad Commission (TRRC) – Heidi Bojes

2. Approval of minutes from the December meeting

Minutes from December 11, 2007 meeting were approved.

3. Subcommittee reports

a. Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) workgroup meeting update

David Sager reported that Carter Smith is the agency's new Director

Meredith Byrd was unable to attend the meeting because she was on travel status. However, she sent notes for everyone so that the committee would be aware of what was happening on the coast.

Also included were the most recent HAB meeting minutes. (see attached)

b. Fish Sampling Subcommittee meeting update

David Villarreal gave an overview of the meeting. He stated that mercury continues to be the major contaminant seen. The Seafood and Aquatic Life Group continue to do routine sampling of fish for mercury in the water bodies of East Texas. They will also continue to inform citizens regarding the contamination associated with the Donna Reservoir. Even though they have posted warning signs, etc people continue to fish.

c. The Human Health Workgroup update

TCEQ received some additional monies that was to be used to conduct additional sampling in the Midlothian area. TCEQ asked that the Mayor form a citizens group that would help decide what type of sampling should be done and what results they would like to receive. TCEQ will hire independent contractors to do the sampling. Some of the options the group was given was to sample for VOC's, heavy metals, with speciation of chromium.

4. Adjourn

closing remarks – it was suggested that we set up an email mailing list for events that are associated with the Texas Environmental Health Institute (TEHI).

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.