

MINUTES
TOXIC SUBSTANCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TSCC)

September 23, 2008
9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, Texas 78756

1. Call to order and welcome visitors; **In attendance: Richard Beauchamp, Heidi Bojes, Julie Borders, Carrie Bradford, Tom Ellerbee, Joseph Haney, Nancy Ingram, Debbie Potter, Susan Prosperie, David Villarreal, Tina Walker**
2. Approval of minutes from the June meeting; **Heidi moved and Tom seconded, minutes accepted as written.**
3. Presentation: Superfund Site in Donna, Hidalgo County: **Tom Ellerbee, handout and powerpoint.**
4. Subcommittee reports
 - a. Harmful Algal Bloom workgroup meeting update: **no one present, Debbie will email Meredith about new employees attending.**
 - b. Fish Sampling Subcommittee meeting update: **David said meetings are always well attended; always a concern about mercury.**
 - c. The Human Health Workgroup update: **Carrie, nothing to update.**
5. Agency updates: **Heidi, no updates; David, getting ready for session coming up, water and bacteria in water, pharmaceuticals and personal care products in water, reduced risk pesticides less concerning, TDA member of TX Groundwater Protection Committee (TGPC), need public out reach, Joseph passed out handout from TGPC website. Kathy McCormick at TCEQ updating the TGPC website and linking multiple agencies. Joseph will contact Kathy to join the TSCC meetings. The TGPC goes beyond its scope to cover more than just the groundwater. Joseph, reviewing Houston and Galveston 2007 air data, everything but NAQs, August released 3 documents in August, public meeting in Palestine coordinating with DSHS regarding arsenic, people in remediation want all the agencies to be on same page. Question was asked “how did Ike affect location?”**

Next meeting December 16, 2008. T-709

6. Adjourn

TSCC Mission:

Our mission is to protect and promote the health of the people of Texas through the prevention and control of adverse health effects related to toxic substances and harmful physical agents. This is accomplished through interagency coordination of regulation development, health risk assessments, cooperative studies, information dissemination, and public education efforts.