

Toxic Substances Coordinating Committee
Human Health Workgroup
September 11, 2007

Agenda

- Hot topics/issues/current sites/agency updates
- What defines a public health hazard?
- Future topics of discussion

Attendees

Tom Ellerbee, Kip Haney, Vincent Leopold, John Villanacci, Carrie Bradford

Minutes

DSHS HAT Updates – 3 Texas sites are supposed to be proposed to federal Superfund list sometime in September. These sites include Donna Reservoir and Canal System in Donna, Midessa Ground Water Plume in Odessa, and the San Jacinto River Waste Pits in Harris County. UPDATE – these sites were proposed on 9/19/07.

TCEQ Updates – Main sites of interest are Leander ISD and Big Tex. TCEQ TOX and DSHS HAT have both reviewed data collected by Weston at the proposed Leander ISD site. There does not appear to be a health risk, but a groundwater investigation was recommended. For Big Tex, TCEQ remediation is working with EPA to review the sampling plan. DSHS HAT is also involved with this site.

DSHS HAT and TCEQ talked about differences in defining a public health hazard. One of the main differences between these two programs is that TCEQ is bound by TRRP rules that state if a concentration exceeds a clean-up value, something has to be done, whereas DSHS's role is to answer questions (is there too much disease and are health effects like to occur) and to help determine if follow-up activities are needed (both site clean-up as well as health activities or epidemiology studies). This topic should probably be discussed more at a future meeting when other members of the workgroup are able to attend.

Next TSCC General Meeting

September 25, 2007 9:30 - 11:00 DSHS G-107

Next TSCC Human Health Workgroup Meeting

December 4, 2007 9:30 - 11:00 DSHS G-107

Michael Hare will present some information about work he has been doing with trends in pesticide residues in drinking water.

2008 Human Health Workgroup Meetings

March 4, 9:30-11, G-107

June 10, 9:30-11, G-107

September 9, 9:30-11, G-107

December 2, 9:30-11, G-107