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# TEXAS STATE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

Protecting and Enhancing Natural Resources for Tomorrow

# Energy Conservation Plan Quarterly Report

## Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Agency #592

### July 3, 2006

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), agency #592, submitted our Energy Conservation Plan as requested. The following is the quarterly report concerning the results of the suggested and implemented cost saving measures.

### Electricity

The following practices have been implemented to reduce the use or waste of electricity at our headquarters facility, as well as our regional offices:

- All personal space heaters have been removed
- Staff turns off their office lighting when they are away from their work area
- Lock boxes have been placed over thermostats
- Have asked the landlords to consider replacing weather stripping & windows to conserve energy

*Results:* Our leases are all-inclusive; we do not see the electric bills, so we do not know if there are any cost savings.

### Natural Gas

The only use of natural gas at our agency is for the water heaters.

• The temperature on these appliances have been reduced.

### Gasoline

The TSSWCB has 17 vehicles in their agency fleet. These vehicles are used for administration of Senate Bill 503 program in priority area, provide planning assistance for Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) in priority areas, provide engineering assistance for SWCD's in priority areas. From the inception of this program, the agency has required that all vehicles be used in the most cost effective manner. All trips must be coordinated so there is maximum efficiency. Due to the increase in fuel, the agency has not realized any cost savings in this category.