

**TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD
SURVEY OF GROUND AND SURFACE WATER USE
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

Dear Survey Recipient:

Enclosed is the water use survey question and answer forms for the **calendar year 2008**.

The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is legislatively directed to plan for, and to assist financially, the development and management of the water resources of Texas. To this end, it is necessary for the Board to annually collect and maintain accurate information concerning the current use of water. Your contribution to this survey is very important in determining both current and future water needs for your local area.

Please complete sections on the Survey Answer Sheet applicable to your operation and return in the enclosed self-addressed envelope within 60 days of receipt. While the enclosed 2008 survey is nearly identical to the previous year's survey, significant efforts are being undertaken to redevelop and improve the 2009 survey instrument, both online and in hard copy.

Due to these efforts, the online survey application will not be available for 2008. As an alternative, a Microsoft Excel version can be downloaded at <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/wrpi/wus/wus.htm> and then mailed or emailed to waterusesurvey@twdb.state.tx.us. An improved online application will be reinstated for the 2009 survey year (distributed in January 2010). In addition, TWDB water use surveys are no longer being mailed with some Texas Commission of Environmental Quality surface water right reporting forms.

Please be aware that state law (Texas Water Code, Section 16.012(m)) requires that all recipients of the annual survey return a complete survey. Failure to do results in the recipient being ineligible for TWDB financial assistance and to obtain surface water permits, permit amendments, or permit renewals from the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality.

Kevin Kluge, Thelma Dufort, or Nattie Gonzalez of the Water Use Survey Team are available to assist you by telephone at 512-463-7952 (fax: 512-936-0889), or by e-mail at waterusesurvey@twdb.state.tx.us. We invite you to visit the TWDB Web site: www.twdb.state.tx.us/wus.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Enclosures

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