TCEQ
Small Business and Local Government Assistance

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• Bacteria limits are being phased into permits.

• Bacteria limits are in the updated Enforcement Initiation Criteria (EIC).
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• The monthly average bacteria limit is exceeded by 20% for two or more months OR by *any amount* for four or more months.

• The monthly average limit for a non-bacteria based pollutant that is impacting an impaired water segment is exceeded by 40% for two or more months OR by *any amount* for four or more months.
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• Bacteria Troubleshooting guide will be available soon.

• Postcards are being sent to plants with bacteria limits.

• Article will be published in our quarterly newsletter.
Changes to Enforcement Criteria for Wastewater Treatment Plants

Wastewater treatment plant owners and operators:

The TCEQ has updated guidelines for initiating enforcement actions when the effluent from your plant exceeds permitted limits for bacteria and certain non-bacteria parameters. The TCEQ identifies the exceedances during regular reviews of a facility’s Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). If your effluent exceeds the following conditions during any six-month period, the wastewater treatment plant may face formal enforcement:

- The monthly average bacteria limit is exceeded by 20 percent for two or more months OR by any amount for four or more months.
- The monthly average limit for a non-bacteria based pollutant that is impacting an impaired water segment is exceeded by 40 percent for two or more months OR by any amount for four or more months.

The new enforcement criteria are available online at: www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/agency/elc-rev-14-120112.pdf

More information about bacteria limits and testing can be found here: www.tceq.texas.gov/assistance/water/wastewater/ww-hac-t.html

For the Small Business and Local Government Assistance hotline, call 800-447-2827.
Outreach
Managing Small Utilities

A management guide in draft with five parts:

A. Asset Management
B. Source Assessment, Alternative Sources, and Planning
C. Operation and Maintenance
D. Compliance
E. Tools and Resources
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