



## SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SOURCES WORK GROUP MEETING

Meeting Notes  
March 4, 2009

- Individuals Present

Marilyn Christian (Harris County), Scott Nichols (Montgomery County), Alisa Max (HC), Philip Moore (Montgomery County), Linda Broach (TCEQ), Steve Barry (Jones & Carter), Mark Lowry (AECOM), Thomas Barrett (TCEQ), Nwachukwu Sam Okonkwo (TCEQ), Frank Green (Montgomery County)

- H-GAC Staff Present

Erin Anderson, Rachel Powers

- Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

Erin welcomed attendees, initiated self-introductions, and reviewed the agenda.

Marilyn Christian was chosen to give the workgroup report to the BIG.

- Discussion

**Develop/review the workgroup's list of top sources:**

- Aging systems/I&I (working from the plant and lift station up the pipe)
  - Manholes
  - Trunk lines
  - Private laterals
- FOG
- Other SSOs

**Secondary Sources:**

- Subscriber systems
- Inadequate regulations (i.e., 217 AND 317)
- Chronic non-compliance with permits (i.e., inadequate penalties)



**Develop/review the workgroup's list of top implementation activities:**

- CMOM/SSO Initiative—mandated (instead of voluntary in instances of chronic SSO problems—as an alternative to enforcement)
  - Smoke testing/video surveillance
- Require quicker reporting—penalties for untimely reporting
- Larger penalties for failures
- FOG program (proper sizing and design, inspections, maintenance or grease traps; public education; inspection of transport logs)
  - Require all utilities to conduct inspections (via pretreatment rules for permits—40CFR.403??)
- Require subscriber permits
- Public education related to private laterals and cleanout valves

(Research topic: comparison of efficacy of Southern Plumbing Code vs. Uniform Plumbing Code)

**Introduction to the Coordination & Policy prioritization tool:**

- Wrap-up

Next meeting date: Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 10:45 am to Noon, H-GAC Conference Room C

Tasks: Respond to forthcoming e-mail

Next meeting topics: review sources and IAs of interest, begin using prioritization tool