

OSSF/WWTF  
Work Group Meeting Summary  
Armand Bayou I-Plan  
July 30, 2013

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Meeting Attendees: Alisa Max (Harris County), James Trammell (Harris County), Steve Hupp (BPA), Carol LaBreche (COH), Mark Kramer (ABNC), Doug Blanchard (TLV)

This meeting was held at ABNC. Participants made self introductions before getting started with the meeting. The meeting was spent discussing the implementation activities from other I-plans from around the state for OSSF and WWTF.

For the WWTFs, it should like a lot of these actions are already taking place in the facilities in the watershed, although only one was represented. Some of the implementation actions did not seem too applicable, but would be necessary to keep in the case of additional growth in the watershed. There was some discussion about reuse of water for irrigation purposes – could this be expanded? It would probably be driven by economics once the cost of water was high enough. It could be used on sports fields, although there has been some public resistance to doing this where kids play. Region H and the Subsidence District are looking into these possibilities. It could have the impact of reducing environmental flows.

The chance of people on OSSF connecting to WWTFs would not happen unless the home is in the city limits, and restrictions can't be placed on MUDs. There are at least 20 OSSFs in the watershed that H-GAC is aware of. Right now chlorine levels are going up in order to reduce bacteria, but that is not the desired effect either. UV lights are being used in some WWTFs, but they are not being cleaned enough to be effective. TCEQ has started doing more surprise visits.

SSOs are still a problem regionwide. Right now only larger SSOs are being reported, but they all add up.

There was a comment that the "R" should be added to FOG – FROG for fats, roots, oils and grease.