

## **Bacteria Implementation Group Implementation Plan**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Addendum**

- 1) **Revision to Implementation Activity 9.4.5: Expanding the geographic scope of the I-Plan as appropriate.**

I-Plan: 9.4.5, pg. 98

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Communities and stakeholders within the region are encouraged to participate in the I-Plan activities, either informally and voluntarily, or formally upon incorporation by the BIG into the I-Plan. Voluntary action is particularly encouraged in those watersheds with streams that are impaired for bacteria but which do not yet have adopted TMDLs.

From time to time watersheds outside the BIG project area or segments within the project area will undergo bacteria TMDLs. In certain instances there may be the desire to incorporate watersheds outside the BIG project area or add the segments within the project area to the BIG I-Plan. For the purpose of tracking annual progress, even when the project area may expand or the number of segments potentially increases, the BIG recommends maintaining the original foot print of seventy-two segments as a baseline for future assessments.

#### Watersheds Outside of the BIG Project Area

As other watersheds in the vicinity of the BIG project area have TMDLs, currently in-progress or adopted by the TCEQ, stakeholders from those watersheds may petition the BIG to consider incorporating those watersheds into the I-Plan. The BIG may elect to formally approve the petition through a vote during the annual meeting or may decide through a vote taken up by email. Approving a petition through either method will follow the BIG decision-making process found in the latest version of BIG ground rules.

Petitioners should provide some form of documentation (e.g., submitting a petition signed by all approved watershed stakeholders or meeting minutes containing language describing the stakeholder's vote to join the BIG) that evidences the fact that watershed stakeholders agree to join the BIG. Additionally, the BIG encourages but does not require petitioning stakeholders to seek letters of support or resolutions from local jurisdictions in support of joining the BIG and willingness to implement the I-Plan.

Should the petition be accepted by the BIG, the I-Plan will be updated to reflect the new watershed. The updated plan, via addendum, will be approved during the BIG annual meeting. H-GAC will send a letter on behalf of the BIG to the TCEQ reflecting the results of the vote of the BIG on adding the watershed.

## Segments Inside of the BIG Project Area

The TCEQ will notify the BIG that new TMDLs have been completed for segments within the BIG. The BIG may ask the TCEQ to provide a formal presentation on these new TMDL segments during the next BIG meeting. The BIG may chose to conduct public outreach within these new segments. The BIG will formally approved the changes to the I-Plan to address new segments during the annual meeting of the BIG or may decide through a vote taken up by email. Once approve the I-Plan will be updated to reflect the additional segment(s) via addendum attached to the I-Plan.

### **2) Change to Title Page to reflect the addition of 16 new TMDLs within the BIG project area.**

New Title Page:

Approved by the Commission: January 30, 2013

Approved by the Bacteria Implementation Group: October 16, 2012

Revised by the Bacteria Implementation Group: May 27, 2014

Implementation Plan for Eighty-Eight Total Maximum Daily Loads for Bacteria in the Houston-Galveston Region

Segments

Buffalo and White Oak Bayous: 1013, 1013A, 1013C, 1014, 1014A, 1014B, 1014E, 1014H, 1014K, 1014L, 1014M, 1014N, 1014O, 1017, 1017A, 1017B, 1017D, and 1017E

Clear Creek: 1101, 1101A, 1101B, 1101C, 1101D, 1101E, 1102, 1102A, 1102B, 1102C, 1102D, 1102E, and 1102G

Greens Bayou: 1016, 1016A, 1016B, 1016C, and 1016D

Eastern Houston: 1006F, 1006H, 1007F, 1007G, 1007H, 1007I, 1007K, 1007M, 1007O, and 1007R

Halls Bayou: 1006D, 1006I, and 1006J

Brays Bayou: 1007B, 1007C, 1007E, and 1007L

Sims Bayou: 1007 D and 1007N

Watershed Upstream of Lake Houston: 1004E, 1008, 1008H, 1009, 1009C, 1009D, 1009E, 1010, and 1011