

**Petronila Creek Dissolved Solids TMDL  
Stakeholder Meeting Summary  
October 14, 2005  
Robstown, TX**

**STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Brandon Hall	Western Gulf Oil & Gas
David Reagan	Landowner
Eric Mendelman	Texas Watch
John Freeman	USDA – NRCS
Ken Faughn	Robstown Area Development Commission
Ken Kerrihard	Continental Resources, Inc.
Lawrence Mikulencak	Landowner
Leon Bernsen	Landowner
Lionel Lopez	South Texas Colonia Initiative
Roy Staiger	Texas Railroad Commission
Sandra Santos	Nueces County

**STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE ABSENT:**

Beth Payne	Landowner
Edward Jungmann	Nueces County SWCD
Rocky Freund	Nueces River Authority
Harvey Buehring	Nueces County Extension Service
Zandra Zuniga	Senator Hinojosa

**SUPPORT TEAM PRESENT**

Kerry Niemann	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Alex Johnson	EA Engineering Science and Technology
Raed El-Farhan	The Louis Berger Group

**STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT**

Bill Renfro	Texas Railroad Commission
Emmett Hudson	TX Railroad Commission
Frank Salinas	American Ecology
Sinoel Contreras	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Pat Mikulencak	Landowner
Jose Daniel Garcia, Jr.	Western Gulf Oil & Gas

# **AGENDA**

## **Petronila Creek Stakeholders' Meeting**

**Johnny S. Calderon Bldg  
710 East Main Street  
Robstown,  
Texas**

**October 14, 2005**

**2:00 – 4:30 PM**

**Objective: To provide a condensed overview of the TMDL project in its entirety, with an emphasis on source load allocation, and to solicit comments and suggestions.**

### Welcome address, Introductions and Purpose of Meeting

Earlene Lambeth, Public Participation Coordinator, TCEQ & Kerry Niemann, TMDL Project Manager, TCEQ

### **Final TMDL Report Presentation**

Dr. Raed EL-Farhan, Louis Berger, Inc.

A summary of the Final TMDL Report and including summary of the calculated loads and the necessary reductions to meet the water quality standards.

### **Texas Watch**

Update on education outreach and efforts to prevent illegal dumping

### **Summary, Questions and Comments**

TCEQ, EA Engineering, and Louis Berger Group

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:**

Kerry Niemann, Project Manager with the TCEQ opened the sixth meeting explaining the purpose of the meeting was to provide a condensed overview of the TMDL project for the Petronila Creek in its entirety and present the Final TMDL Draft Report. The meeting will conclude with an interactive discussion and an opportunity for participants to formally comment on the TMDL process. At the end of the meeting, Eric Mendelman with the Texas Watch Program would provide an update on education outreach and efforts to prevent illegal dumping.

Kerry also said there were a couple of things happening in the watershed that the staff was very happy about. He reported that there was going to be a Colonia Initiatives Forum held in Robstown sponsored by Senator Juan Hinojosa. Also, in November at the Cotton Fest, recycling will be one of the focus. Rocky Freund also

Kerry Niemann thanked the attendees and stakeholders for all the participation and partnering that has taken place during the project. He gave a sincere thank you to various committee members and state agencies that contributed so much to the project. He said he was very much looking forward to the next phase of the project which was implementation. Kerry reiterated that the project was an historical pollutant and that it would take time to remediate it – to bring the watershed back into compliance.

**Dr. Raed El Farhan:** Raed EL-Farhan with the Louis Berger gave a brief re-cap of the TMDL process, steps, and listings on the 303(d) list. He then gave a presentation on the model and the draft TMDL. He also reviewed the changes and comments that had been made to the model since the last meeting.

A copy of Raed's presentation can be found at the following web site:

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/implementation/water/tmdl/32-petronila-model-oct2005.pdf>

Question: Do you think that is reasonable, to eliminate 100% of your brine pits and 90% of your produced water? Produced water is what we called leaking wells last time. Do you think this is feasible?

Answer: This is going to be our proposed plan. The idea is to start with the implementation. First of all, identify the brine pits and see what areas can be easily cleaned up and remediated. Through the TMDL Implementation Plan, it will assist in the funding for this project. Let's work with the stakeholders and identify some of these hot spots. The concentrations in the stream will decrease and there are a lot of positive efforts coming out of this. We need to look at where we can get them most "bang for the buck." The BEG Study that was performed identified a lot of areas to concentrate on.

The next speaker was **Eric Mendleman with Texas Watch**. Eric's presentation can be viewed at the following web site:

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assets/public/implementation/water/tmdl/32-txwatch-petronila-oct2005.pdf>

Previous meeting summaries, presentations and other data results and reports can be found at the following web site:

[http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmdl/32-petronila\\_group.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/water/tmdl/32-petronila_group.html)

Kerry said the next step would be to complete the draft TMDL and then a public meeting would be scheduled to take any comments. The meeting was adjourned.