



# **Water Quality Division Update**

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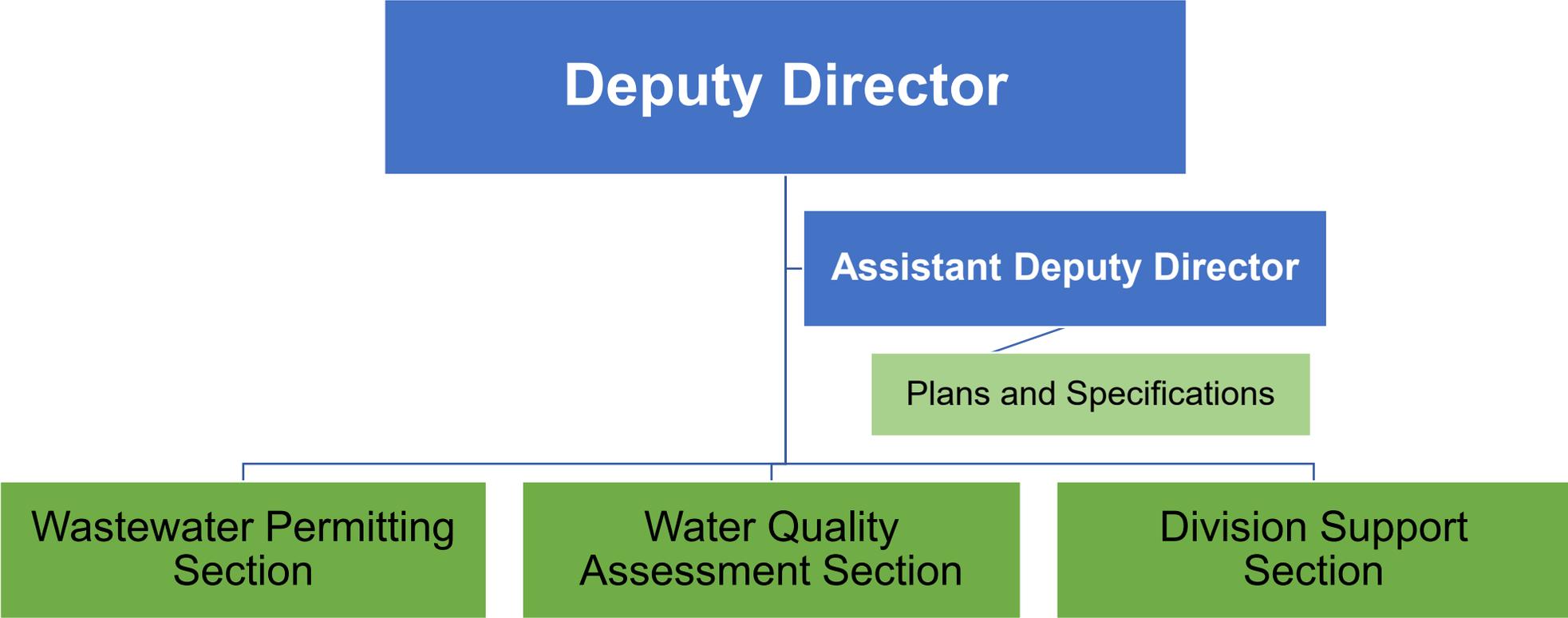
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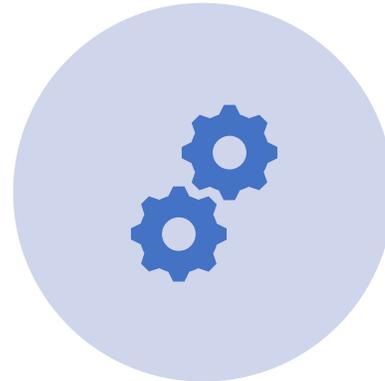


# Water Quality Support Section

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**CUSTOMER INFORMATION  
AND ASSISTANCE**



**APPLICATION REVIEW  
AND PROCESSING**



**INFORMATION  
TECHNOLOGY**

# Water Quality Assessment Section

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Water Quality Assessments

Water Quality Standards Implementation

Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

Biosolids Program

# Wastewater Permitting Section

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Industrial Permits

Municipal Permits

Stormwater Permits

Oil and Gas Permits

Aquaculture

Pretreatment Program

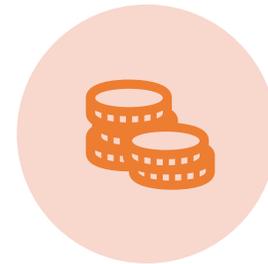
# Water Quality Division Mission Statement



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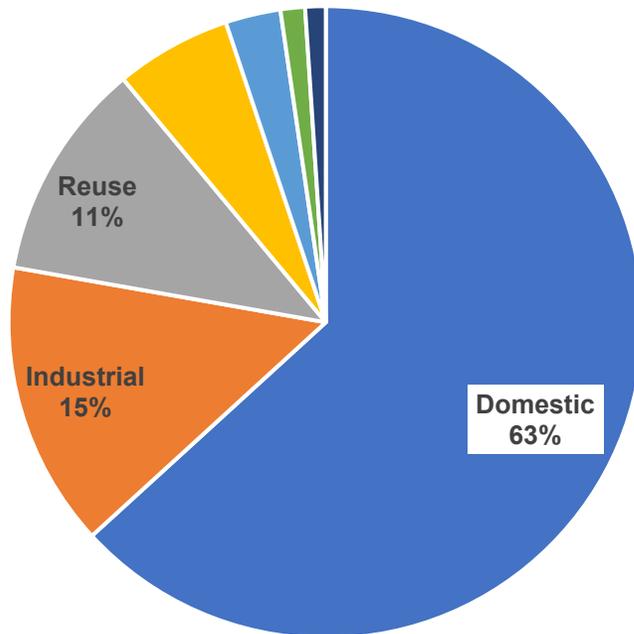
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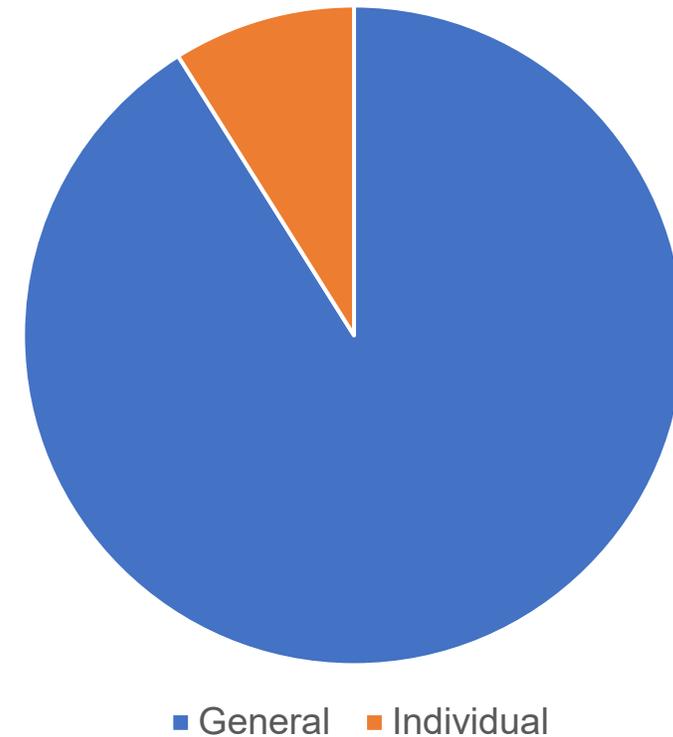
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# Water Quality Permits

Individual Permits and Registrations



Individual vs General Permits (GPs)



# Challenges / Successes

- Processing permit applications in a timely manner
  - Volume
  - Complexity
  - Public Interest
  - Staffing
- Implementation of Oil and Gas Permit Programs
  - TXG310000 - TPDES Oil and Gas Extraction
  - WQG280000 - Continental Shelf Oil And Gas Extraction
  - Individual TPDES for treated produced water

# Permitting and Rule Update

Bills from Legislative Session

Rules

Permits



# WQD Legislative Updates (88<sup>th</sup>)

- **HB 1688** - Relating to expansion of water quality protection areas.
- **SB 1289** - Relating to the disposal of reclaimed wastewater.
- **HB 0692** - Relating to the authorization for certain land applications and disposal of dairy waste in control or retention facility

# WQD Legislative Update (89<sup>th</sup>)

- Water Quality Division reviewed all bills filed for potential agency impacts.
- Water Quality Division analyzed 120 bills with direct or indirect impacts on the division. (88<sup>th</sup> Session – 63)
- WQD was lead on review of 27 bills.

# Legislative Themes (89<sup>th</sup>)

- Water Reuse
  - Desalination
  - Produced Water
- Regionalization
- Water Quality

# Bills of Interest

SB 1

*General Appropriations*

SB 7/ SJR 66

*Relating to the oversight and financing of certain water infrastructure matters under the jurisdiction of the Texas Water Development Board.*

SB 1145 / HB 2584

*Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue permits for the land application of water produced from certain mining and oil and gas extraction operations.*

SB 1302 / HB 4485

*Relating to eligibility to use a general permit to discharge waste into or adjacent to waters in this state.*

# Rule Update

- **Design Criteria for Domestic Wastewater Systems**
  - Chapter 217 and 222 (SADDS)
  - Proposal December 2025



# General Permit Update

## TXR050000 Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Stormwater

- Renewal ongoing for general permit that expires August 14, 2026
- Amendment is expected on May 5, 2025

## TXG670000 Hydrostatic Test Water

- Renewal issued with an effective date of April 5, 2025.

## TXG640000 Water Treatment Plant

- Amendment with renewal ongoing. Public meeting and end of comment period April 7, 2025.

# Federal Update

## Wastewater Effluent Limit Guidelines (ELGs)

- [Steam Electric Power Generating](#) (40 CFR 423)- [Final Rule](#) (May 9, 2024)
- [Meat and Poultry Products](#) (40 CFR 432)- [Proposed Rule](#) (January 23, 2024)

## CWA Methods Update Rule

- Methods Update Rule (MUR), MUR 22, on December 6, 2024

## ELG Studies – Preliminary Plan 16

- [Battery Manufacturing Category](#) (40 CFR 461)
- [Centralized Waste Treatment \(CWT\) Category](#) (40 CFR 437) PFAS
- [Onshore Oil and Gas Extraction Category](#) (40 CFR 435)
- PFAS processors



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