DFC Committee Meeting Update



March 6, 2018

Topics

- Groundwater Quality Issues Including Brackish Water
- Aquifer Storage Recovery Project Including Demonstrated Recoverability
- POSGCD Guidance Document for Evaluating Compliance with DFCs and Protective Drawdown Limits
- Update on Central Sparta, Queen City, and Carrizo-Wilcox Update



Municipal and Industrial Waste Sites

Num	Туре	Name		
1	Landfill	CITY OF ROGERS LANDFILL		
2	Historic Site	MICRODIRT INC		
3	Landfill	MILAM COUNTY LANDFILL		
4	Landfill	FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY LANDFILL		
5	Landfill	MILAM COUNTY PRECINCT 1 LANDFILL		
6	Historic Site	DOONER ORGANICS COMPOSTING FACILITY		
7	Landfill	CITY OF CAMERON LANDFILL		
8	Landfill	CITY OF CAMERON LANDFILL		
9	Landfill	MILAM COUNTY LANDFILL		
10	Landfill	CITY OF HENRIETTA LANDFILL		
11	Landfill	CITY OF ROCKDALE LANDFILL		
12	Landfill	BURLESON COUNTY PRECINCT 2 LANDFILL		
13	Landfill	BURLESON COUNTY PRECINCT 2 LANDFILL		
14	Landfill	CITY OF CALDWELL LANDFILL		
15	Landfill	BURLESON COUNTY LANDFILL		
16	Landfill	BURLESON COUNTY LANDFILL		
17	Landfill	CITY OF SOMMERVILLE		
18	Landfill	CITY OF SOMERVILLE LANDFILL		





Petroleum Storage Tank Sites





Petroleum and Chemical Pipelines





Underground Injection Control Wells





Characterize Groundwater Water Quality

	Groundwater Salinity Classification	Total Dissolved Solids Concentration (units: milligrams per liter)			
(1,000 mg/L to 10,000 mg/L)	Fresh	0 to 1,000	EPA Secondary Drinking Water Limit (500 mg/l)		
	Slightly Saline	1,000 to 3,000	TCEQ Secondary Drinking Water Limit (1,000mg/l)		
	Moderately Saline	3,000 to 10,000	Major/Minor (Texas) Mapped Limit (3,000 mg/l) In Gulf Coast, Texas Railroad Commission Defines Useable water at (3,000 mg/l) for Groundwater Protection		
	Very Saline	10,000 to 35,000	 EPA Underground Source of Drinking Water (USDW) is defined as having a less than 10,000 mg/L Seawater 		
	Brine	Greater than 35,000			



Brackish Water

Example Mapping of Salinity Zones in POSGCD

- Develop relationship between a resistivity measurement on a geophysical log and TDS concentration (dependent on formation)
- Assemble geophysical logs and develop a continuous profile of formation types, sand beds, and TDS concentration with depth
- Interpret geophysical logs in three-dimensions see example below



Study to Improve Characterization of Fresh and Brackish Groundwater Resources

- Build on relationship developed for GMA13 to estimate TDS from Geophysical Logs
 - Estimate base of fresh water and volume of fresh water (TDS < 1,000 mg/L)
 - Estimate base of brackish water (TDS < 10,000 mg/L)
 - Establish basis for challenging vertical location of future injections wells
 - Establish baseline data to investigate benefits of possible brackish management zone





TCEQ Application for Class V Underground and Injection Control (UIC) Well for ASR

Aquifer Storage and Recovery

Any permit or authorization issued by the TCEQ for an ASR project must be for aquifer storage and recovery in accordance with the following definitions in Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (30 TAC), Chapter 331:

Aquifer Storage and Recovery [30 TAC §331.2(8)]: "The injection of water into a geologic formation, group of formations, or part of a formation that is capable of underground storage of water for later retrieval and beneficial use."

Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project [30 TAC §331.2(11)]: A project involving the injection of water into a geologic formation for the purpose of subsequent recovery and beneficial use by the operator.

Section VIII. Demonstration of Recoverability

In order for the commission to make a determination as to whether injection of water into a geologic formation will result in a loss of injected water or native groundwater, as required under TWC, **§**27.154(b), please provide an analysis of the volume of injected water that will be recovered. This analysis should consider the geologic, hydrogeologic, and hydrochemistry of the injection zone, the quality of the injected water, and the operational conditions proposed for the project. The commission anticipates that this analysis will require groundwater modeling. Please provide a detailed discussion of how the applicant estimated the percentage of injected water that will be recovered. If this estimated percentage of the injected water volume that is estimated is based on groundwater modeling, please describe the modeling performed, with justification for all assumptions and input parameter values.



Hypothetical Example of ASR Recoverability

- Injected 200 acre-feet
- Withdraw water at 500 gpm for 180 days
- Water withdrawn is a mixture of injected water and native groundwater
- Takes 120 days (or 265 acrefeet) to withdrawal all of the injected groundwater



Hypothetical Example of ASR Recoverability

- Fraction of recovered water that was injected decreases with volume pumped
- Recoverability is fraction of recovered water that is injected water
- Recoverability is 1.0. 0.9, and 0.5 at 20, 90, and 120 days



Factors Affecting Recoverability

Operational Factors		Hydraulic Conditions: Aquifer Hydraulic Properties			Hydraulic Conditions: Aquifer Flow Conditions	
ASR Application	Duration	ASR Zone	Hydraulic Properties		Factor	Condition
Seasonal	short	Inject and	Uniform		Hydraulic Gradient (regional GW flow)	none
Supply	long	recover	Moderate			small
Establish	short	from one	heterogeneity			large
Firm Yeild	long	aquifer	Large		Nearby Pumping	none
Drought of	short	zone	heterogeneity			small amount
Record	long	Inject and	Uniform			large amount
		recover	Moderate			
		from two	heterogeneity			
		aquifer	Large			
		zones	heterogeneity			



Modeling Operational Factors will Include of Buffer Zone





Project Tasks

- Investigation appropriate methods and approaches for modeling and monitoring ASR
- Coordinating and working with University of Texas to provide information to TCEQ for a guidance manual
- Identify and evaluation options for modeling and monitoring recoverability to demonstrate recoverability
- Perform realistic evaluation of ASR in District
- Workshop for GMA 12 to discuss rules for monitoring ASR
- Submitted presentation topic to TAGD summit in August 2018



POSGCD Guidance Document for Evaluating Compliance with DFC

- Received comments from POSGCD
- Modify document and sent out for review by other GMA 12 districts by mid March
- Anticipate GMA 12 review complete by end of April 2018
- Present results at next GMA 12 meeting



Update on Central Sparta, Queen City, and Carrizo-Wilcox Update

- Updated faults locations and properties
- Revise approach for simulating recharge as a function of precipitation
- Revise approach for simulating surface watergroundwater for Colorado and Brazos River
- Revised storage and transmissive properties of aquifers based on results from sand maps and aquifer pumping tests



Questions ?





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