

## **Group 9: Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities**

### ***Instructions for Completing the Survey***

The survey is intended to help the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) understand the concerns drinking water and wastewater utilities have related to pharmaceuticals, if and how water and wastewater utilities are (or would like to be) involved in disposal of unused pharmaceuticals.

This survey is part of a study being conducted to fulfill the requirements of Senate Bill 1757, passed in the Texas 81st Legislative Session.

This survey should be completed by a Director, President or another senior staff member at a drinking water or wastewater utility in Texas (including municipalities).

**THIS SURVEY IS ONLY INTENDED FOR DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES PHYSICALLY LOCATED WITHIN TEXAS.**

Please answer these questions as accurately as possible. There are 10 questions in this survey and it should not take more than 10-15 minutes to complete. One survey should be completed per utility. Surveys are anonymous.

Some questions relate to wastewater utilities, some to drinking water utilities and some to both. Please answer those questions appropriate to your situation.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact Jessica Huybregts at 512-239-4709 or by email at <[jhuybreg@tceq.state.tx.us](mailto:jhuybreg@tceq.state.tx.us)>.

### ***Start Survey***

To access the online Drinking Water and Wastewater Utility survey, click [here](#)

### ***Definitions***

Below are definitions for some of the terms used in this survey.

**Pharmaceutical:** Under the plain and ordinary meaning of the term, a pharmaceutical is considered a “drug”. Plainly stated, pharmaceuticals could be over-the-counter drugs or those that require a prescription to obtain, they can be in the solid, liquid or aerosol form, but they are not foods or nutritional supplements.

For more information, see the definition of “drug” in Chapter 431 of the Texas Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act [§431.002(14)].

**Unused: The term unused can include partially or completely unused, unwanted, wasted, and/or expired substances. These are items that are ultimately NOT used and require disposal or transfer to another location.**

Rural County: Under Section 88.621(6), Education Code, 1999, a “Rural county” means a county with a population of less than 50,000. Rural County definition map:  
[http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/pubspol/Rural\\_Definition/Definition\\_19\\_and\\_20.pdf](http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/pubspol/Rural_Definition/Definition_19_and_20.pdf)