2024 Texas Integrated Report - Response to Public Comment

Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

These comments address TCEQ's Draft 2024 Texas Integrated Report for Clean Water Act Sections 303(d) and 305(b) List and were submitted during the comment period beginning February 9, 2024 and ending March 12, 2024.

Commentor	Segment ID	Water Body Name	Summary of Request or Comment	Summary of Action or Explanation
City of Waxahachie	0815	Lake Bardwell	The City of Waxahahie supports the removal of the impairment for sulfate on Lake Bardwell (Segment No. 0815) from the draft 2024 303(d) list.	TCEQ acknowledges this comment
Environmental Stewardship	1428, 1434	Colorado River Below Lady Bird Lake (formerly Town Lake), Colorado River above La Grange	Data indicate that the Colorado River Below Lady Bird Lake (formerly Town Lake) (SegID 1428) and the Colorado River above La Grange (SegID 1434) do not suppport General Use criteria for nitrate or total phosphorus. These water bodies should be assigned to Category 5 and included on the 303(d) List.	Water bodies are protected from excessive nutrient levels to support the General Uses through the application of screening levels.The Draft 2024 Guidance for Assessing and Reporting Surface Water Quality in Texas (Guidance) states that a concern for water quality may be identified if the screening level is exceeded greater than 20 percent of the time using the binomial method, based on the number of exceedances for a given sample size (see Appendices A and B of the Guidance). The screening levels for nutrients and chlorophyll-a in Table 3.11 were statistically derived from SWQM monitoring data based on the 85th percentile values of statewide data for each parameter in freshwater streams. For the draft 2024 Integrated Report, assessments performed in accordance with these procedures indicate General Use concerns for nitrate and total phosphorous in AUs 1428_01 and 1428_02, and in 1434_01, 1434_02_ and 1434_03. No changes were made in response to this comment.
Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi Center	2492A	San Fernando Creek	The San Fernando Creek (SegID 2492A) Contact Recreation Use impairment has been assigned to Category 5b in the 2024 Draft Integreated Report. Because this water body is included int the San Fernando & Petronila Creeks Watershed Protection Plan, the Category should be 5r.	TCEQ agrees with this comment. The impairment has been changed from subcategory 5b to 5r in the draft 2024 Integrated Report.