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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

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This feasibility report provides an evaluation of water supply alternatives for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, ID# 2350042, located in Victoria County, Texas. Arenosa Creek Estates is a mobile home park located near Inez, Texas, approximately 15 miles northeast of Victoria, Texas. The water system serves a population of 66 and contains 26 connections. The owner of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is HOBCO Incorporated, located in Austin, Texas. The water source for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS comes from two groundwater wells completed to depths of 112 feet and 504 feet in the Gulf Coast Aquifer and Chicot Aquifer, respectively. Total well pumping capacity is approximately 55 gpm.

Recent values for gross alpha particle activity (gross alpha) have ranged from 15 to 29.7 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) and recent results for combined radium have ranged from 5 to 8 pCi/L. These values are at or above the 15 pCi/L MCL for gross alpha and 5 pCi/L MCL for combined radium. Therefore, Arenosa Creek Estates PWS faces compliance issues under the water quality standards for gross alpha and combined radium.

Basic system information for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is shown in Table ES.1.

Table ES.1 Arenosa Creek Estates PWS
Basic System Information

Population served	78
Connections	26
Average daily flow rate	0.0025 million gallons per day (mgd)
Peak demand flow rate	6.9 gallons per minute
Water system peak capacity	0.165 mgd
Typical gross alpha range	15 – 29.7 pCi/L
Typical combined radium range	5 - 8 pCi/L

STUDY METHODS

The methods used for this project were based on a pilot project performed in 2004 and 2005 by TCEQ, BEG, and Parsons. Methods for identifying and analyzing compliance options were developed in the pilot project (a decision tree approach).

The process for developing the feasibility study used the following general steps:

- Gather data from the TCEQ and Texas Water Development Board databases, from TCEQ files, and from information maintained by the PWS;
- Conduct financial, managerial, and technical (FMT) evaluations of the PWS;
- Perform a geologic and hydrogeologic assessment of the study area;
- Develop treatment and non-treatment compliance alternatives which, in general, consist of the following possible options:
- Connecting to neighboring PWSs via new pipeline or by pumping water from a newly installed well or an available surface water supply within the jurisdiction of the neighboring PWS;
- Installing new wells within the vicinity of the PWS into other aquifers with confirmed water quality standards meeting the MCLs;
- Installing a new intake system within the vicinity of the PWS to obtain water from a surface water supply with confirmed water quality standards meeting the MCLs;
- Treating the existing non-compliant water supply by various methods depending on the type of contaminant; and
- Delivering potable water by way of a bottled water program or a treated water dispenser as an interim measure only.

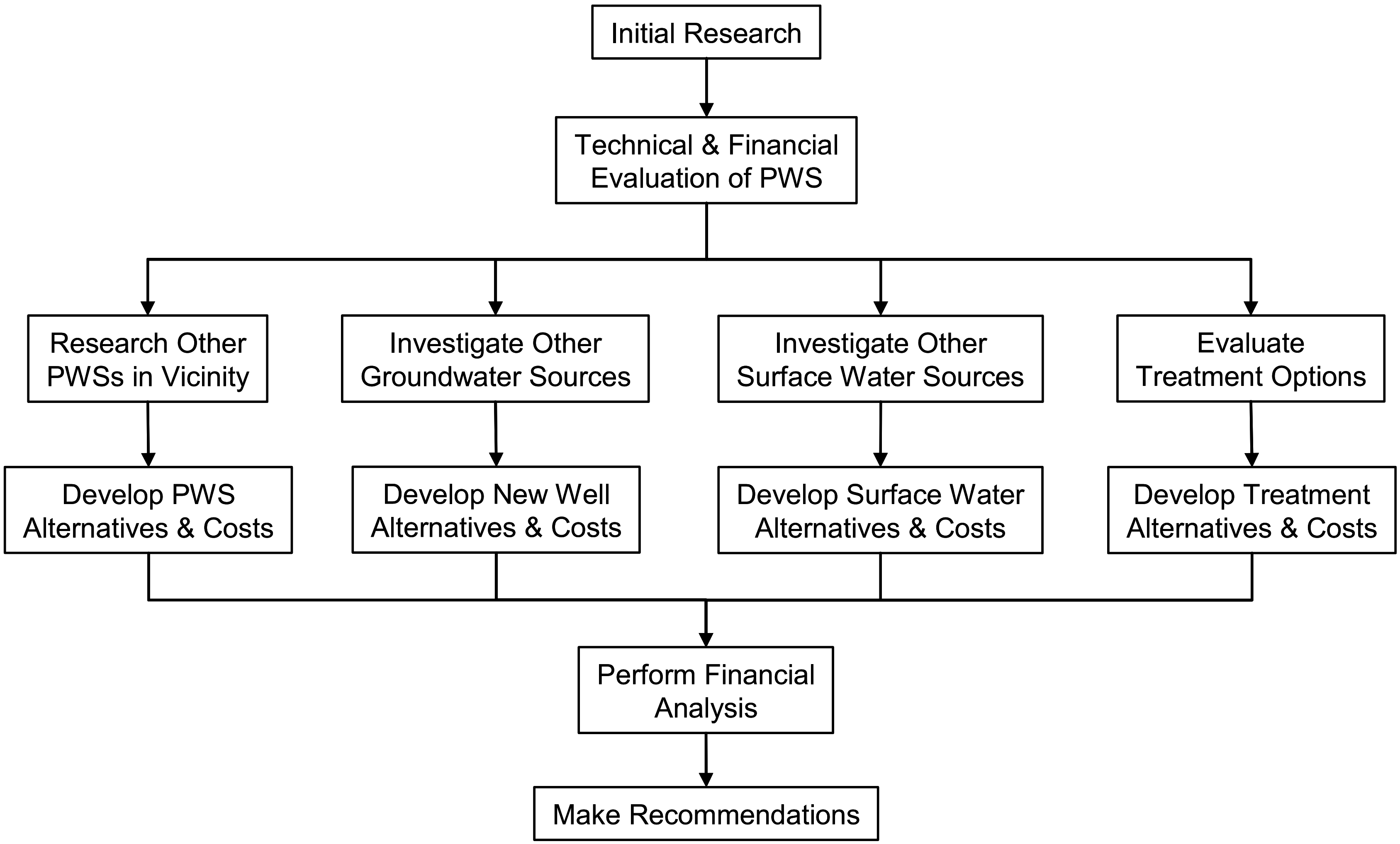
- Assess each of the potential alternatives with respect to economic and non-economic criteria;
- Prepare a feasibility report and present the results to the PWS.

This basic approach is summarized in Figure ES.1.

HYDROGEOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

The Arenosa Creek Estates PWS obtains groundwater from the Chicot subunit of the Gulf Coast Aquifer. There are no measurements of these contaminants within 6.2 miles of the PWS's wells. Therefore, it is not possible to assess local variation in contaminant levels or identify wells that might serve as an alternative source of water supply. Regional analysis shows that nearly all other measurements of gross alpha and combined radium in this portion of the study area meet MCLs for both constituents. This suggests that the high levels in the PWS wells might be caused by some kind of localized source or contamination. Several waste disposal sites, which are possible sources of radium contamination, are located in the area. Although, it is unlikely that the high radium levels are due to known or mapped point sources of contamination.

1 **Figure ES.1 Summary of Project Methods**



Testing the two PWS wells individually might show that only one of the wells has high levels of gross alpha and combined radium. If so, decreasing or eliminating the use of this well could allow the PWS to meet the MCLs for these constituents. In addition, the presence of low levels of these constituents within this part of the study area suggests there might be wells near the PWS that meet the MCLs but are not in the databases included in this study. Further research might identify nearby wells that could serve as an alternative source of water. It may also be possible to do down-hole testing on non-compliant wells to determine the source of the contaminants. If the contaminants derive primarily from a single part of the formation, that part could be excluded by modifying the existing well, or avoided altogether by completing a new well.

During the system interview, it was indicated that the shallow well contained radium and the deeper well did not, although the water from the deeper well has sulfur odors. The radium concentrations between wells should be investigated. If it can be confirmed that the deeper well has acceptable radium concentrations, it may be possible to deal with the sulfur odor problem more economically than the radium. Frequently, sulfur odors can be eliminated by increasing the chlorine dosage, and possibly adding a carbon filter.

COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES

Overall, the system had an inadequate level of FMT capacity. The system had some areas that needed improvement to be able to address future compliance issues; however, the system does have many positive aspects, including a dedicated operator/manager. Areas of concern for the system included lack of long-term capital planning, lack of compliance with the gross alpha activity and combined radium standards, and lack or separate accounting for the water system.

There are several PWSs within 10 miles of Arenosa Creek Estates, and none of them have documented problems with radium or gross alpha. Most of them have not been tested for radium, so it is unclear whether the closest systems could be expected to have compliant water. There are systems within 10 miles that do have compliant water. In general, feasibility alternatives were developed based on obtaining water from the nearest PWSs, either by directly purchasing water, or by expanding the existing well field. The City of Edna and William Wood Elementary School are potential larger water suppliers that could supply water to Arenosa Creek Estates.

Centralized treatment alternatives for radionuclide removal have been developed and were considered for this report including reverse osmosis and the Water Remediation Technologies (WRT) Z-88 adsorption system. Point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry treatment alternatives were also considered. Temporary solutions such as providing bottled water or providing a centralized dispenser for treated or trucked-in water, were also considered as alternatives.

Developing a new well close to Arenosa Creek Estates is likely to be the best solution if compliant groundwater can be found. Having a new well close to Arenosa Creek Estates is likely to be one of the lower cost alternatives since the PWS already possesses the technical and managerial expertise needed to implement this option. The cost of new well alternatives quickly increases with pipeline length, making proximity of the alternate source a key concern. A new compliant well or obtaining water from a neighboring compliant PWS has the advantage of providing compliant water to all taps in the system.

Central treatment can be cost-competitive with the alternative of new nearby wells, but would require significant institutional changes to manage and operate. Similar to obtaining an alternate compliant water source, central treatment would provide compliant water to all water taps.

POU treatment can be cost competitive, but does not supply compliant water to all taps. Additionally, significant efforts would be required for maintenance and monitoring of the POU treatment units.

Providing compliant water through a central dispenser is significantly less expensive than providing bottled water to 100 percent of the population, but a significant effort is required for clients to fill their containers at the central dispenser.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

A financial analysis of the various alternatives for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS was performed using estimates for revenues and expenses. The system does not charge separately for water service, so it is not possible to determine whether revenues are sufficient to fund the water system. It is likely that a rate increase would be necessary to fund implementation of a compliance alternative. Table ES.2 provides a summary of the financial impact of implementing selected compliance alternatives, including the rate increase necessary to meet current operating expenses. The alternatives were selected to highlight results for the best alternatives from each different type or category.

Some of the compliance alternatives offer potential for shared or regional solutions. A group of PWSs could work together to implement alternatives for developing a new groundwater source or expanding an existing source, obtaining compliant water from a large regional provider, or for central treatment. Sharing the cost for implementation of these alternatives could reduce the cost on a per user basis. Additionally, merging PWSs or management of several PWSs by a single entity offers the potential for reduction in administrative costs.

Table ES.2 Selected Financial Analysis Results

Alternative	Funding Option	Average Annual Water Bill	Percent of MHI
Current	NA	NA	NA
To meet current expenses	NA	$178	0.3
Purchase water from City of Edna	100% Grant	$1,365	2.6
	Loan/Bond	$6,302	12.0
Central WRT Z-88 treatment	100% Grant	$1,079	2.0
	Loan/Bond	$1,943	3.7
Point-of-use	100% Grant	$1,013	1.9
	Loan/Bond	$1,112	2.1
Public dispenser	100% Grant	$1,509	2.9
	Loan/Bond	$1,563	3.0

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

μg/L	Micrograms per liter
AFY	acre-feet per year
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
BEG	Bureau of Economic Geology
BV	bed volume
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DWSRF	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
ED	Electrodialysis
EDR	Electrodialysis reversal
FMT	Financial, managerial, and technical
GAM	Groundwater Availability Model
gpd	gallons per day
IX	Ion exchange
$KMnO_4$	manganese oxide filtration
MCL	Maximum contaminant level
mg/L	Milligram per liter
mgd	Million gallons per day
MHI	Median household income
MHP	mobile home park
MnO_2	manganese dioxide
NMEFC	New Mexico Environmental Financial Center
NPDWR	National Primary Drinking Water Regulations
NURE	National Uranium Resource Evaluation
O&M	Operation and Maintenance
ORCA	Office of Rural Community Affairs
Parsons	Parsons Transportation Group, Inc.
pCi/L	picoCuries per liter
POE	Point-of-entry
POU	Point-of-use
PWS	Public Water System
RO	Reverse osmosis
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
TAC	Texas Administrative Code
TCEQ	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
TDS	total dissolved solids
TSS	total suspended solids
TWDB	Texas Water Development Board

USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
VOC	volatile organic compound
WAM	Water Availability Model
WRT	Water Remediation Technologies, Inc.

SECTION 1
INTRODUCTION

The University of Texas Bureau of Economic Geology (BEG) and its subcontractor, Parsons Transportation Group Inc. (Parsons), were contracted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to assist with identifying and analyzing compliance alternatives for use by Public Water Systems (PWS) to meet and maintain Texas drinking water standards.

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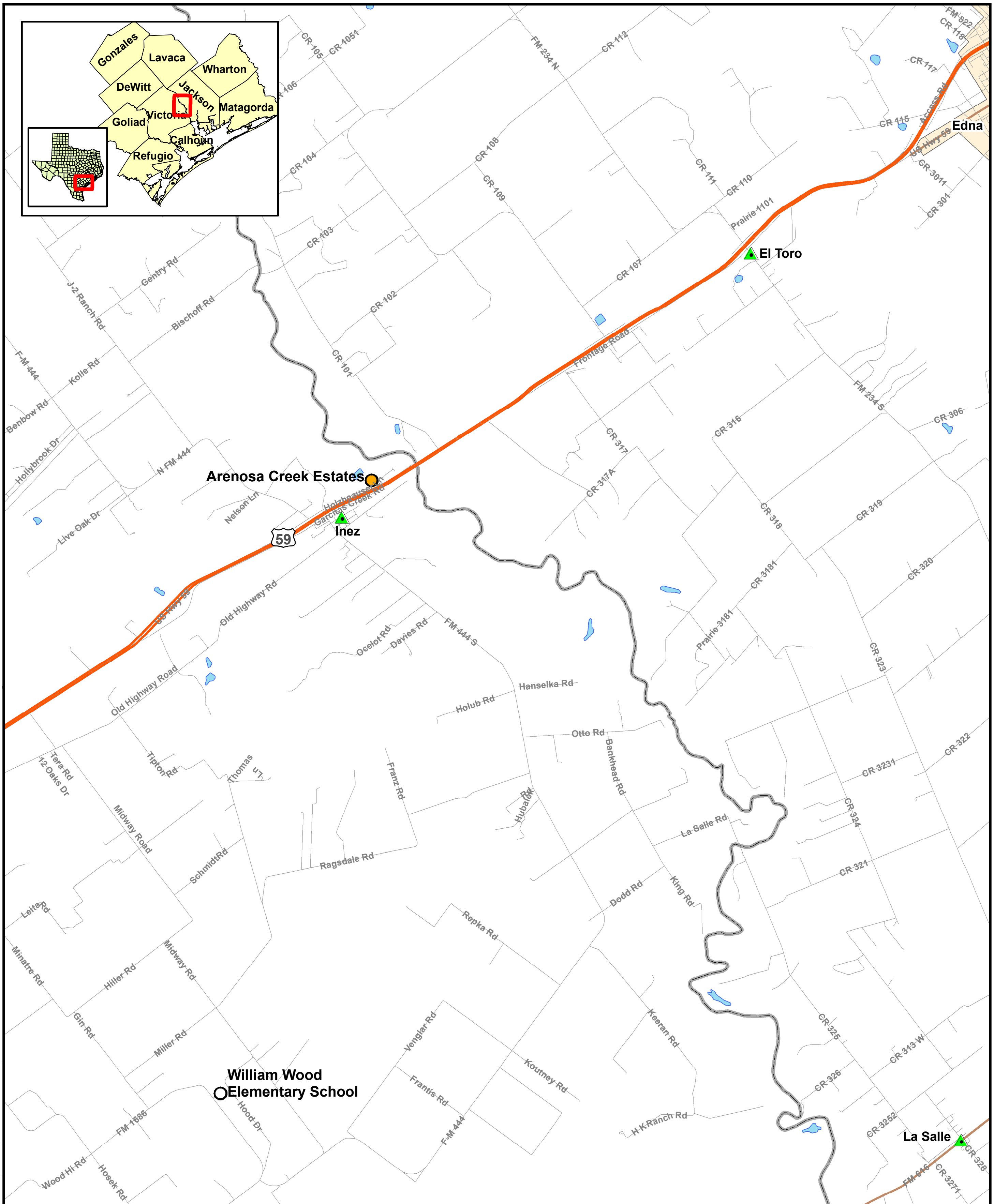
It is anticipated the PWS will review the compliance alternatives in this report to determine if there are promising alternatives, and then select the most attractive alternative(s) for more detailed evaluation and possible subsequent implementation. This report contains a decision tree approach that guided the efforts for this project, and also contains steps to guide a PWS through the subsequent evaluation, selection, and implementation of a compliance alternative.

This feasibility report provides an evaluation of water supply compliance options for the Arenosa Creek Estates, PWS ID# 2350042, located in Victoria County, hereinafter referred to in this document as the "Arenosa Creek Estates PWS." Recent sample results from the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS exceeded the MCL for radium of 5 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L) and gross alpha of 15 pCi/L (USEPA 2008a; TCEQ 2004). The location of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is shown on Figure 1.1. Various water supply and planning jurisdictions are shown on Figure 1.2. These water supply and planning jurisdictions are used in the evaluation of alternate water supplies that may be available in the area.



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Legend

- Study System
- PWS's
- Cities
- City Limits
- Counties
- Interstate
- Highway
- Major Road
- Minor Road

Figure 1.1

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Location Map

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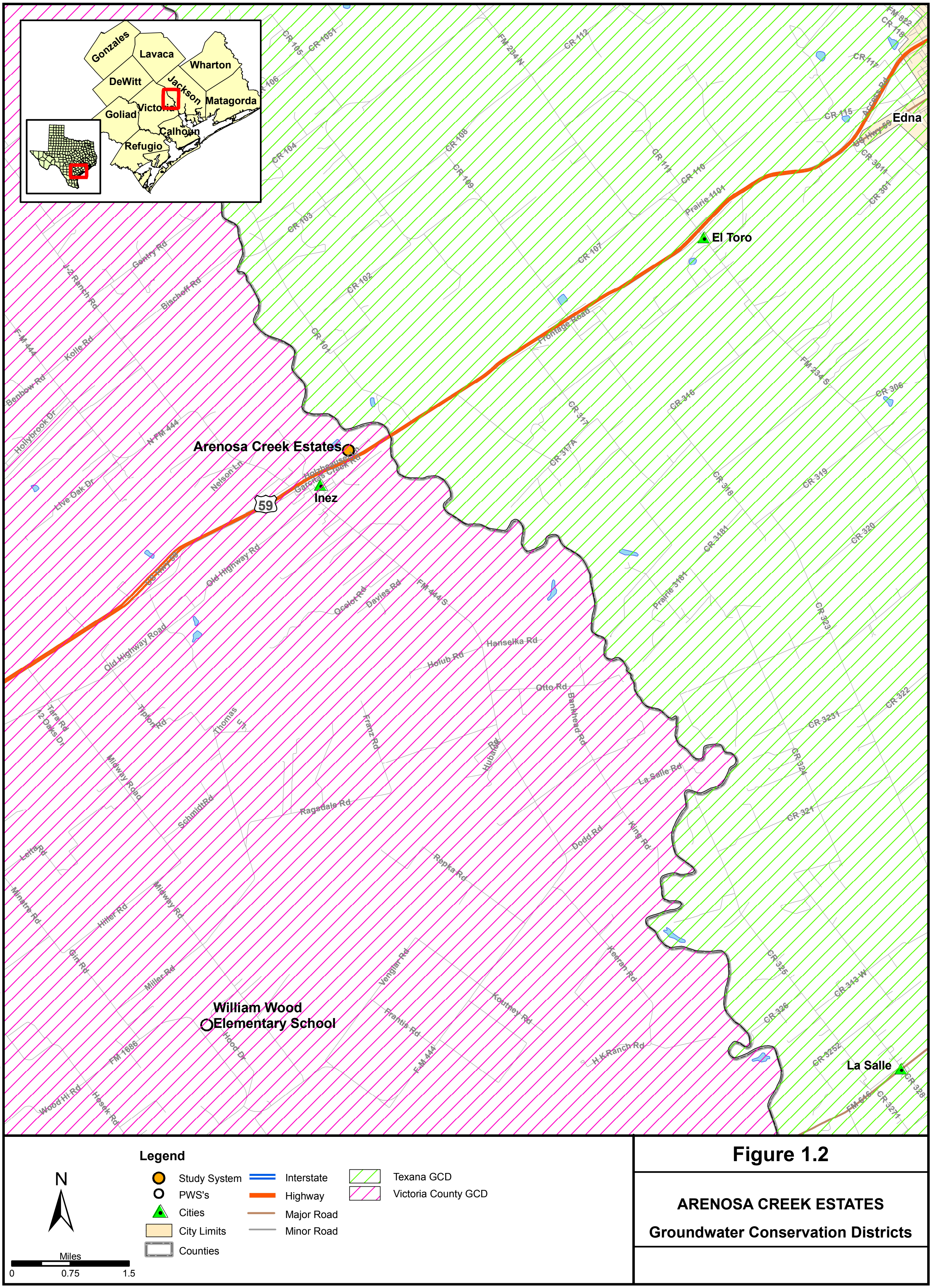

Figure 1.2

ARENOSA CREEK ESTATES

Groundwater Conservation Districts

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1.1 PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE WITH MCLs

The goal of this project is to promote compliance for PWSs that supply drinking water exceeding regulatory MCLs. This project only addresses those contaminants and does not address any other violations that may exist for a PWS. As mentioned above, the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS had recent sample results exceeding the MCL for gross alpha and combined radium. In general, contaminant(s) in drinking water above the MCL(s) can have both short-term (acute) and long-term or lifetime (chronic) effects. Long-term ingestion of drinking water with radionuclides above the MCL may increase the risk of cancer (USEPA 2008b).

1.2 METHOD

The method for this project follows that of a pilot project performed by TCEQ, BEG, and Parsons. The pilot project evaluated water supply alternatives for PWSs that supplied drinking water with contaminant concentrations above U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and Texas drinking water standards. Three PWSs were evaluated in the pilot project to develop the method (*i.e.*, decision tree approach) for analyzing options for provision of compliant drinking water. This project is performed using the decision tree approach that was developed for the pilot project, and which was also used for subsequent projects.

Other tasks of the feasibility study are as follows:

- Identifying available data sources;
- Gathering and compiling data;
- Conducting financial, managerial, and technical (FMT) evaluations of the selected PWSs;
- Performing a geologic and hydrogeologic assessment of the area;
- Developing treatment and non-treatment compliance alternatives;
- Assessing potential alternatives with respect to economic and non-economic criteria;
- Preparing a feasibility report; and
- Suggesting refinements to the approach for future studies.

The remainder of Section 1 of this report addresses the regulatory background, and provides a summary of abatement options. Section 2 describes the method used to develop and assess compliance alternatives. The groundwater sources of gross alpha and combined radium are addressed in Section 3. Findings for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, along with compliance alternatives development and evaluation, can be found in Section 4. Section 5 references the sources used in this report.

1.3 REGULATORY PERSPECTIVE

The Utilities & Districts and Public Drinking Water Sections of the TCEQ Water Supply Division are responsible for implementing requirements of the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which include oversight of PWSs and water utilities. These responsibilities include:

- Monitoring public drinking water quality;
- Processing enforcement referrals for MCL violators;
- Tracking and analyzing compliance options for MCL violators;
- Providing FMT assessment and assistance to PWSs;
- Participating in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program to assist PWSs in achieving regulatory compliance; and
- Setting rates for privately owned water utilities.

This project was conducted to assist in achieving these responsibilities.

1.4 ABATEMENT OPTIONS

When a PWS exceeds a regulatory MCL, the PWS must take action to correct the violation. The MCL exceedances at the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS involve combined radium and gross alpha. The following subsections explore alternatives considered as potential options for obtaining/providing compliant drinking water.

1.4.1 Existing Public Water Supply Systems

A common approach to achieving compliance is for the PWS to make arrangements with a neighboring PWS for water supply. For this arrangement to work, the PWS from which water is being purchased (supplier PWS) must have water in sufficient quantity and quality, the political will must exist, and it must be economically feasible.

1.4.1.1 Quantity

For purposes of this report, quantity refers to water volume, flowrate, and pressure. Before approaching a potential supplier PWS, the non-compliant PWS should determine its water demand on the basis of average day and maximum day. Peak instantaneous demands can be met through proper sizing of storage facilities. Further, the potential for obtaining the appropriate quantity of water to blend to achieve compliance should be considered. The concept of blending involves combining water with low levels of contaminants with non-compliant water in sufficient quantity that the resulting blended water is compliant. The exact blend ratio would depend on the quality of the water a potential supplier PWS can provide, and would likely vary over time. If high quality water is purchased, produced or otherwise obtained, blending can reduce the amount of high quality water required. Implementation of blending will require a control system to ensure the blended water is compliant.

If the supplier PWS does not have sufficient quantity, the non-compliant community could pay for the facilities necessary to increase the quantity to the extent necessary to supply the needs of the non-compliant PWS. Potential improvements might include, but are not limited to:

- Additional wells;
- Developing a new surface water supply,
- Additional or larger-diameter piping;
- Increasing water treatment plant capacity
- Additional storage tank volume;
- Reduction of system losses,
- Higher-pressure pumps; or
- Upsized, or additional, disinfection equipment.

In addition to the necessary improvements, a transmission pipeline would need to be constructed to tie the two PWSs together. The pipeline must tie-in at a point in the supplier PWS where all the upstream pipes and appurtenances are of sufficient capacity to handle the new demand. In the non-compliant PWS, the pipeline must tie in at a point where no down stream bottlenecks are present. If blending is the selected method of operation, the tie-in point must be selected to ensure all the water in the system is blended to achieve regulatory compliance.

1.4.1.2 Quality

If a potential supplier PWS obtains its water from the same aquifer (or same portion of the aquifer) as the non-compliant PWS, the quality of water may not be significantly better. However, water quality can vary significantly due to well location, even within the same aquifer. If localized areas with good water quality cannot be identified, the non-compliant PWS would need to find a potential supplier PWS that obtains its water from a different aquifer or from a surface water source. Additionally, a potential supplier PWS may treat non-compliant raw water to an acceptable level.

Surface water sources may offer a potential higher-quality source. Since there are significant treatment requirements, utilization of surface water for drinking water is typically most feasible for larger local or regional authorities or other entities that may provide water to several PWSs. Where PWSs that obtain surface water are neighbors, the non-compliant PWS may need to deal with those systems as well as with the water authorities that supply the surface water.

1.4.2 Potential for New Groundwater Sources

1.4.2.1 Existing Non-Public Supply Wells

Often there are wells not associated with PWSs located in the vicinity of the non-compliant PWS. The current use of these wells may be for irrigation, industrial purposes, domestic supply, stock watering, and other purposes. The process for investigating existing wells is as follows:

- Existing data sources (see below) will be used to identify wells in the areas that have satisfactory quality. For the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, the following standards could be used in a rough screening to identify compliant groundwater in surrounding systems:
  - Nitrate (measured as nitrogen) concentrations less than 8 mg/L (below the MCL of 10 mg/L);
  - Fluoride concentration less than 2.0 mg/L (below the Secondary MCL of 2 mg/L);
  - Arsenic concentration less than 0.008 mg/L (below the MCL of 0.01 mg/L);
  - Uranium concentration less than 0.024 mg/L (below the MCL of 0.030 mg/L; and
  - Selenium concentration less than 0.04 mg/L (below the MCL of 0.05 mg/L).
- The recorded well information will be reviewed to eliminate those wells that appear to be unsuitable for the application. Often, the "Remarks" column in the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) hard-copy database provides helpful information. Wells eliminated from consideration generally include domestic and stock wells, dug wells, test holes, observation wells, seeps and springs, destroyed wells, wells used by other communities, etc.
- Wells of sufficient size are identified. Some may be used for industrial or irrigation purposes. Often the TWDB database will include well yields, which may indicate the likelihood that a particular well is a satisfactory source.
- At this point in the process, the local groundwater control district (if one exists) should be contacted to obtain information about pumping restrictions. Also, preliminary cost estimates should be made to establish the feasibility of pursuing further well development options.
- If particular wells appear to be acceptable, the owner(s) should be contacted to ascertain their willingness to work with the PWS. Once the owner agrees to participate in the program, questions should be asked about the wells. Many owners have more than one well, and would probably be the best source of information regarding the latest test dates, who tested the water, flowrates, and other well characteristics.
- After collecting as much information as possible from cooperative owners, the PWS would then narrow the selection of wells and sample and analyze them for quality. Wells with good quality water would then be potential candidates for test pumping. In

some cases, a particular well may need to be refurbished before test pumping. Information obtained from test pumping would then be used in combination with information about the general characteristics of the aquifer to determine whether a well at that location would be suitable as a supply source.

- It is recommended that new wells be installed instead of using existing wells to ensure the well characteristics are known and the well meets construction standards.
- Permit(s) would then be obtained from the groundwater control district or other regulatory authority, and an agreement with the owner (purchase or lease, access easements, etc.) would then be negotiated.

1.4.2.2 Develop New Wells

If no existing wells are available for development, the PWS or group of PWSs has an option of developing new wells. Records of existing wells, along with other hydrogeologic information and modern geophysical techniques, should be used to identify potential locations for new wells. In some areas, the TWDB's Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) may be applied to indicate potential sources. Once a general area is identified, land owners and regulatory agencies should be contacted to determine an exact location for a new well or well field. Pump tests and water quality tests would be required to determine if a new well will produce an adequate quantity of good quality water. Permits from the local groundwater control district or other regulatory authority could also be required for a new well.

1.4.3 Potential for Surface Water Sources

Water rights law dominates the acquisition of water from surface water sources. For a PWS, 100 percent availability of water is required, except where a back-up source is available. For PWSs with an existing water source, although it may be non-compliant because of elevated concentrations of one or more parameters, water rights may not need to be 100 percent available.

1.4.3.1 Existing Surface Water Sources

"Existing surface water sources" of water refers to municipal water authorities and cities that obtain water from surface water sources. The process of obtaining water from such a source is generally less time consuming and less costly than the process of developing a new source; therefore, it should be a primary course of investigation. An existing source would be limited by its water rights, the safe yield of a reservoir or river, or by its water treatment or water conveyance capability. The source must be able to meet the current demand and honor contracts with communities it currently supplies. In many cases, the contract amounts reflect projected future water demand based on population or industrial growth.

A non-compliant PWS would look for a source with sufficient spare capacity. Where no such capacity exists, the non-compliant PWS could offer to fund the improvements necessary to obtain the capacity. This approach would work only where the safe yield could be increased (perhaps by enlarging a reservoir) or where treatment capacity could be increased. In some instances water rights, where they are available, could possibly be purchased.

In addition to securing the water supply from an existing source, the non-compliant PWS would need to arrange for transmission of the water to the PWS. In some cases, that could require negotiations with, contracts with, and payments to an intermediate PWS (an intermediate PWS is one where the infrastructure is used to transmit water from a "supplier" PWS to a "supplied" PWS, but does not provide any additional treatment to the supplied water). The non-compliant PWS could be faced with having to fund improvements to the intermediate PWS in addition to constructing its own necessary transmission facilities.

1.4.3.2 New Surface Water Sources

Communication with the TCEQ and relevant planning groups from the beginning is essential in the process of obtaining a new surface water source. Preliminary assessment of the potential for acquiring new rights may be based on surface water availability maps located on the TWDB website. Where water rights appear to be available, the following activities need to occur:

- Discussions with TCEQ to indicate the likelihood of obtaining those rights. The TCEQ may use the Water Availability Model (WAM) to assist in the determination.
- Discussions with land owners to indicate potential treatment plant locations.
- Coordination with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and local river authorities.
- Preliminary engineering design to determine the feasibility, costs, and environmental issues of a new treatment plant.

Should these discussions indicate that a new surface water source is the best option, the community would proceed with more intensive planning (initially obtaining funding), permitting, land acquisition, and detailed designs.

1.4.4 Identification of Treatment Technologies

Various treatment technologies were also investigated as compliance alternatives for reduction of radium and gross alpha radioactivity to regulatory levels (*i.e.*, MCLs). The reduction of gross alpha activity typically is achieved by reducing radium, which appears to be responsible for a major part of the gross alpha activity of the groundwater. Radium-226 and Radium-228 are cations (Ra^{2+}) dissolved in water and are not removed by particle filtration. A 2002 USEPA document (*Radionuclides in Drinking Water: A Small Entity Compliance Guide*, EPA 815-R-02-001) lists a number of small system compliance technologies that can remove radium (combined radium-226 and radium-228) from water. These technologies include ion exchange, reverse osmosis (RO), electrodialysis/electrodialysis reversal (ED/EDR), lime softening, greensand filtration, re-formed hydrous manganese oxide filtration ($KMnO_4$-filtration), and co-precipitation with barium sulfate. A relatively new process using the Water Remediation Technologies, Inc. (WRT) Z-88 media that is specific for radium adsorption has been demonstrated to be an effective radium technology. Lime softening and co-precipitation with barium sulfate are technologies that are relatively complex and require chemistry skills that are not practical for small systems with limited resources and hence they are not evaluated further.

1.4.5 Description of Treatment Technologies

The application radium removal treatment technologies include ion exchange (IX), WRT Z-88 media adsorption, RO, ED/EDR, and $KMnO_4$-greensand filtration. A description of these technologies follows.

1.4.5.1 Ion Exchange

Process – In solution, salts separate into positively charged cations and negatively charged anions. Ion exchange (IX) is a reversible chemical process in which ions from an insoluble, permanent, solid resin bed are exchanged for ions in the water. The process is based on the preferential adsorption of specific ions on the ion exchange resin. Operation begins with a fully charged cation or anion bed, having enough positively or negatively charged ions to carry out the cation or anion exchange. Usually a polymeric resin bed is composed of millions of spherical beads about the size of medium sand grains. As water passes the resin bed, the charged ions are released into the water, being substituted or replaced with the contaminants in the water (IX). When the resin becomes saturated with the contaminant ions, the bed must be regenerated by passing or pumping a concentrated sodium chloride solution over the resin, displacing the contaminant ions with sodium ions for cation exchange resins and chloride ions for anion exchange resins. Many different types of resins can be used depending on the specific contaminant to be removed.

The IX treatment train for groundwater typically consists of an ion exchange system containing cation or anion resin, chlorine disinfection, and clear well storage. The ion exchange system has provisions for regeneration with salt (sodium chloride) and generates approximately 2 to 4% of waste or "spent" regeneration solutions. Treatment trains for surface water may also include raw water pumps, debris screens, and filters for pre-treatment. Additional treatment or management of the spent regeneration salt solutions and the removed solids will be necessary prior to disposal, especially for radium removal resins that have elevated radioactivity.

For radium removal, a strong acid cation exchange resin in the sodium form can remove 95-99 percent of the radium. The strong acid resin has less capacity for radium on water with high hardness and it has the following adsorption preference: $Ra^{2+} > Ba^{2+} > Ca^{2+} > Mg^{2+} > Na^{+}$. Because of the selectivity radium and barium are much more difficult to remove from the resin during regeneration than calcium and magnesium. Economical regeneration removes most of the hardness ions, but radium and barium buildup on the resin after repeated cycles to the point where equilibrium is reached and then radium and barium will begin to breakthrough shortly after hardness. Regeneration of the sodium form strong acid resin for water with 200 mg/L of hardness with application of 6.5 lb $NaCl/ft^3$ resin would produce 2.4 bed volumes (BV) of 16,400 mg/L total dissolved solids (TDS) brine per 100 BV of product water. This results in waste liquids equaling about 2.4% of the volume of water treated. The radium concentration in the regeneration waste would be approximately 40 times the influent radium concentration in groundwater.

The strong acid cation exchange process produces a pleasing water supply that reduces scaling in pipes. However, it increases an average daily sodium intake by 200 to 400 mg compared to an estimated average daily intake of 2,000 to 7,000 mg. Increased sodium levels from all sodium chloride regenerated ion exchange process are a concern to some people, particularly those on low salt diets, but in most cases the increase will amount to no more than approximately 10% of the average dietary intake of sodium.

Pretreatment – Pretreatment guidelines are available on accepted limits for pH, organics, turbidity, and other raw water characteristics. Pretreatment may be required to reduce excessive amounts of total suspended solids (TSS), iron, and manganese, which could plug the resin bed, and typically includes media or carbon filtration.

Maintenance – The IX resin requires regular on-site regeneration, the frequency of which depends on raw water characteristics (especially hardness), the contaminant concentration, and the size and number of IX vessels. Many systems have undersized the IX vessels only to realize higher than necessary operating costs. Preparation of the sodium chloride solution is required. If used, filter replacement and backwashing will be required.

Waste Disposal – Approval from local authorities is usually required for disposal of concentrate from the regeneration cycle (highly concentrated salt solution with radioactivity); occasional solids waste (in the form of broken resin beads) backwashed during regeneration; and if used, spent filters and backwash wastewater.

Advantages

- Well established process for radium removal.
- Fully automated and highly reliable process.
- Suitable for small and large installations.
- Operates on demand
- Relatively insensitive to source water pH.

Disadvantages

- Requires salt storage; regular regeneration.
- Generates a brine liquid waste requiring disposal.
- Liquid spent regenerate brine can contain high levels of radium.
- Resins are sensitive to the presence of competing ions such as calcium and magnesium, which reduce the effectiveness for radium removal.

In considering application of IX for inorganic, it is important to understand what the effect of competing ions will be, and to what extent the brine can be recycled. Conventional IX cationic resin removes calcium and magnesium in addition to radium and thus the capacity for radium removal and frequency of regeneration depend on the hardness of the water to be treated. Spent regenerant is produced during IX bed regeneration, and may have concentrations of the sorbed contaminants that will be expensive to treat and/or dispose because of hazardous waste regulations.

1.4.5.2 WRT Z-88 Media

Process – The WRT Z-88 radium treatment process is a proprietary process using a radium specific adsorption resin or zeolite supplied by WRT. The Z-88 process is similar to IX except that the radium ions are irreversibly adsorbed or attached to the Z-88 resin and no regeneration is conducted. The resin is disposed upon exhaustion. The Z-88 does not remove calcium and magnesium and, thus, can last for a long time relative to conventional IX (2-3 years, according to WRT) before replacement is necessary. The process is operated in an upflow, fluidized mode with a surface loading rate of 10.5 gallons per minute per square foot (gpm/ft^2). Pilot testing of this technology has been conducted successfully for radium removal in many locations including in the State of Texas. Seven full-scale systems with capacities of 750 to 1,200 gpm have been constructed in the Village of Oswego, Illinois since July 2005. The treatment equipment is owned by WRT and the ownership of spent media would be transferred to an approved disposal site. The customer pays WRT based on an agreed upon treated water unit cost (*e.g.*, $1.00-6.70/kgal, depending on water characteristics, flow capacity and annual production for the water systems).

Dow Chemical Company produces a radium selective complexer resin (DOWEX RSC), which has similar characteristics.

Pretreatment – Pretreatment may be required to reduce excess amounts of TSS, iron, and manganese, which could plug the resin bed. Pretreatment typically includes media or carbon filtration. No chemical addition is required for radium removal.

Maintenance – Maintenance is relatively low for this technology as no regeneration or chemical handling is required. Periodical water quality monitoring and inspection of mechanical equipment are required.

Waste Disposal – The Z-88 media would be disposed of in an approved low level radioactive waste landfill by WRT once every 2-3 years. No liquid waste is generated for this process. However, if pretreatment filters are used then spent filters and backwash wastewater disposal is required. Generally since WRT owns the equipment and adsorption media, communities are not responsible for disposal of the spent media.

Advantages

- Simple and fully automated process.
- No liquid waste disposal.
- No chemical handling, storage, or feed systems.
- No change in water quality except radium reduction.

- Low capital cost as WRT owns the equipment.

Disadvantages

- Relatively new technology.
- Proprietary technology without much direct competition.
- Long term contract with WRT required.

From a small utilities point of view the Z-88 process is a desirable technology for radium removal as an operation and maintenance (O&M) effort is minimal and no regular liquid waste is generated. However, this technology has been in use for only 3 to 5 years and has limited long-term full-scale operating experience. But since the equipment is owned by WRT and the performance is guaranteed by WRT the financial risk to a community can be minimized.

1.4.5.3 Reverse Osmosis

Process – RO is a pressure-driven membrane separation process capable of removing dissolved solutes from water by means of ion size and electrical charge. The raw water is typically called feed; the product water is called permeate, and the concentrated reject is called concentrate. Common RO membrane materials include asymmetric cellulose acetate and polyamide thin film composite. Common RO membrane configurations include spiral wound and hollow fine fiber but most RO systems to date are of the spiral wound type. A typical RO installation includes a high pressure feed pump with chemical feed, parallel first and second stage membrane elements in pressure vessels, and valving and piping for feed, permeate, and concentrate streams. Factors influencing membrane selection are cost, recovery, rejection, raw water characteristics, and pretreatment. Factors influencing performance are raw water characteristics, pressure, temperature, and regular monitoring and maintenance. RO is capable of achieving over 95 percent removal of radium. The treatment process is relatively insensitive to pH. Water recovery is 60-80 percent, depending on the raw water characteristics. This means that for every 100 gallons of water entering the system, 60 to 80 gallons of product water and 20 to 40 gallons of "concentrate" or waste are produced. Disposal of the concentrate can have a significant cost depending on options available.

The RO process is not selective for radium and gross alpha removal. A majority of salts and dissolved materials in the water are removed. This is an advantage if the water has high concentrations of TDSs.

Pretreatment – RO requires careful review of raw water characteristics and pretreatment needs to prevent membranes from fouling, scaling or other membrane degradation. Removal or sequestering of suspended and colloidal solids is necessary to prevent fouling, and removal of sparingly soluble constituents such as calcium, magnesium, silica, sulfate, barium, *etc*. may be required to prevent scaling. Iron and manganese must be removed prior to RO. Pretreatment can include media filters, ion exchange softening, acid and antiscalant feed, activated carbon or bisulfite feed to dechlorinate, and cartridge filters to remove any remaining suspended solids to protect membranes from upsets.

Maintenance – Monitoring rejection percentage is required to ensure contaminant removal below MCL. Regular monitoring of membrane performance is necessary to determine fouling, scaling, or other membrane degradation. Acidic or caustic solutions are regularly flushed through the system at high volume/low pressure with a cleaning agent to remove foulants and scalants. Frequency of membrane replacement is dependent on raw water characteristics, pretreatment, and maintenance.

Waste Disposal – Pretreatment waste streams, concentrate flows, spent filters and membrane elements all required approved disposal methods. The disposal of the significant volume of the concentrate stream is a problem for many utilities.

Advantages

- Can remove radium effectively.
- Can remove other undesirable dissolved constituents.

Disadvantages

- Relatively expensive to install and operate.
- Needs sophisticated monitoring systems.
- Needs to handle multiple chemicals.
- Concentrate disposal.
- Waste of water because of the significant concentrate flows.

RO is an expensive alternative to remove radium and is usually not economically competitive with other processes unless nitrate and/or TDS removal is also required. The biggest drawback for using RO to remove radium is the waste of water through concentrate disposal, which is also difficult or expensive because of the relatively large volume involved.

1.4.5.4 Electrodialysis/Electrodialysis Reversal

Process – Electrodialysis (ED) is an electrochemical separation process in which ions migrate through ion-selective semi-permeable membranes as a result of their attraction to two electrically charged electrodes. The driving force for ion transfer is direct electric current. ED is different from RO in that it removes only dissolved inorganics but not particulates, organics, and silica. Electrodialysis reversal is an improved form of ED in which the polarity of the direct current is changed approximately every 15 minutes. The change of polarity helps to reduce the formation of scale and fouling films and thus a higher water recovery can be achieved. EDR has been the dominant form of ED system used for the past 25-30 years. A typical EDR system includes a membrane stack with a number of cell pairs, each consisting of a cation transfer membrane, a demineralized water flow spacer, an anion transfer membrane, and a concentrate flow spacer. Electrode compartments are at opposite ends of the stack. The influent feed water (chemically treated to prevent precipitation) and concentrate reject flow in parallel across the membranes and through the demineralized water and concentrate flow spacers, respectively. The electrodes are continually flushed to reduce fouling or scaling.

Careful consideration of flush feed water is required. Typically, the membranes are cation or anion exchange resins cast in sheet form; the spacers are high density polyethylene; and the electrodes are inert metal. EDR stacks are tank-contained and often staged. Membrane selection is based on review of raw water characteristics. A single-stage EDR system usually removes 40-50 percent of the dissolved salts including radium, and multiple stages may be required to meet the MCL if radium concentration is high. The conventional EDR treatment train typically includes EDR membranes, chlorine disinfection, and clearwell storage.

Pretreatment – Guidelines are available on acceptable limits on pH, organics, turbidity, and other raw water characteristics. EDR typically requires acid and antiscalant feed to prevent scaling and a cartridge filter for prefiltration. Treatment of surface water may also require pretreatment steps such as raw water pumps, debris screens, rapid mix with addition of a coagulant, flocculation basin, sedimentation basin or clarifier, and gravity filters. Microfiltration could be used in place of flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration.

Maintenance – EDR membranes are durable, can tolerate pH from 1-10, and temperatures to 115^{o}F for cleaning. The can be removed from the unit and scrubbed. Solids can be washed off by turning the power off and letting water circulate through the stack. Electrode washes flush out byproducts of electrode reaction. The byproducts are hydrogen, formed in the cathode space, and oxygen and chlorine gas, formed in the anode spacer. If the chlorine is not removed, toxic chlorine gas may form. Depending on raw water characteristics, the membranes will require regular maintenance or replacement. If used, pretreatment filter replacement and backwashing will be required. The EDR stack must be disassembled, mechanically cleaned, and reassembled at regular intervals.

Waste Disposal – Highly concentrated reject flows, electrode cleaning flows, and spent membranes require approved disposal methods. Pretreatment process residuals and spent materials also require approved disposal methods.

Advantages

- EDR can operate with minimal fouling, scaling, or chemical addition.
- Low pressure requirements; typically quieter than RO.
- Long membrane life expectancy.
- More flexible than RO in tailoring treated water quality requirements.

Disadvantages

- Not specific to radium, also removes many TDS constituents.
- Not suitable for high levels of iron, manganese, hydrogen sulfide, and hardness.
- Relatively expensive process and high energy consumption.
- Does not remove particulates, organics, or silica.

EDR can be quite expensive to run because of the energy it uses. If radium removal is the only purpose it is probably more expensive than other technologies. However, if nitrate and/or TDS removal is also required, then EDR is a competitive process.

1.4.5.5 Potassium Permanganate Greensand Filtration

Process – Manganese dioxide, (MnO_2) has capacity to adsorb radium from water. MnO_2 can be formed by oxidation of Mn^{2+} occurring in natural waters and/or reduction of potassium permanganate ($KMnO_4$) added to the water. The MnO_2 is in the form of colloidal MnO_2, which has a large surface area for adsorption. The MnO_2 does not adsorb calcium and magnesium so hardness is not a factor but iron and manganese and other heavy metal cations can compete strongly with radium adsorption. If these cations are present it would be necessary to install a good iron and manganese removal process before the MnO_2- filtration process to ensure that MnO_2 is still available for radium sorption. The $KMnO_4$-greensand filtration process can accomplish this purpose as the greensand is coated with MnO_2, which is regenerated by the continuous feeding of $KMnO_4$. Many operating treatment systems utilizing continuous feed $KMnO_4$, 30-minute contact time, and manganese greensand remove radium to concentrations below the MCL. The treatment system equipment includes a $KMnO_4$ feed system, a pressurized reaction tank, and a manganese greensand filter. Backwashing of the greensand filter is usually required but periodic regeneration is not required. The overall radium removal is typically 65 to 95%.

Pretreatment – The $KMnO_4$-greensand filtration process usually does not require pretreatment except if the turbidity is very high. The greensand filter usually has an anthracite layer to filter larger particles while the greensand adsorbs dissolved cations such as radium.

Maintenance – The greensand requires periodic backwashing to rid of suspended materials and metal oxides. $KMnO_4$ is usually supplied in the powder form and preparation of $KMnO_4$ solution is required. Occasional monitoring to ensure no overfeeding of $KMNO_4$ (pink water) is important to avoid problems in distribution system and household fixtures.

Waste Disposal – Approval from local authorities is usually required for the backwash wastewater. If local sewer is not available, a backwash water storage and settling tank would be required to recycle settled water to the process and disposed of the settled solids periodically.

Advantages

- Well established process for radium removal.
- No regeneration waste generated.
- Low pressure operation and no repumping required.
- No additional process for iron and manganese removal.

Disadvantages

- Need to handle powdered KMnO4, which is an oxidant.

- Need to monitor and backwash regularly.
- Need to manage backwash
- Disposal of settled solids is required.
- Limited effectiveness if $KMnO_4$ is under dosed.

The $KMnO_4$-greensand filtration is a well established iron and manganese removal process and is effective for radium removal. It is suitable for small and large systems and is cost competitive with other alternative technologies.

1.4.6 Point-of-Entry and Point-of-Use Treatment Systems

Point-of-entry (POE) and Point-of-use (POU) treatment devices or systems rely on many of the same treatment technologies used in central treatment plants. However, while central treatment plants treat all water distributed to consumers to the same level, POU and POE treatment devices are designed to treat only a portion of the total flow. POU devices treat only the water intended for direct consumption, typically at a single tap or limited number of taps, while POE treatment devices are typically installed to treat all water entering a single home, business, school, or facility. POU and POE treatment systems may be an option for PWSs where central treatment is not affordable. Updated USEPA guidance on use of POU and POE treatment devices is provided in "*Point-of-Use or Point-of-Entry Treatment Options for Small Drinking Water Systems,*" EPA 815-R-06-010, April 2006 (USEPA 2006).

Point-of-entry and POU treatment systems can be used to provide compliant drinking water. These systems typically use small adsorption or reverse osmosis treatment units installed "under the sink" in the case of POU, and where water enters a house or building in the case of POE. It should be noted that the POU treatment units would need to be more complex than units typically found in commercial retail outlets to meet regulatory requirements, making purchase and installation more expensive. Point-of-entry and POU treatment units would be purchased and owned by the PWS. These solutions are decentralized in nature, and require utility personnel entry into houses or at least onto private property for installation, maintenance, and testing. Due to the large number of treatment units that would be employed and would be largely out of the control of the PWS, it is very difficult to ensure 100 percent compliance. Prior to selection of a POE or POU program for implementation, consultation with TCEQ would be required to address measurement and determination of level of compliance.

The National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 141.100, covers criteria and procedures for PWSs using POE devices and sets limits on the use of these devices. According to the regulations (July 2005 Edition), the PWS must develop and obtain TCEQ approval for a monitoring plan before POE devices are installed for compliance with an MCL. Under the plan, POE devices must provide health protection equivalent to central water treatment meaning the water must meet all NPDWR and would be of acceptable quality similar to water distributed by a well-operated central treatment plant. In addition, monitoring must include physical measurements and observations such as total flow treated and mechanical condition of the treatment equipment.

The system would have to track the POE flow for a given time period, such as monthly, and maintain records of device inspection. The monitoring plan should include frequency of monitoring for the contaminant of concern and number of units to be monitored. For instance, the system may propose to monitor every POE device during the first year for the contaminant of concern and then monitor one-third of the units annually, each on a rotating schedule, such that each unit would be monitored every three years. To satisfy the requirement that POE devices must provide health protection, the water system may be required to conduct a pilot study to verify the POE device can provide treatment equivalent to central treatment. Every building connected to the system must have a POE device installed, maintained, and properly monitored. Additionally, TCEQ must be assured that every building is subject to treatment and monitoring, and that the rights and responsibilities of the PWS customer convey with title upon sale of property.

Effective technology for POE devices must be properly applied under the monitoring plan approved by TCEQ and the microbiological safety of the water must be maintained. TCEQ requires adequate certification of performance, field testing, and, if not included in the certification process, a rigorous engineering design review of the POE devices. The design and application of the POE devices must consider the tendency for increase in heterotrophic bacteria concentrations in water treated with activated carbon. It may be necessary to use frequent backwashing, post-contactor disinfection, and Heterotrophic Plate Count monitoring to ensure that the microbiological safety of the water is not compromised.

The SDWA [§1412(b)(4)(E)(ii)] regulates the design, management and operation of POU and POE treatment units used to achieve compliance with an MCL. These restrictions, relevant to MCL compliance are:

- POU and POE treatment units must be owned, controlled, and maintained by the water system, although the utility may hire a contractor to ensure proper O&M and MCL compliance. The water system must retain unit ownership and oversight of unit installation, maintenance and sampling; the utility ultimately is the responsible party for regulatory compliance. The water system staff need not perform all installation, maintenance, or management functions, as these tasks may be contracted to a third party-but the final responsibility for the quality and quantity of the water supplied to the community resides with the water system, and the utility must monitor all contractors closely. Responsibility for O&M of POU or POE devices installed for SDWA compliance may not be delegated to homeowners.
- POU and POE units must have mechanical warning systems to automatically notify customers of operational problems. Each POU or POE treatment device must be equipped with a warning device (e.g., alarm, light) that would alert users when their unit is no longer adequately treating their water. As an alternative, units may be equipped with an automatic shut-off mechanism to meet this requirement.
- If the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) issued product standards for a specific type of POU or POE treatment unit, only those units that have been

independently certified according to those standards may be used as part of a compliance strategy.

The following observations with regard to using POE and POU devices for SDWA compliance were made by Raucher, *et al.* (2004):

- If POU devices are used as an SDWA compliance strategy, certain consumer behavioral changes will be necessary (e.g., encouraging people to drink water only from certain treated taps) to ensure comprehensive consumer health protection.
- Although not explicitly prohibited in the SDWA, USEPA indicates that POU treatment devices should not be used to treat for radon or for most volatile organic contaminants (VOC) to achieve compliance, because POU devices do not provide 100 percent protection against inhalation or contact exposure to those contaminants at untreated taps (e.g., shower heads).
- Liability – PWSs considering unconventional treatment options (POU, POE, or bottled water) must address liability issues. These could be meeting drinking water standards, property entry and ensuing liabilities, and damage arising from improper installation or improper function of the POU and POE devices.

1.4.7 Water Delivery or Central Drinking Water Dispensers

Current USEPA regulations 40 CFR 141.101 prohibit the use of bottled water to achieve compliance with an MCL, except on a temporary basis. State regulations do not directly address the use of bottled water. Use of bottled water at a non-compliant PWS would be on a temporary basis. Every 3 years, the PWSs that employ interim measures are required to present the TCEQ with estimates of costs for piping compliant water to their systems. As long as the projected costs remain prohibitively high, the bottled water interim measure is extended. Until USEPA amends the noted regulation, the TCEQ is unable to accept water delivery or central drinking water dispensers as compliance solutions.

Central provision of compliant drinking water would consist of having one or more dispensers of compliant water where customers could come to fill containers with drinking water. The centralized water source could be from small to medium-sized treatment units or could be compliant water delivered to the central point by truck.

Water delivery is an interim measure for providing compliant water. As an interim measure for a small impacted population, providing delivered drinking water may be cost effective. If the susceptible population is large, the cost of water delivery would increase significantly.

- Water delivery programs require consumer participation to a varying degree. Ideally, consumers would have to do no more than they currently do for a piped-water delivery system. Least desirable are those systems that require maximum effort on the part of the customer (*e.g.*, customer has to travel to get the water, transport the water, and physically handle the bottles).

SECTION 2
EVALUATION METHOD

2.1 DECISION TREE

The decision tree is a flow chart for conducting feasibility studies for a non-compliant PWS. The decision tree is shown in Figures 2.1 through 2.4. The tree guides the user through a series of phases in the design process. Figure 2.1 shows Tree 1, which outlines the process for defining the existing system parameters, followed by optimizing the existing treatment system operation. If optimizing the existing system does not correct the deficiency, the tree leads to six alternative preliminary branches for investigation. The groundwater branch leads through investigating existing wells to developing a new well field. The treatment alternatives address centralized and on-site treatment. The objective of this phase is to develop conceptual designs and cost estimates for the six types of alternatives. The work done for this report follows through Tree 1 and Tree 2, as well as a preliminary pass through Tree 4.

Tree 3, which begins at the conclusion of the work for this report, starts with a comparison of the conceptual designs, selecting the two or three alternatives that appear to be most promising, and eliminating those alternatives that are obviously infeasible. It is envisaged that a process similar to this would be used by the study PWS to refine the list of viable alternatives. The selected alternatives are then subjected to intensive investigation, and highlighted by an investigation into the socio-political aspects of implementation. Designs are further refined and compared, resulting in the selection of a preferred alternative. The steps for assessing the financial and economic aspects of the alternatives (one of the steps in Tree 3) are given in Tree 4 in Figure 2.4.

2.2 DATA SOURCES AND DATA COLLECTION

2.2.1 Data Search

2.2.1.1 Water Supply Systems

The TCEQ maintains a set of files on public water systems, utilities, and districts at its headquarters in Austin, Texas. The files are organized under two identifiers: a PWS identification number and a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) number. The PWS identification number is used to retrieve four types of files:

- CO – Correspondence,
- CA – Chemical analysis,
- MOR – Monthly operating reports (quality/quantity), and
- FMT – Financial, managerial and technical issues.

Figure 2.1
TREE 1 – EXISTING FACILITY ANALYSIS

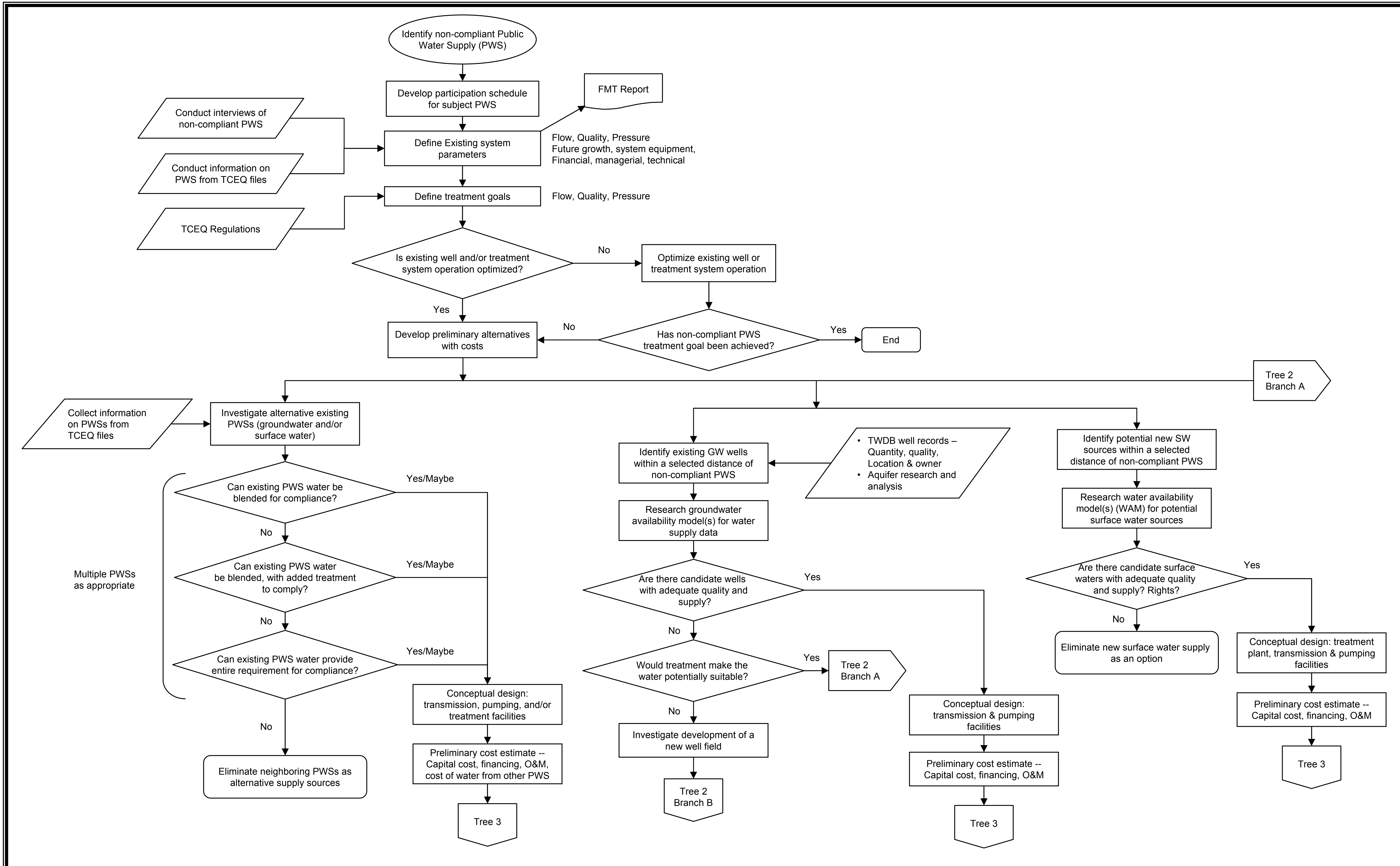
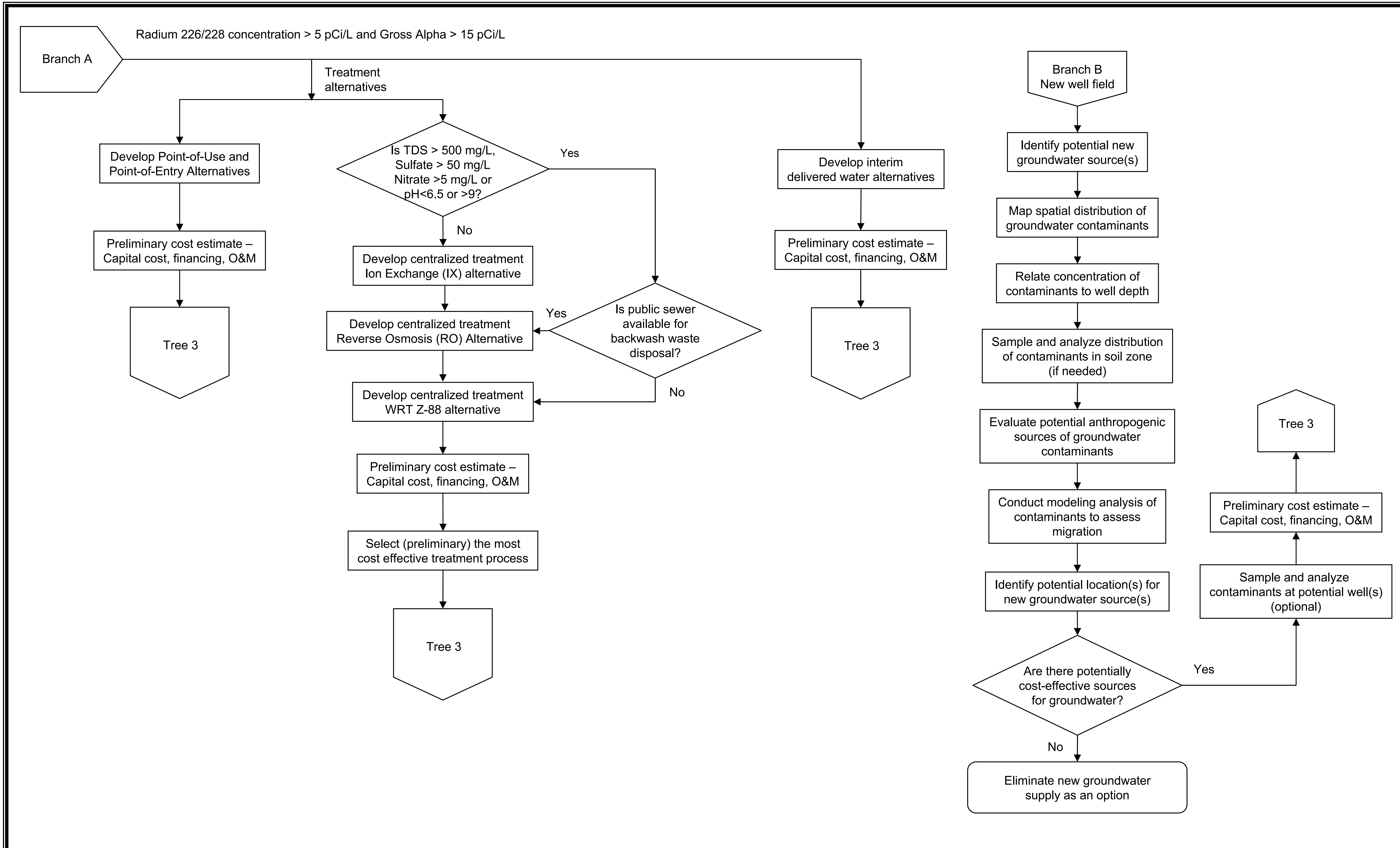


Figure 2.2
TREE 2 – DEVELOP TREATMENT ALTERNATIVES



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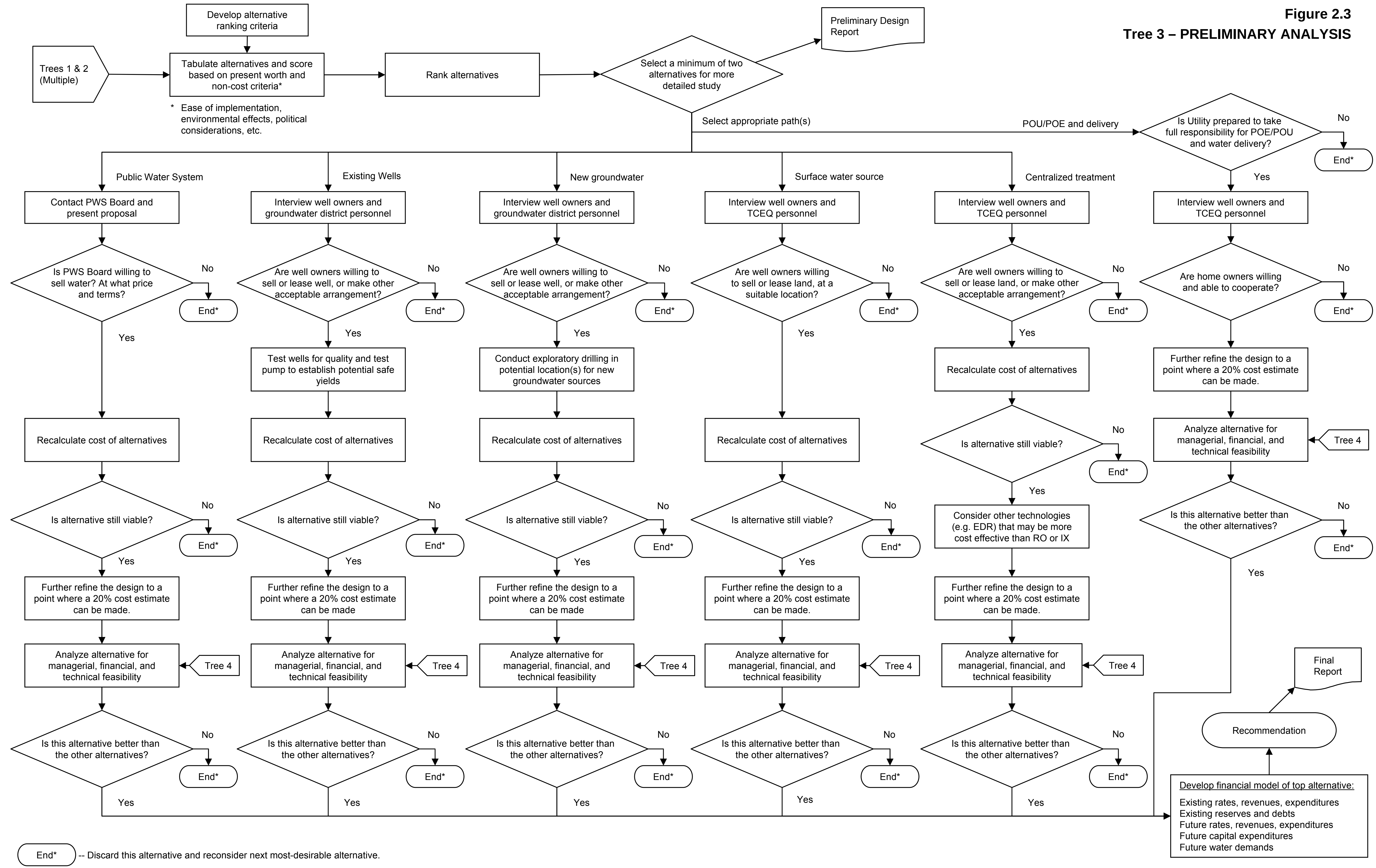

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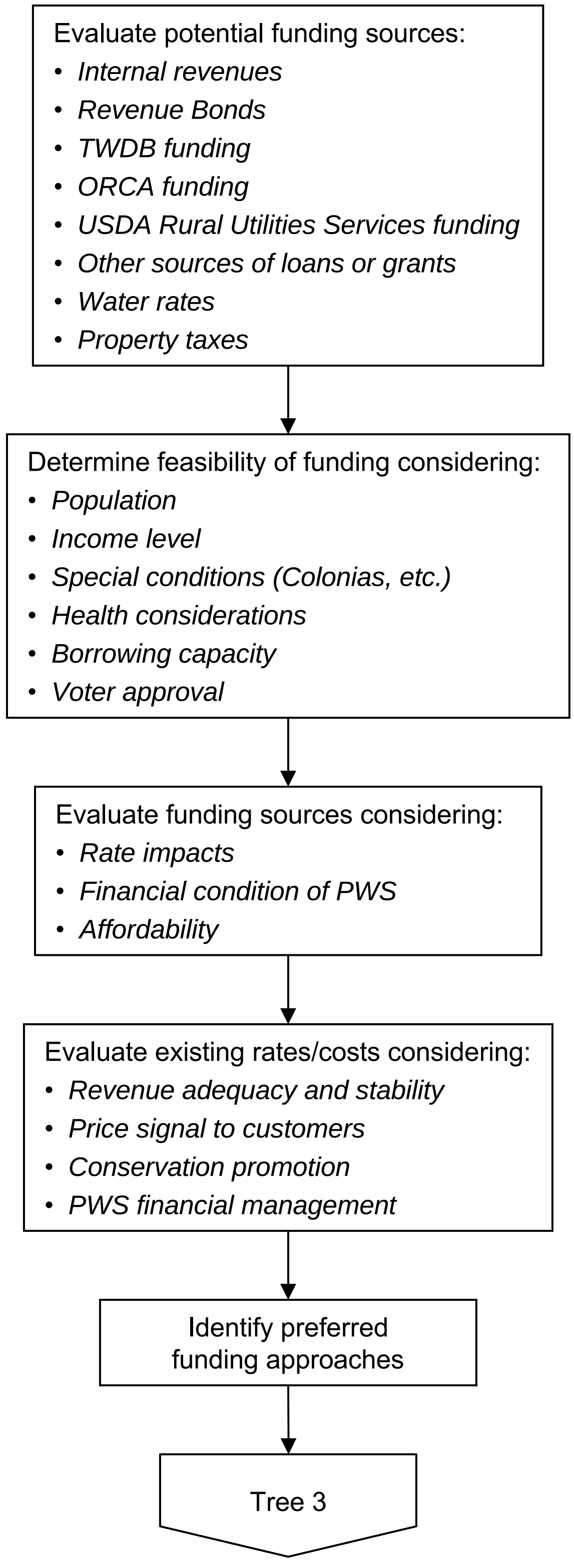


The CCN files generally contain a copy of the system's Certificate of Convenience and Necessity, along with maps and other technical data.

These files were reviewed for the PWS and surrounding systems.

The following websites were consulted to identify the water supply systems in the area:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
  www3.tceq.state.tx.us/iwud/.
- USEPA Safe Drinking Water Information System
  www.epa.gov/safewater/data/getdata.html

Groundwater Control Districts were identified on the TWDB web site, which has a series of maps covering various groundwater and surface water subjects. One of those maps shows groundwater control districts in the State of Texas.

2.2.1.2 Existing Wells

The TWDB maintains a groundwater database available at www.twdb.state.tx.us that has two tables with helpful information. The "Well Data Table" provides a physical description of the well, owner, location in terms of latitude and longitude, current use, and for some wells, items such as flowrate, and nature of the surrounding formation. The "Water Quality Table" provides information on the aquifer and the various chemical concentrations in the water.

2.2.1.3 Surface Water Sources

Regional planning documents were consulted for lists of surface water sources.

2.2.1.4 Groundwater Availability Model

GAMs, developed by the TWDB, are planning tools and should be consulted as part of a search for new or supplementary water sources. The GAM for the Gulf Coast Aquifer was investigated as a potential tool for identifying available and suitable groundwater resources.

2.2.1.5 Water Availability Model

The WAM is a computer-based simulation predicting the amount of water that would be in a river or stream under a specified set of conditions. WAMs are used to determine whether water would be available for a newly requested water right or amendment. If water is available, these models estimate how often the applicant could count on water under various conditions (*e.g.*, whether water would be available only one month out of the year, half the year, or all year, and whether that water would be available in a repeat of the drought of record).

WAMs provide information that assist TCEQ staff in determining whether to recommend the granting or denial of an application.

2.2.1.6 Financial Data

An evaluation of existing data will yield an up-to-date assessment of the financial condition of the water system. As part of a site visit, financial data were collected in various forms such as electronic files, hard copy documents, and focused interviews. Data sought included:

- Annual Budget
- Audited Financial Statements
    - Balance Sheet
    - Income & Expense Statement
    - Cash Flow Statement
    - Debt Schedule
- Water Rate Structure
- Water Use Data
    - Production
    - Billing
    - Customer Counts

2.2.1.7 Demographic Data

Basic demographic data were collected from the 2000 Census to establish incomes and eligibility for potential low cost funding for capital improvements. Median household income (MHI) and number of families below poverty level were the primary data points of significance. If available, MHI for the customers of the PWS should be used. In addition, unemployment data were collected from current U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. These data were collected for the following levels: national, state, and county.

2.2.2 PWS Interviews

2.2.2.1 PWS Capacity Assessment Process

Capacity assessment is the industry standard term for evaluation of a water system's FMT capacity to effectively deliver safe drinking water to its customers now and in the future at a reasonable cost, and to achieve, maintain and plan for compliance with applicable regulations. The assessment process involves interviews with staff and management who have a responsibility in the operations and management of the system.

Financial, managerial, and technical capacity are individual yet highly interrelated components of a system's capacity. A system cannot sustain capacity without maintaining adequate capability in all three components.

Financial capacity is a water system's ability to acquire and manage sufficient financial resources to allow the system to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA regulations. Financial capacity refers to the financial resources of the water system, including but not limited to, revenue sufficiency, credit worthiness, and fiscal controls.

Managerial capacity is the ability of a water system to conduct its affairs so the system is able to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA requirements. Managerial capacity refers to the management structure of the water system, including but not limited to, ownership accountability, staffing and organization, and effective relationships with customers and regulatory agencies.

Technical capacity is the physical and operational ability of a water system to achieve and maintain compliance with SDWA regulations. It refers to the physical infrastructure of the water system, including the adequacy of the source water, treatment, storage and distribution infrastructure. It also refers to the ability of system personnel to effectively operate and maintain the system and to otherwise implement essential technical knowledge.

Many aspects of water system operations involve more than one component of capacity. Infrastructure replacement or improvement, for example, requires financial resources, management planning and oversight, and technical knowledge. A deficiency in any one area could disrupt the entire operation. A system that is able to meet both its immediate and long-term challenges demonstrates that it has sufficient FMT capacity.

Assessment of FMT capacity of the PWS was based on an approach developed by the New Mexico Environmental Finance Center (NMEFC), which is consistent with the TCEQ FMT assessment process. This method was developed from work the NMEFC did while assisting USEPA Region 6 in developing and piloting groundwater comprehensive performance evaluations. The NMEFC developed a standard list of questions that could be asked of water system personnel. The list was then tailored slightly to have two sets of questions – one for managerial and financial personnel, and one for operations personnel (the questions are included in Appendix A). Each person with a role in the FMT capacity of the system was asked the applicable standard set of questions individually. The interviewees were not given the questions in advance and were not told the answers others provided. Also, most of the questions are open ended type questions so they were not asked in a fashion to indicate what would be the "right" or "wrong" answer. The interviews lasted between 45 minutes to 75 minutes depending on the individual's role in the system and the length of the individual's answers.

In addition to the interview process, visual observations of the physical components of the system were made. A technical information form was created to capture this information. This form is also contained in Appendix A. This information was considered supplemental to the interviews because it served as a check on information provided in the interviews. For example, if an interviewee stated he or she had an excellent preventative maintenance schedule and the visit to the facility indicated a significant amount of deterioration (more than would be expected for the age of the facility) then the preventative maintenance program could be further investigated or the assessor could decide that the preventative maintenance program was inadequate.

Following interviews and observations of the facility, answers that all personnel provided were compared and contrasted to provide a clearer picture of the true operations at the water system. The intent was to go beyond simply asking the question, "Do you have a budget?" to actually finding out if the budget was developed and being used appropriately. For example, if a water system manager was asked the question, "Do you have a budget?" he or she may say, "yes" and the capacity assessor would be left with the impression that the system is doing well in this area. However, if several different people are asked about the budget in more detail, the assessor may find that although a budget is present, operations personnel do not have input into the budget, the budget is not used by the financial personnel, the budget is not updated regularly, or the budget is not used in setting or evaluating rates. With this approach, the inadequacy of the budget would be discovered and the capacity deficiency in this area would be noted.

Following the comparison of answers, the next step was to determine which items noted as a potential deficiency truly had a negative effect on the system's operations. If a system had what appeared to be a deficiency, but this deficiency was not creating a problem in terms of the operations or management of the system, it was not considered critical and may not have needed to be addressed as a high priority. As an example, the assessment may have revealed an insufficient number of staff members to operate the facility. However, it may also have been revealed that the system was able to work around that problem by receiving assistance from a neighboring system, so no severe problems resulted from the number of staff members. Although staffing may not be ideal, the system does not need to focus on this particular issue. The system needs to focus on items that are truly affecting operations. As an example of this type of deficiency, a system may lack a reserve account that can then lead the system to delay much-needed maintenance or repair on its storage tank. In this case, the system needs to address the reserve account issue so that proper maintenance can be completed.

The intent was to develop a list of capacity deficiencies with the greatest impact on the system's overall capacity. Those were the most critical items to address through follow-up technical assistance or by the system itself.

2.2.2.2 Interview Process

PWS personnel were interviewed by the project team, and each was interviewed separately. Interview forms were completed during each interview.

2.3 ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS

The initial objective for developing alternatives to address compliance issues is to identify a comprehensive range of possible options that can be evaluated to determine the most promising for implementation. Once the possible alternatives are identified, they must be defined in sufficient detail so a conceptual cost estimate (capital and O&M costs) can be developed. These conceptual cost estimates are used to compare the affordability of compliance alternatives, and to give a preliminary indication of rate impacts. Consequently, these costs are pre-planning level and should not be viewed as final estimated costs for alternative implementation. The basis for the unit costs used for the compliance alternative cost estimates is summarized in Appendix B. Other non-economic factors for the alternatives, such as reliability and ease of implementation, are also addressed

2.3.1 Existing PWS

The neighboring PWSs were identified, and the extents of their systems were investigated. PWSs farther than 10 miles from the non-compliant PWSs were not considered because the length of the pipeline required would make the alternative cost prohibitive. The quality of water provided was also investigated. For neighboring PWSs with compliant water, options for water purchase and/or expansion of existing well fields were considered. The neighboring PWSs with non-compliant water were considered as possible partners in sharing the cost for obtaining compliant water either through treatment or developing an alternate source.

The neighboring PWSs were investigated to get an idea of the water sources in use and the quantity of water that might be available for sale. They were contacted to identify key locations in their systems where a connection might be made to obtain water, and to explore on a preliminary basis their willingness to partner or sell water. Then, the major system components that would be required to provide compliant water were identified. The major system components included treatment units, wells, storage tanks, pump stations, and pipelines.

Once the major components were identified, a preliminary design was developed to identify sizing requirements and routings. A capital cost estimate was then developed based on the preliminary design of the required system components. An annual O&M cost was also estimated to reflect the change in O&M expenditures that would be needed if the alternative was implemented.

Non-economic factors were also identified. Ease of implementation was considered, as well as the reliability for providing adequate quantities of compliant water. Additional factors were whether implementation of an alternative would require significant increase in the management or technical capability of the PWS, and whether the alternative had the potential for regionalization.

2.3.2 New Groundwater Source

It was not possible in the scope of this project to determine conclusively whether new wells could be installed to provide compliant drinking water. To evaluate potential new groundwater source alternatives, three test cases were developed based on distance from the PWS intake point. The test cases were based on distances of 10 miles, 5 miles, and 1 mile. It was assumed that a pipeline would be required for all three test cases, and a storage tank and pump station would be required for the 10-mile and 5-mile alternatives. It was also assumed that new wells would be installed, and that their depths would be similar to the depths of the existing wells, or other existing drinking water wells in the area.

A preliminary design was developed to identify sizing requirements for the required system components. A capital cost estimate was then developed based on the preliminary design of the required system components. An annual O&M cost was also estimated to reflect the change (*i.e*., from current expenditures) in O&M expenditures that would be needed if the alternative was implemented.

Non-economic factors were also identified. Ease of implementation was considered, as well as the reliability for providing adequate quantities of compliant water. Additional factors were whether implementation of an alternative would require significant increase in the management or technical capability of the PWS, and whether the alternative had the potential for regionalization.

2.3.3 New Surface Water Source

New surface water sources were investigated. Availability of adequate quality water was investigated for the main rivers in the area, as well as the major reservoirs. TCEQ WAMs were inspected, and the WAM was run, where appropriate.

2.3.4 Treatment

Treatment technologies considered potentially applicable to radium removal are IX, WRT Z-88™ media, RO, EDR, and $KMnO_4$-greensand filtration. RO and EDR are membrane processes that produce a considerable amount of liquid waste: a reject stream from RO treatment and a concentrate stream from EDR treatment. As a result, the treated volume of water is less than the volume of raw water that enters the treatment system. The amount of raw water used increases to produce the same amount of treated water if RO or EDR treatment is implemented. Because the TDS is not high the use of RO or EDR would be considerably more expensive than the other potential technologies. And thus RO and EDR are not considered further. However, RO is considered for POU and POE alternatives. IX, WRT Z-88™ media, and $KMnO_4$-greensand filtration are considered as alternative central treatment technologies. The treatment units were sized based on flow rates, and capital and annual O&M cost estimates were made based on the size of the treatment equipment required. Neighboring non-compliant PWSs were identified to look for opportunities where the costs and benefits of central treatment could be shared between systems.

Non-economical factors were also identified. Ease of implementation was considered, as well as the reliability for providing adequate quantities of compliant water. Additional factors were whether implementation of an alternative would require significant increase in the management or technical capability of the PWS, and whether the alternative had the potential for regionalization.

2.4 COST OF SERVICE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

The primary purpose of the cost of service and funding analysis is to determine the financial impact of implementing compliance alternatives, primarily by examining the required rate increases, and also the fraction of household income that water bills represent. The current financial situation is also reviewed to determine what rate increases are necessary for the PWS to achieve or maintain financial viability.

2.4.1 Financial Feasibility

A key financial metric is the comparison of an average annual household water bill for a PWS customer to the MHI for the area. MHI data from the 2000 census are used at the most detailed level available for the community. Typically, county level data are used for small rural water utilities due to small population sizes. Annual water bills are determined for existing base conditions, including consideration of additional rate increases needed under current conditions. Annual water bills are also calculated after adding incremental capital and operating costs for each of the alternatives to determine feasibility under several potential funding sources. It has been suggested by agencies such as USEPA that federal and state programs consider several criteria to determine "disadvantaged communities" with one based on the typical residential water bill as a percentage of MHI.

Additionally, the use of standard ratios provides insight into the financial condition of any business. Three ratios are particularly significant for water utilities:

- Current Ratio = current assets (items that could be converted to cash) divided by current liabilities (accounts payable, accrued expenses, and debt) provides insight into the ability to meet short-term payments. For a healthy utility, the value should be greater than 1.0.
- Debt to Net Worth Ratio = total debt (total amount of money borrowed) divided by net worth (total assets minus total liabilities) shows to what degree assets of the company have been funded through borrowing. A lower ratio indicates a healthier condition.
- Operating Ratio = total operating revenues divided by total operating expenses show the degree to which revenues cover ongoing expenses. The value is greater than 1.0 if the utility is covering its expenses.

2.4.2 Median Household Income

The 2000 U.S. Census is used as the basis for MHI. In addition to consideration of affordability, the annual MHI may also be an important factor for sources of funds for capital programs needed to resolve water quality issues. Many grant and loan programs are available to lower income rural areas, based on comparisons of local income to statewide incomes. In the 2000 Census, MHI for the State of Texas was $39,927, compared to the U.S. level of $41,994. The census broke down MHIs geographically by block group and ZIP code. The MHIs can vary significantly for the same location, depending on the geographic subdivision chosen. The MHI for each PWS was estimated by selecting the most appropriate value based on block group or ZIP code based on results of the site interview and a comparison with the surrounding area.

2.4.3 Annual Average Water Bill

The annual average household water bill was calculated for existing conditions and for future conditions incorporating the alternative solutions. Average residential consumption is estimated and applied to the existing rate structure to estimate the annual water bill. The estimates are generated from a long-term financial planning model that details annual revenue, expenditure, and cash reserve requirements over a 30-year period.

2.4.4 Financial Plan Development

The financial planning model uses available data to establish base conditions under which the system operates. The model includes, as available:

- Accounts and consumption data
- Water tariff structure
- Beginning available cash balance
- Sources of receipts:
    - Customer billings
    - Membership fees
    - Capital Funding receipts from:
        - Grants
        - Proceeds from borrowing
- Operating expenditures:
    - Water purchases
    - Utilities
    - Administrative costs
    - Salaries
- Capital expenditures
- Debt service:
    - Existing principal and interest payments
    - Future principal and interest necessary to fund viable operations
- Net cash flow
- Restricted or desired cash balances:
    - Working capital reserve (based on 1-4 months of operating expenses)

  - Replacement reserves to provide funding for planned and unplanned repairs and replacements

From the model, changes in water rates are determined for existing conditions and for implementing the compliance alternatives.

2.4.5 Financial Plan Results

Results from the financial planning model are summarized in two areas: percentage of household income and total water rate increase necessary to implement the alternatives and maintain financial viability.

2.4.5.1 Funding Options

Results are summarized in a table that shows the following according to alternative and funding source:

- Percentage of the median annual household income the average annual residential water bill represents.
- The first year in which a water rate increase would be required
- The total increase in water rates required, compared to current rates

Water rates resulting from the incremental capital costs of the alternative solutions are examined under a number of funding options. The first alternative examined is always funding from existing reserves plus future rate increases. Several funding options were analyzed to frame a range of possible outcomes.

- Grant funds for 100 percent of required capital. In this case, the PWS is only responsible for the associated O&M costs.
- Grant funds for 75 percent of required capital, with the balance treated as if revenue bond funded.
- Grant funds for 50 percent of required capital, with the balance treated as if revenue bond funded.
- State revolving fund loan at the most favorable available rates and terms applicable to the communities.
- If local MHI > 75 percent of state MHI, standard terms, currently at 3.8 percent interest for non-rated entities. Additionally:
  - If local MHI = 70-75 percent of state MHI, 1 percent interest rate on loan.
  - If local MHI = 60-70 percent of state MHI, 0 percent interest rate on loan.
  - If local MHI = 50-60 percent of state MHI, 0 percent interest and 15 percent forgiveness of principal.

  - If local MHI less than 50 percent of state MHI, 0 percent interest and 35 percent forgiveness of principal.

- Terms of revenue bonds assumed to be 25-year term at 6.0 percent interest rate.

2.4.5.2 General Assumptions Embodied in Financial Plan Results

The basis used to project future financial performance for the financial plan model includes:

- No account growth (either positive or negative).
- No change in estimate of uncollectible revenues over time.
- Average consumption per account unchanged over time.
- No change in unaccounted for water as percentage of total (more efficient water use would lower total water requirements and costs).
- No inflation included in the analyses (although the model has provisions to add escalation of O&M costs, doing so would mix water rate impacts from inflation with the impacts from the alternatives being examined).
- Minimum working capital fund established for each district, based on specified months of O&M expenditures.
- O&M for alternatives begins 1 year after capital implementation.
- Balance of capital expenditures not funded from primary grant program is funded through debt (bond equivalent).
- Cash balance drives rate increases, unless provision chosen to override where current net cash flow is positive.

2.4.5.3 Interpretation of Financial Plan Results

Results from the financial plan model are presented in a Table 4.4, which shows the percentage of MHI represented by the annual water bill that results from any rate increases necessary to maintain financial viability over time. In some cases, this may require rate increases even without implementing a compliance alternative (the no action alternative). The table shows any increases such as these separately. The results table shows the total increase in rates necessary, including both the no-action alternative increase and any increase required for the alternative. For example, if the no action alternative requires a 10 percent increase in rates and the results table shows a rate increase of 25 percent, then the impact from the alternative is an increase in water rates of 15 percent. Likewise, the percentage of household income in the table reflects the total impact from all rate increases.

2.4.5.4 Potential Funding Sources

A number of potential funding sources exist for rural utilities, which typically provide service to less than 50,000 people. Both state and federal agencies offer grant and loan programs to assist rural communities in meeting their infrastructure needs. Most are available to "political subdivisions" such as counties, municipalities, school districts, special districts, or authorities of the state with some programs providing access to private individuals. Grant funds and lower interest rates are made more available with demonstration of economic stress, typically indicated with MHI below 80 percent that of the state. The funds may be used for planning, design, and construction of water supply construction projects including, but not limited to, line extensions, elevated storage, purchase of well fields, and purchase or lease of rights to produce groundwater. Interim financing of water projects and water quality enhancement projects such as wastewater collection and treatment projects are also eligible. Some funds are used to enable a rural water provider to obtain water or wastewater service supplied by a larger utility or to finance the consolidation or regionalization of neighboring utilities. Of the three Texas agencies that offer financial assistance for water infrastructure the TWDB is the primary agencies that offers financing for privately owned water systems.

TWDB has several programs that offer loans at interest rates lower than the market offers to finance projects for drinking water systems that facilitate compliance with primary drinking water regulations. Additional subsidies may be available for disadvantaged communities. Low interest rate loans with short and long-term finance options at tax exempt rates for water or water-related projects give an added benefit by making construction purchases qualify for a sales tax exemption. Generally, the program targets customers with eligible water supply projects for all political subdivisions of the state and Water Supply Corporations with projects, but Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) is available to privately owned systems. Other programs with agencies such as Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Texas (Texas Rural Development) coordinates federal assistance to rural Texas to help rural Americans improve their quality of life. Although, the programs with these agencies are for public systems specials cases have been addressed where in need communities can receive funds by way of public entities (e.g., county). A public entity can apply for state funds and private water system be the recipient of the services (all agency criteria would still have to be met by the benefiting community).

The application process, eligibility requirements, and funding structure vary for each of these programs. There are many conditions that must be considered by each agency to determine eligibility and ranking of projects. The principal factors that affect this choice are population, percent of the population under the state MHI, health concerns, compliance with standards, Colonia status, and compatibility with regional and state plans.

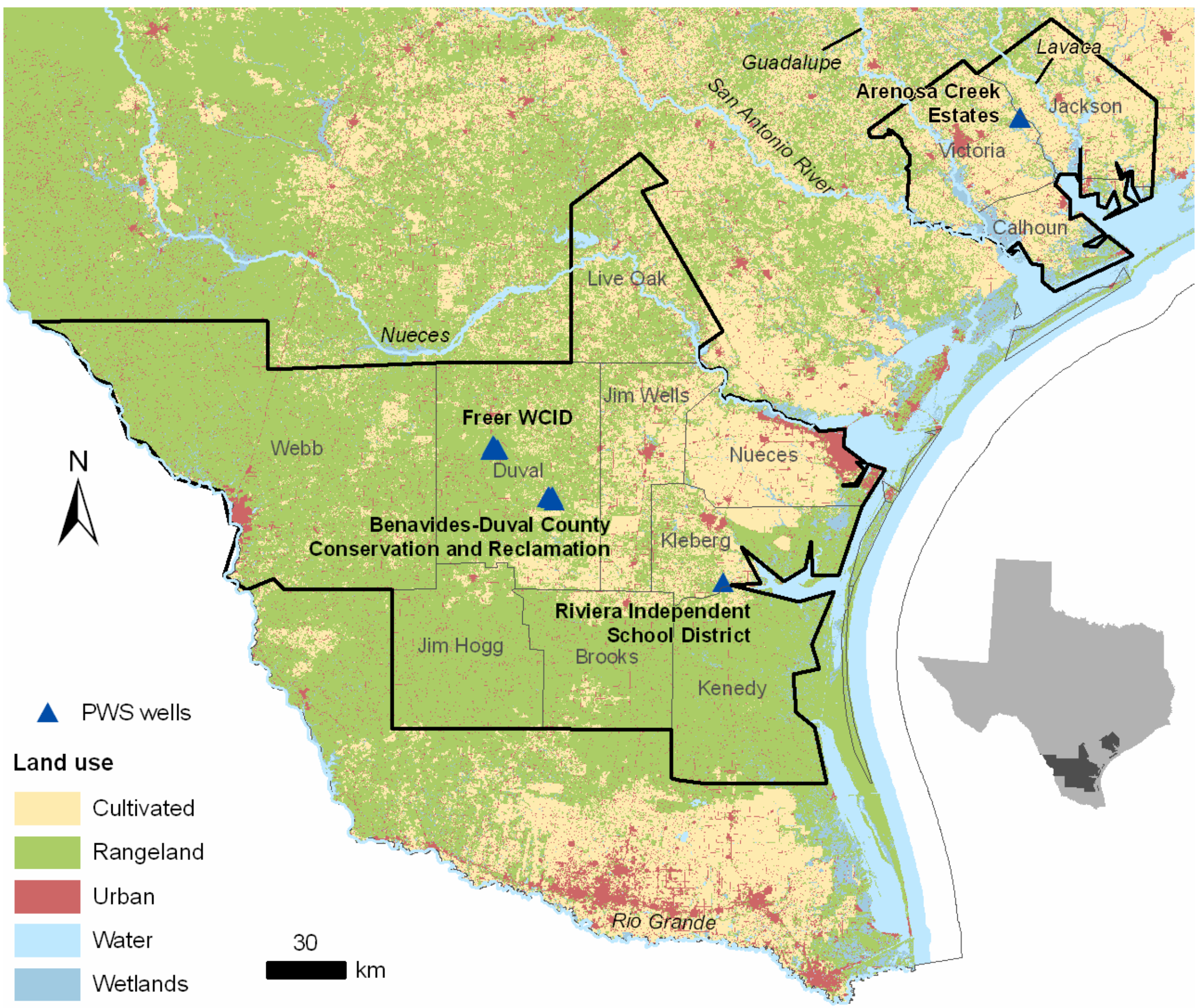
SECTION 3
UNDERSTANDING SOURCES OF CONTAMINANTS

3.1 REGIONAL ANALYSIS

3.1.1 Overview of the Study Area

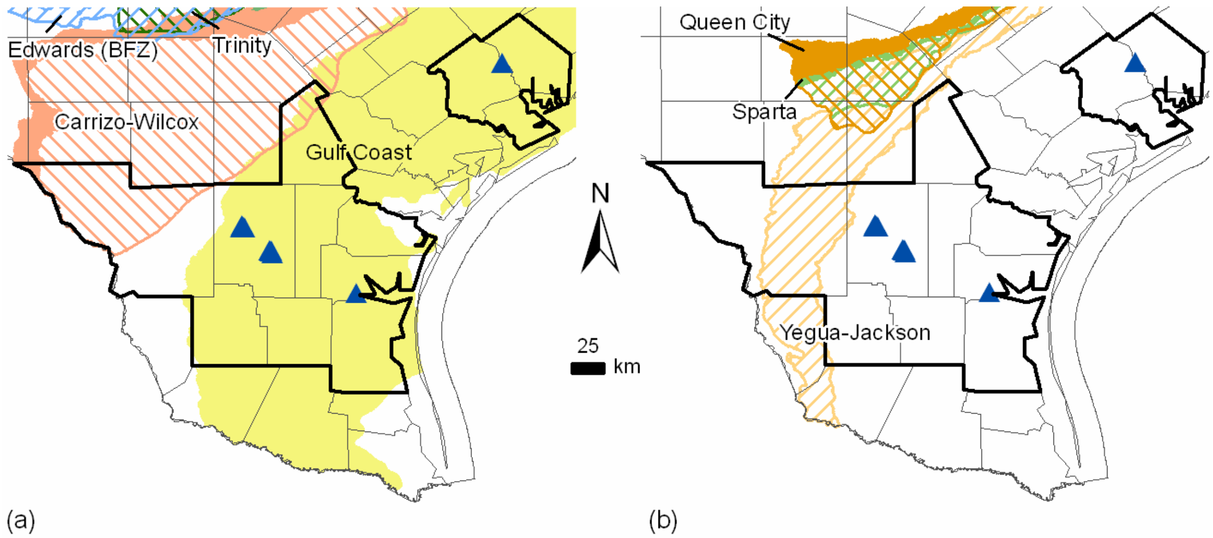
The regional overview below includes data from 12 counties in southeastern Texas, along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico: Brooks, Calhoun, Duval, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Victoria, and Webb (Figure 3.1). Land uses shown here are based on the National Land Cover Database for 2001 (U.S. Department of Agriculture Service Center Agencies 2007).

Figure 3.1 Regional Study Area and Locations of the PWS Wells Assessed



Major and minor aquifers found in this region are shown in Figure 3.2. All PWS wells of concern were drilled within the Gulf Coast aquifer system, which consists of a number of distinct aquifers and is described in more detail below. From oldest to youngest, and from northwest to southeast, these aquifers are known as the Jasper, Evangeline, and Chicot. In addition, the Carrizo-Wilcox and Yegua-Jackson aquifers are present in the western part of the study area. Other aquifers that are near, but not within, the study area include the Edwards (Balcones Fault Zone), Queen City, Sparta, and Trinity aquifers.

Figure 3.2 Major (a) and Minor (b) Aquifers in the Study Area



Solid indicates a portion of an aquifer that lies at the land surface. Hatched indicates a portion of an aquifer that underlies other formations.

Data used for this study include information from three sources:

- Texas Water Development Board groundwater database available at www.twdb.state.tx.us. The database includes information on the location and construction of wells throughout the state as well as historical measurements of water chemistry and levels in the wells.
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Public Water Supply database (not publicly available). The database includes information on the location, type, and construction of water sources used by PWSs in Texas, along with historical measurements of water levels and chemistry.
- National Uranium Resource Evaluation (NURE) database available at: tin.er.usgs.gov/nure/water. The NURE dataset includes groundwater quality data collected between 1975 and 1980. The database provides well locations and depths with an array of analyzed chemical data.

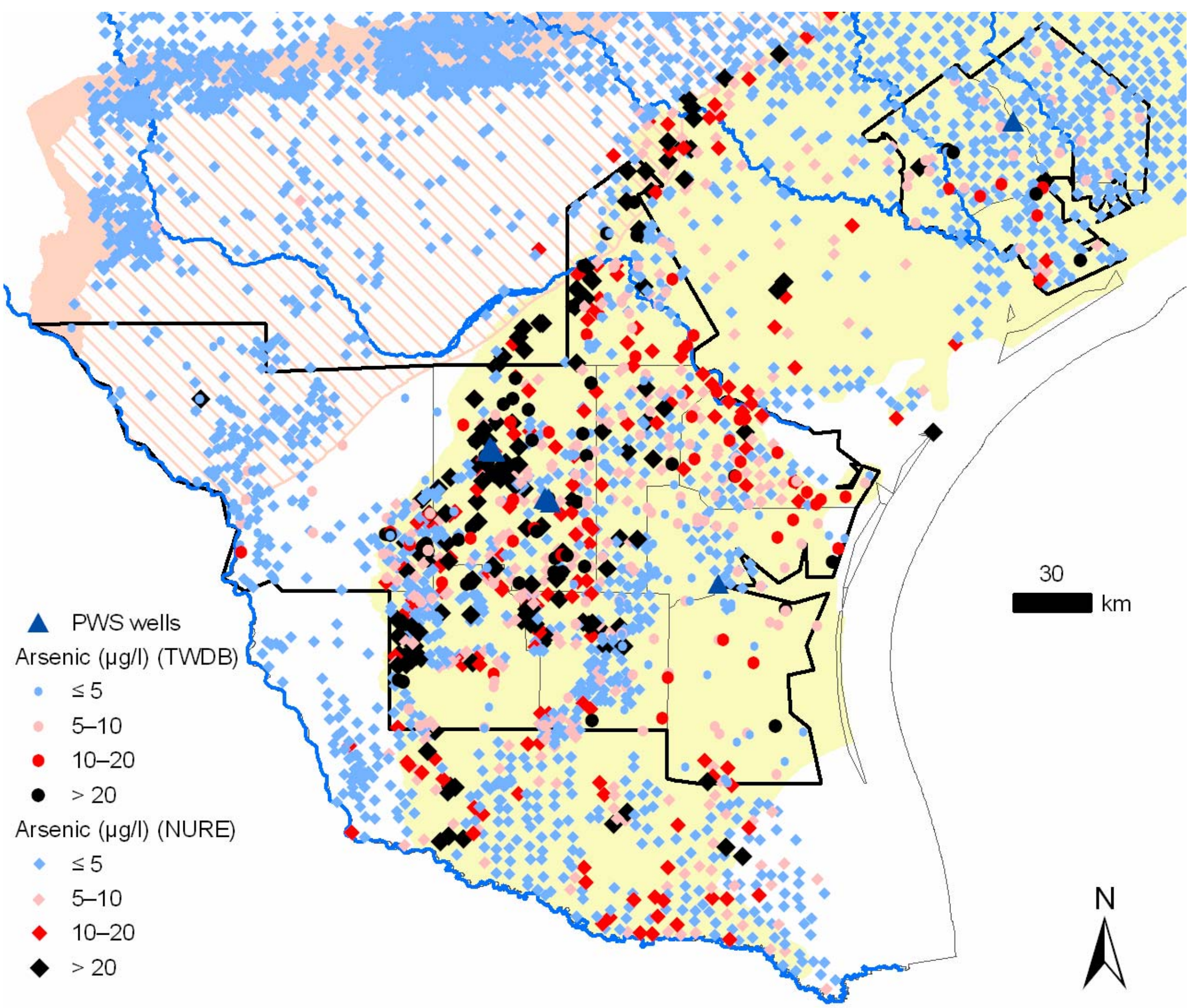
3.1.2 Contaminants of Concern in the Study Area

Contaminants addressed in this study include arsenic, combined radium, gross alpha, and uranium. Groundwater supplies from PWSs in the study area assessed in Section 2 have been found to contain levels of one or more of these contaminants in excess of the USEPA's MCL. The database or databases used to assess each constituent are those with the most available measurements. For individual wells sampled for a given constituent multiple times, the most recent measurement is shown.

Arsenic

Arsenic levels exceed the MCL (10 µg/L) in many wells drilled within the Gulf Coast aquifer system (Figure 3.3). The values shown in these figures are based on the most recent sample for each well. In particular, these maps show many wells with high arsenic concentrations along the western, updip area of the aquifer system.

Figure 3.3 Spatial Distribution of Arsenic Concentrations



The distribution of arsenic within the study area can be further described by looking at the number of wells in each aquifer that exceeds the MCL (Table 3.1). Arsenic concentrations are distinctively higher in the Jasper aquifer, where 62 percent of the wells exceed the MCL for arsenic, than in the rest of the Gulf Coast aquifer system, where 13–24 percent of wells exceed the MCL. Because the units in the aquifer system become progressively older from southeast to northwest, many of the high arsenic wells along the northwest edge of the aquifer likely belong to the Jasper aquifer, the oldest aquifer in the system. All wells in the Carrizo-Wilcox and Yegua-Jackson aquifers contain acceptable levels of arsenic.

The data in Table 3.1 were obtained from the TWDB groundwater database (samples from the NURE database were not included because the database does not associate sampled wells with aquifers). TWDB aquifer codes used to define the aquifers within the Gulf Coast aquifer system include

- Chicot Aquifer: Codes 110AVLS, 112BMLG, 112BMLS, 112BMNT, 112CHCT, 112CHCTL, 112CHCTU, and 112LISS
- Evangeline Aquifer: Codes 110AVGL, 121EVGL, 112GOLD, and 121GOLD.
- Jasper Aquifer: Codes 112CTHL, 112JSPR, 112LGRT, and 112OKVC.

Wells in the Gulf Coast aquifer system that are not identified as being within one of these aquifers are not included.

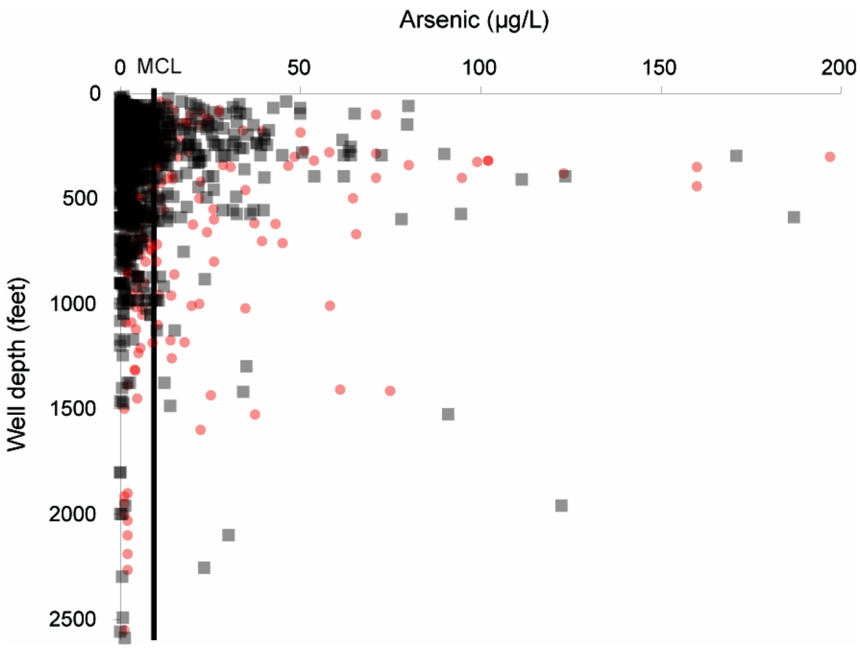
Table 3.1 Summary of Wells that Exceed the MCL for Arsenic, by Aquifer

Aquifer	Wells with measurements	Wells that exceed 10 µg/L	Percentage of wells that exceed 10 µg/L
Chicot	39	5	13
Evangeline	175	42	24
Jasper	69	43	62
Carrizo-Wilcox	16	0	0
Yegua-Jackson	4	0	0
other	21	6	29

Data from the TWDB database

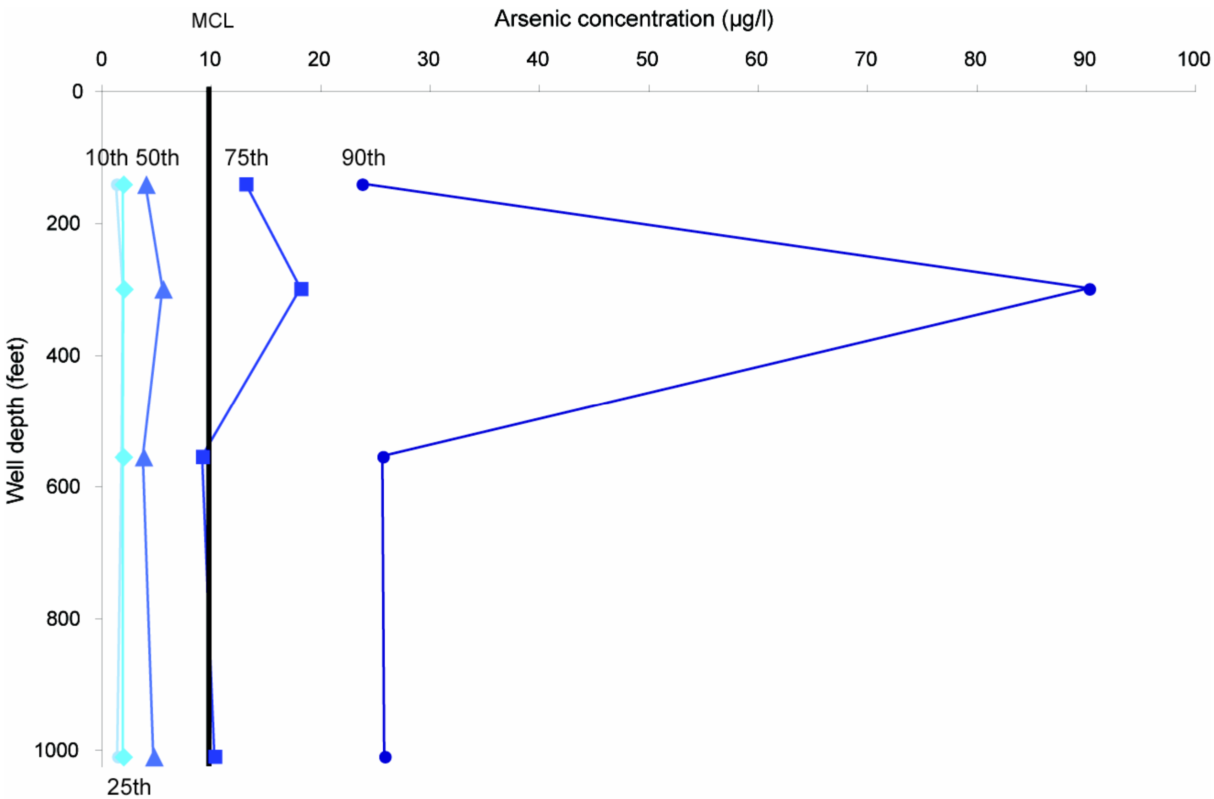
In addition, arsenic concentrations are generally associated with well depths within the study area (Figures 3.4 and 3.5). Wells between about 230 and 400 feet deep are more likely to have arsenic concentrations above the MCL (Figure 3.5). This suggests that deepening shallow wells or casing off portions of wells above or below this depth range might decrease arsenic concentrations. However, the thickness of the Gulf Coast aquifer system, and thus the depth of the aquifer, increases toward the coast. Along the updip edge of the aquifer, where the saturated thickness may be limited to relatively shallow depths, deepening wells might not be a viable option.

Figure 3.4 Arsenic Concentrations and Well Depths within the Study Area



Gray squares indicate NURE data; red circles indicate TWDB data.

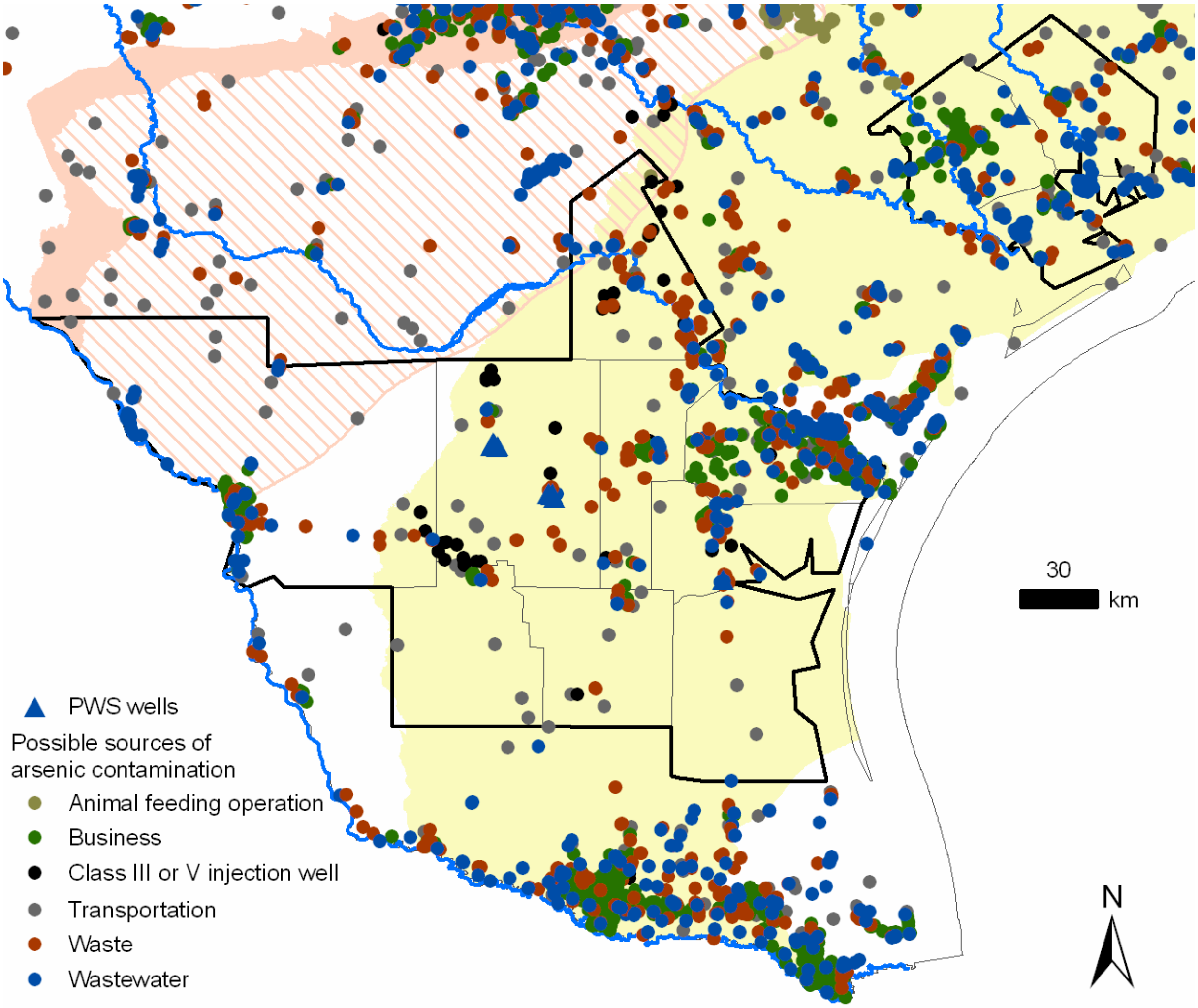
Figure 3.5 Arsenic Concentrations and Well Depths in the Study Area from the TWDB Database



Depths plotted are the medians of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 100th percentiles. Concentrations represent the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles of values within each depth range.

Some of the high arsenic levels in the region might be explained by point source contaminants. The TCEQ Source Water Assessment and Protection program compiled a database of potential sources of arsenic contamination, such as animal feeding operations, certain businesses, injection wells used in oil production, transportation-related sites, and sites that store waste and wastewater (Figure 3.6). These anthropogenic sources of arsenic might explain high arsenic levels along the Rio Grande, Nueces, and Guadalupe Rivers (Figure 3.3).

1 **Figure 3.6 Locations of Possible Sources of Arsenic Contamination**



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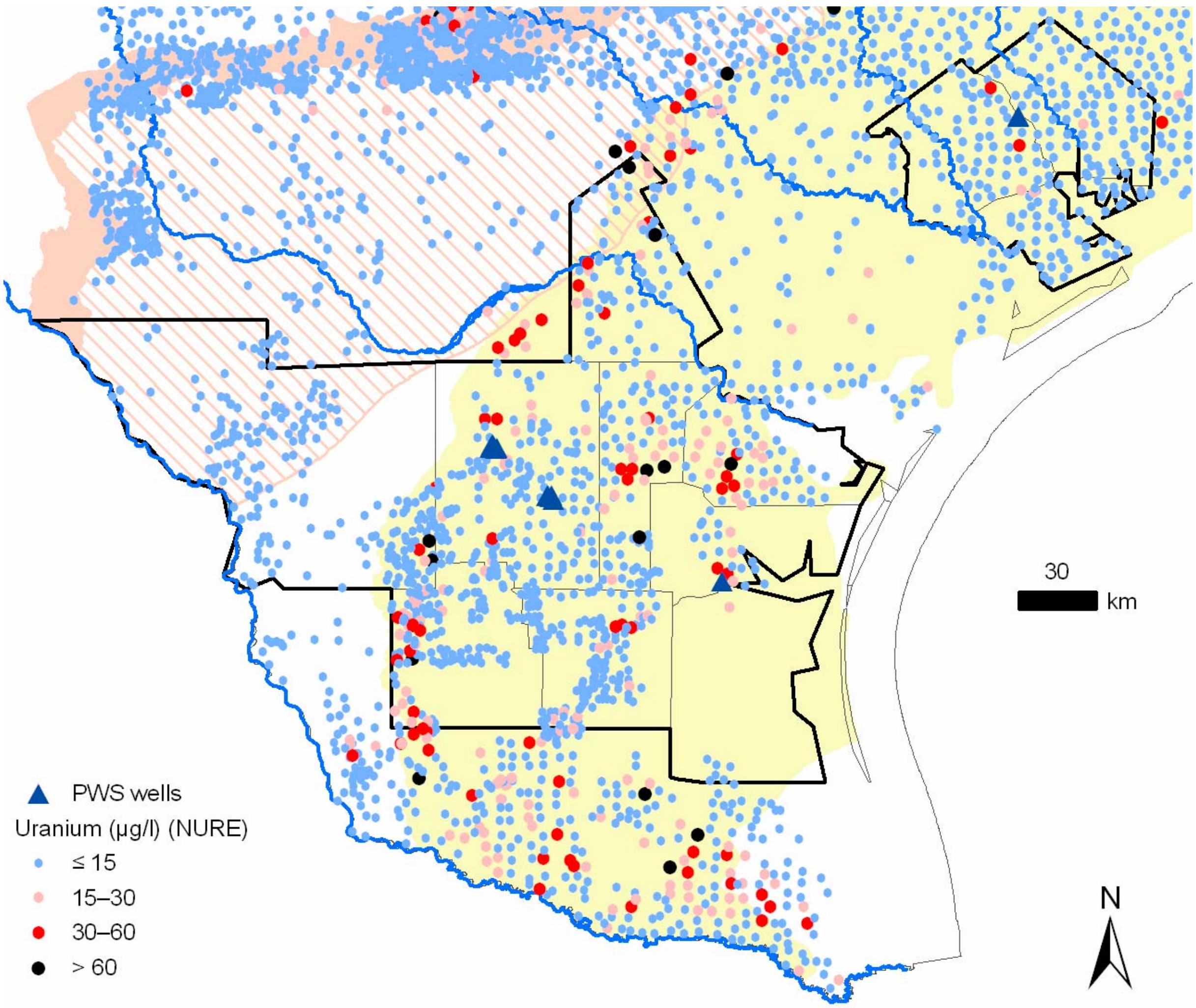
Uranium

A small but significant number of wells in the area contain uranium concentrations that exceed the MCL for uranium (30 µg/L). The distribution of measured uranium levels in groundwater in the study area from the NURE database is shown in Figure 3.7. This map indicates that many of the high uranium levels occur along the updip edge of the Gulf Coast aquifer system and in the Rio Grande valley.

Figure 3.7 Spatial Distribution of Uranium Concentrations



Because the NURE database does not include information about which aquifer the sampled wells represent, it is not possible to compare uranium concentrations by aquifer. However, because well depths are included in the database, differences in uranium concentrations in wells of different depths can be compared (Figure 3.8 and 3.9). Based on Figure 3.9, the lowest uranium concentrations are generally found in wells between about 140 and 260 feet deep. However, only three wells below 800 feet exceed the MCL for uranium. The relatively small number of wells more than about 900 feet deep make the trend in uranium levels in these deeper wells more difficult to discern.

Figure 3.8 Uranium Concentrations and Well Depths within the Study Area

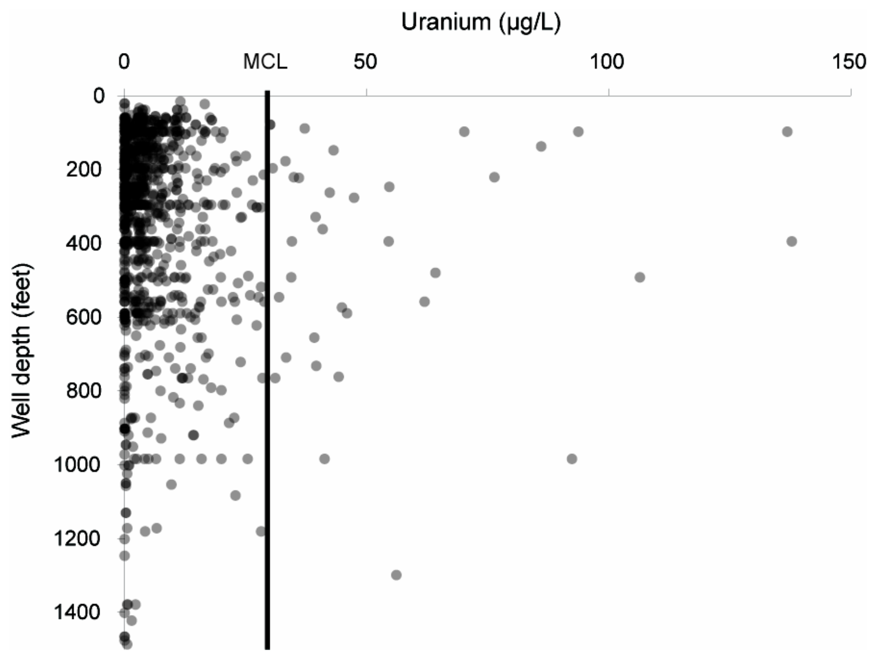
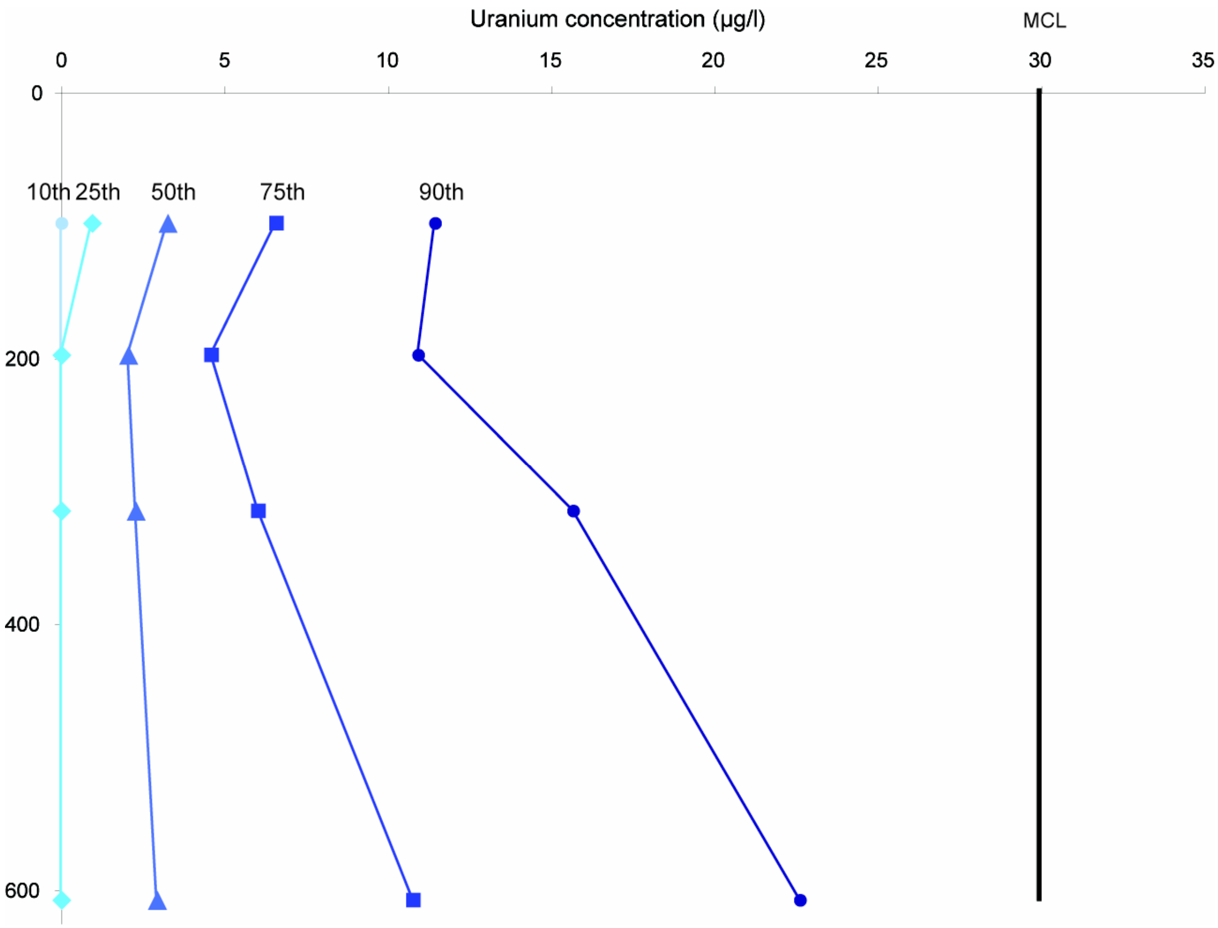


Figure 3.9 Uranium Concentrations and Well Depths in the Study Area from the NURE Database

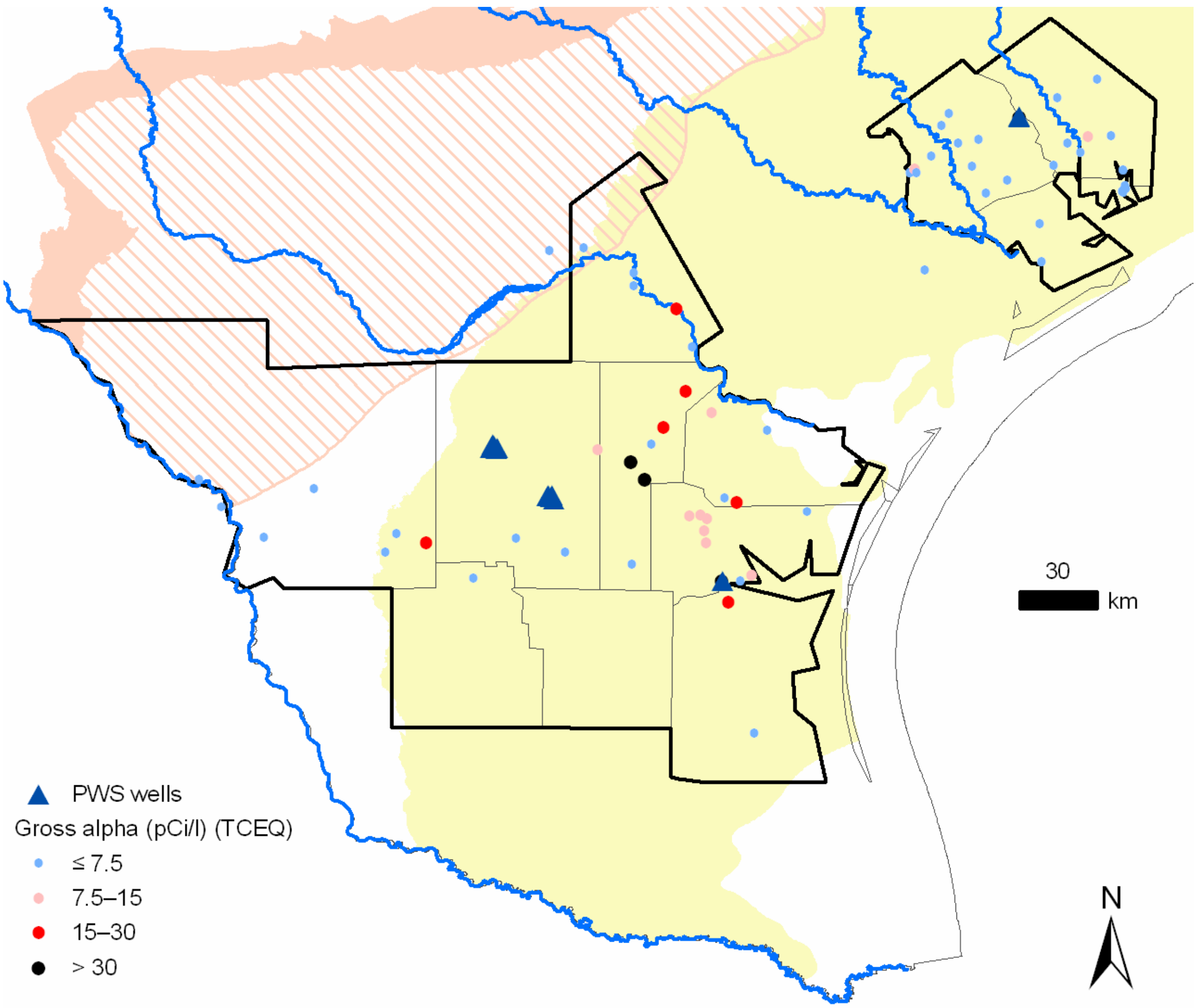


Depths plotted are the medians of the 25th, 50th, 75th, and 100th percentiles. Concentrations represent the 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles of values within each depth range.

Gross Alpha

Based on the small number of gross alpha measurements available, the highest concentrations appear to occur in the central part of the study area, while most other wells show acceptable levels. Figure 3.10 shows the distribution of gross alpha measured in wells in the study area. Because measurements from the TCEQ database are commonly from samples that are a mixture of water from multiple wells, an assessment of how gross alpha concentrations vary with well depth or aquifer is not possible.

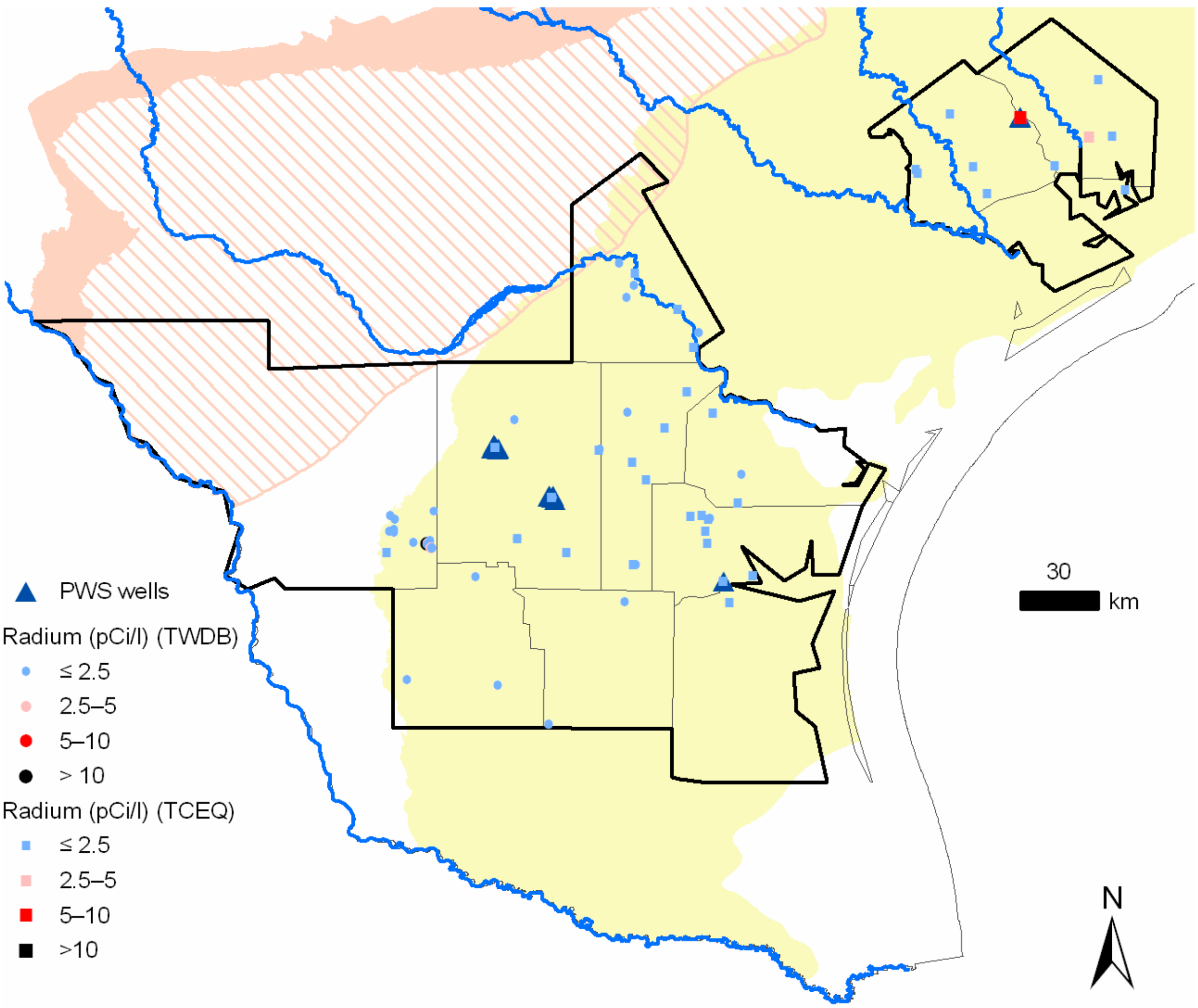
Figure 3.10 Spatial Distribution of Gross Alpha Concentrations in the Study Area



Combined Radium

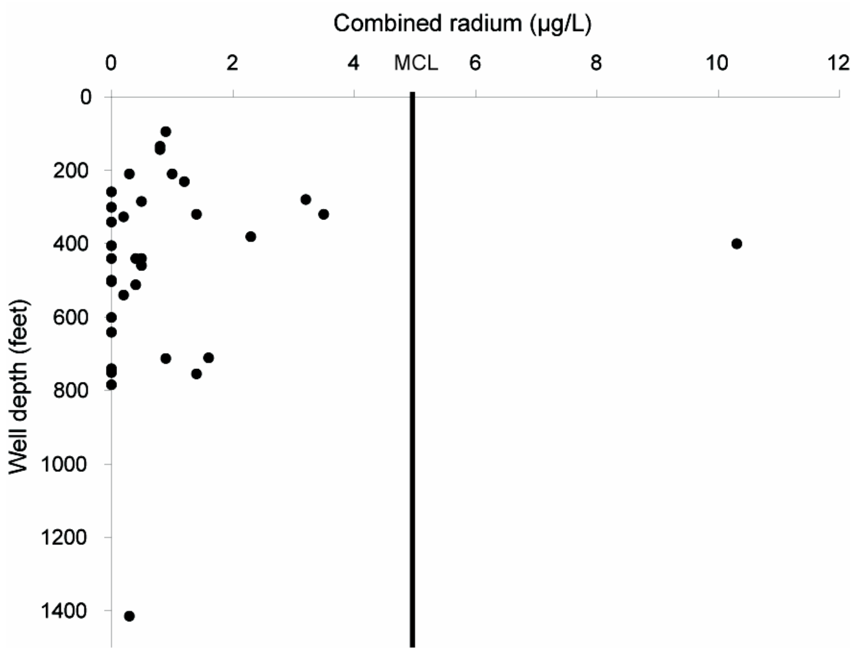
The concentration of combined radium, which refers to radium 226 plus radium 228, is generally below the MCL (5 pCi/L) throughout the study area. An exception is the combined radium measured at the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, discussed in more detail below. The distribution of available combined radium measurements is shown in Figure 3.11. The values shown in this analysis represent an upper limit of the possible concentration, because in wells that contained less than 1 pCi/L of radium 228 (the detection limit), 1 pCi/L was used in the combined concentration.

Figure 3.11 Spatial Distribution of Combined Radium Concentrations in the Study Area



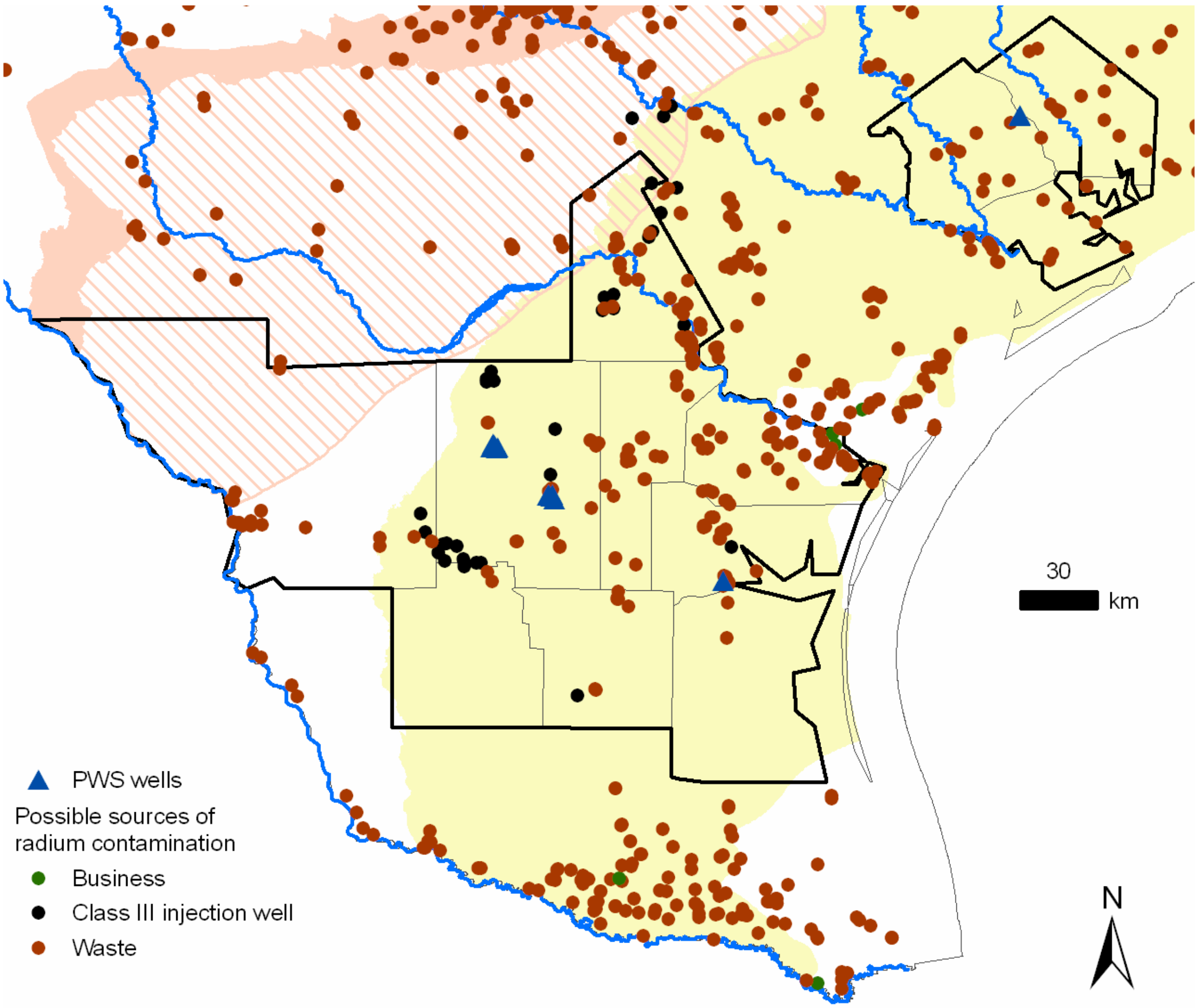
There is no clear correlation between combined radium concentration and well depth in the study area (Figure 3.12). Although the highest measured concentrations occur in shallower wells, the small number of measurements available makes it difficult to conclusively demonstrate any trend.

Figure 3.12 Combined Radium Concentrations and Well Depths within the Study Area



High radium concentrations can also be caused by anthropogenic sources of contamination. The TCEQ SWAP compiled a database of potential sources of radium contamination, including certain businesses, injection wells related to oil production, and waste disposal sites (Figure 3.13). The low measured levels of combined radium in the region do not indicate significant contamination caused by these sources.

Figure 3.13 Locations of Possible Sources of Radium Contamination in the Study Area



3.1.3 Regional Hydrogeology

The Gulf Coast aquifer system is the primary source of groundwater along the coastal plains of Texas, extending about 62 miles inland from the Gulf of Mexico. South of the study area, this aquifer system extends across the Rio Grande and into Mexico. North of the study area, it extends along the Gulf Coast into Louisiana. The aquifer system consists of several hydrologically connected sedimentary units, Miocene age and younger, composed of interbedded gravel, sand, silt, and clay. These sediments were deposited in alluvial, deltaic, lagoon, beach, and continental shelf environments as the depositional basin that forms the Gulf of Mexico. As a result of the gradual subsidence of the basin, these units all dip toward the coast (Ryder 1996), so the geologic units at the surface are youngest at the coast and oldest inland (Ashworth and Hopkins 1995). The units also generally thicken toward the coast, so the main producing units are very thin at the inland boundary of the aquifer and increase to nearly 6,000 feet thick at the coast within the study area (Baker 1979).

The oldest and deepest formation is the Miocene age Catahoula Tuff or Sandstone, which in most places serves as a confining unit between the Gulf Coast aquifer system and the underlying Jackson Group. Overlying the Catahoula is the Miocene age Jasper aquifer, in which the Oakville Sandstone forms a productive aquifer unit. Above the Jasper aquifer is the Burkeville confining unit, made up primarily of a clay-rich unit known as the Fleming Formation (Baker 1979) or the Lagarto Clay (Shafer and Baker 1973), which separates the Jasper from the overlying Evangeline aquifer. The Evangeline aquifer consists of the Pliocene age Goliad Sand. Above the Evangeline, the top of the Gulf Coast aquifer system, known as the Chicot aquifer, includes the Pleistocene age Lissie, Willis, Bentley, Montgomery, and Beaumont formations, as well as recent alluvial deposits (Baker 1979). Locally, formations that make up the Chicot aquifer might not all be present or discernable (Shafer 1968; Shafer and Baker 1973; Shafer 1974).

Water quality in the Gulf Coast aquifer system is generally good in the shallower parts of the aquifer, but worsens toward the Rio Grande valley. Along the coast, the quality is poor in some locations due to saltwater encroachment (Ashworth and Hopkins 1995). In some areas, including Kleberg, Kenedy, and Jim Wells Counties, improperly cased wells in the Evangeline aquifer have experienced increases in salinity due to leakage of shallow saline water from overlying formations (Shafer and Baker 1973). Saline waters near the surface might be natural or a result of human activities such as oil production or pesticide application, although historically pesticides have not been a known source of contamination (Shafer 1968; Shafer and Baker, 1973; Shafer, 1974).

Other aquifers that provide water supplies in the western part of the study area include the Carrizo-Wilcox and the Yegua-Jackson. The Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer includes the Tertiary age Wilcox Group and the Carrizo Formation (Ashworth and Hopkins 1995). Where it is present in the study area, the Carrizo-Wilcox is primarily located only at depth; it outcrops only in a small area in northwestern Webb County. The Yegua-Jackson aquifer consists of the Eocene age Yegua Formation and the Eocene–Pleistocene Jackson Group, both of which are made up of interbedded sand, silt, and clay, some of which include volcanic sediments, lignite, and uranium (Preston 2006). This aquifer only occurs in the subsurface within the study area.

3.2 DETAILED ASSESSMENT FOR ARENOSA CREEK ESTATES PWS

The Arenosa Creek Estates PWS has two wells: G2350042A and G2350042B. These wells are 504 and 112 feet deep, respectively, and are both within the Chicot aquifer. Water from the water supply system is sampled at a single entry point, so the chemical analyses represent both wells. Table 3.2 summarizes concentrations of gross alpha and combined radium that have been measured in these wells.

Table 3.2 Gross Alpha and Combined Radium Concentrations in the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS

Date	Gross alpha (pCi/L)	Combined radium (pCi/L)	Source sampled
5/5/1998	-	9.9	distribution system
11/20/1998	-	10.8	distribution system
11/20/1998	-	10.2	distribution system
4/23/2001	37.1	8.8	distribution system
11/4/2003	32.9	8.2	G2350042A, B
12/7/2004	35.1	9.4	G2350042A, B
3/1/2006	30.1	8.5	G2350042A, B
6/26/2006	36.4	9.0	G2350042A, B
9/26/2006	31.6	9.9	G2350042A, B
10/30/2006	21.9	8.6	G2350042A, B
2/7/2007	-	9.2	G2350042A, B

Data from the TCEQ PWS Database.

All seven gross alpha measurements, taken between 2001 and 2006, and 11 combined radium measurements, taken between 1998 and 2007, exceed the MCLs for gross alpha (15 pCi/L) and combined radium (5 pCi/L). Samples taken within the distribution system represent water quality at a remote location within the water supply system, thus representing the chemistry of water that has traveled farther through the distribution system than that sampled at the entry point. Figures 3.14 and 3.15 show the distribution of measured gross alpha and combined radium, respectively, in the area around the PWS wells.

Figure 3.14 Gross Alpha Concentrations within 5- and 10-km Buffers around the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS

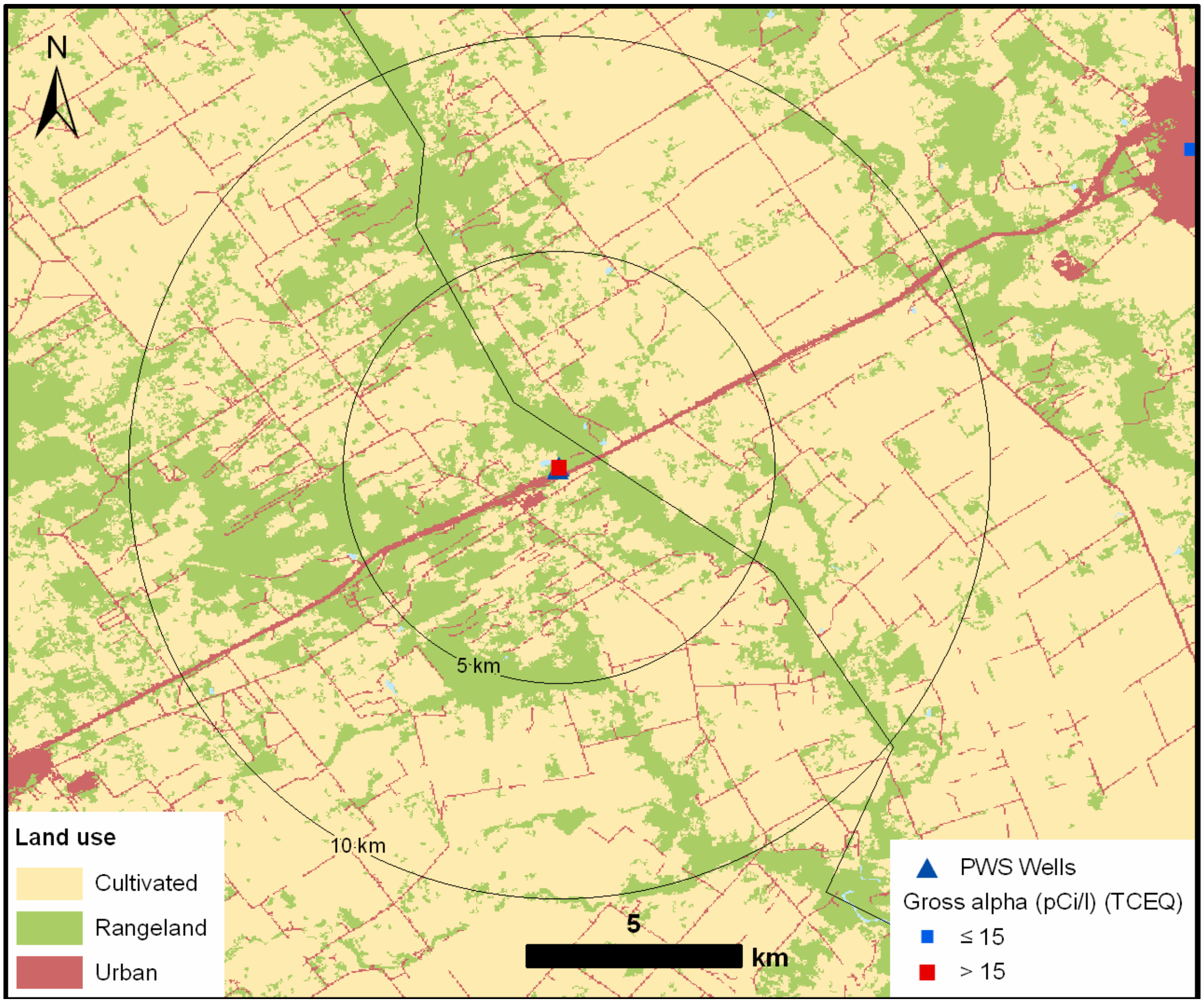
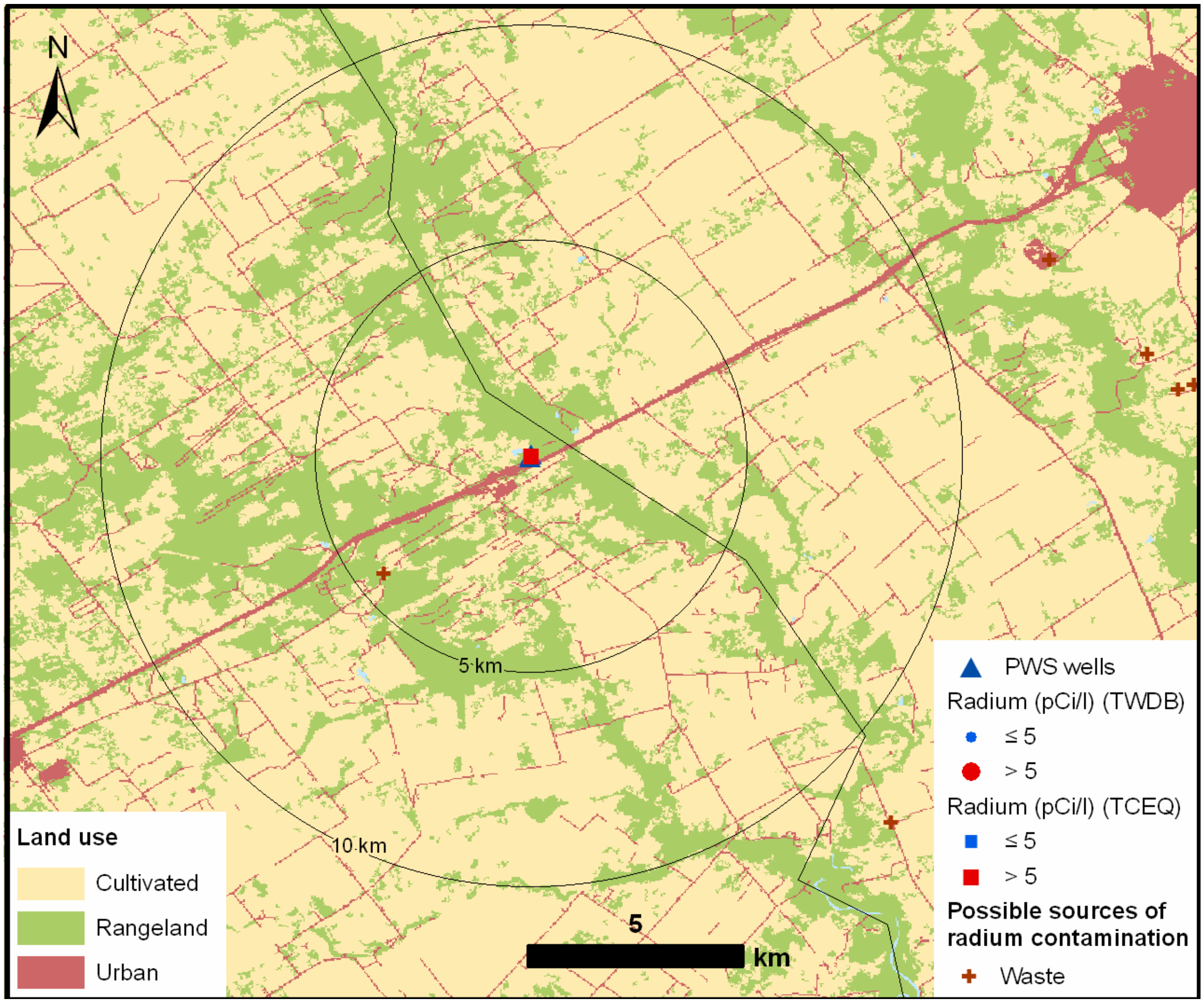


Figure 3.15 Combined Radium Concentrations within 5- and 10-km Buffers around the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS



Data are from the TCEQ and TWDB databases (no wells from the TWDB database are located in this area). Samples from the TCEQ database (shown as squares on the map) represent the most recent sample taken at a PWS, which can be raw samples from a single well or entry point samples that may combine water from multiple sources. Where more than one measurement has been made from a source, the most recent concentration is shown.

There are no measurements of gross alpha or combined radium within 6.2 miles of the PWS wells (Figures 3.14 and 3.15). Therefore, it is not possible to assess local variation in contaminant levels or identify wells that might serve as an alternative source of water supply. Regional analysis shows that nearly all other measurements of gross alpha and combined radium in this portion of the study area meet MCLs for both constituents. This suggests that the high levels in the PWS wells might be caused by localized contamination. Several waste disposal sites, which are possible sources of radium contamination, are located within about 9 miles of the PWS wells. However, regional groundwater flow is from northwest to southeast, and none of these possible sources of contamination are upgradient from the PWS wells. In addition, radium does not typically travel this distance from contaminated sites. Therefore, it is unlikely that the high radium levels are due to the mapped point sources of contamination.

Testing the two PWS wells individually might show that only one of the wells has high levels of gross alpha and combined radium. If so, decreasing or eliminating the use of this well could allow the PWS to meet the MCLs for these constituents. In addition, the presence of low levels of these constituents within this part of the study area suggests there might be wells near the PWS that meet the MCLs but are not in the databases included in this study. Further research might identify nearby wells that could serve as an alternative source of water.

3.2.1 Summary of Alternative Groundwater Sources for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS

Regional assessments indicate that the high levels of gross alpha and combined radium in the PWS wells are anomalous and not likely due to a regional source of contamination. However, the lack of information from nearby wells does not allow for this finding to be assessed locally. There are no known possible anthropogenic sources of contamination upgradient from the PWS wells.

Further information might be gained by testing the PWS wells individually. If the high concentrations of these constituents are found in only one PWS well, then changing the mixture of waters from the two wells could allow the PWS to meet the MCLs. If both contain high levels, then additional research into local wells that meet quality standards, not included in the databases used here, might be necessary.

SECTION 4
ANALYSIS OF THE ARENOSA CREEK ESTATES PWS

4.1 DESCRIPTION OF EXISTING SYSTEM

4.1.1 Existing System

The Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is shown in Figure 4.1. Arenosa Creek Estates is a mobile home park (MHP) located near Inez, Texas, approximately 15 miles northeast of Victoria, Texas. The water system serves a population of 78 and has 26 connections. The water sources for this community water system are two wells completed in the Chicot Aquifer (Code 112CHCT). Wells #1 and #2 are approximately 504 feet and 112 feet deep, respectively, and have a total production 0.165 million gallons per day (mgd). The wells discharge to the distribution system through a pressure tank (2,500-gallon capacity).

Recent values for gross alpha particle activity (gross alpha) have ranged from 15 to 29.7 pCi/L and recent results for combined radium have ranged from 5 to 8 pCi/L. These values are above the 15 pCi/L MCL for gross alpha and 5 pCi/L MCL for combined radium. Therefore, Arenosa Creek Estates PWS faces compliance issues under the water quality standards for gross alpha and combined radium.

During the system interview, it was indicated that the shallow well contained radium and the deeper well did not, although the water from the deeper well has sulfur odors. The radium concentrations between wells should be investigated. If it can be confirmed that the deeper well has acceptable radium concentrations, it may be possible to deal with the sulfur odor problem more economically than the radium. Frequently, sulfur odors can be eliminated by increasing the chlorine dosage, and possibly adding a carbon filter.

Basic system information is as follows:

- Population served: 66
- Connections: 26
- Average daily flow: 0.0025 mgd
- Total production capacity: 0.165 mgd
- Basic system raw water quality data are as follows:
- Typical gross alpha range: 15 – 29.7 pCi/L
- Typical combined radium range: 5 – 8 pCi/L
- Typical arsenic range: 0.0032 – 0.0033 mg/L
- Typical calcium range: 73.3 – 94 mg/L
- Typical chloride range: 127 – 135 mg/L

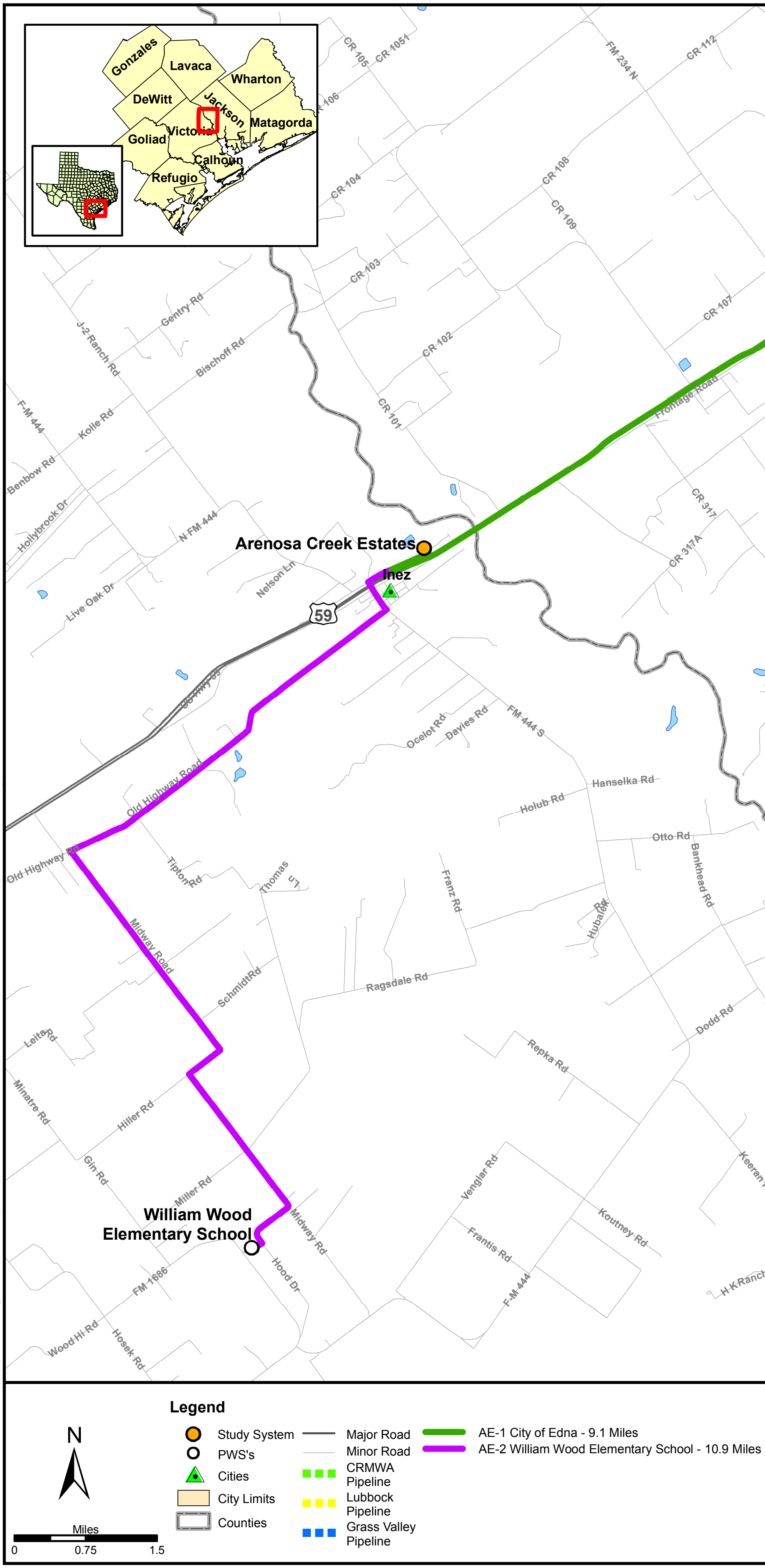


Figure 4.1

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- Typical fluoride range: 0.5 – 0.65 mg/L
- Typical iron range: 0.041 – 0.072 mg/L
- Typical magnesium range: 10 – 22.4 mg/L
- Typical manganese range: 0.008 – 0.009 mg/L
- Typical nitrate range: <0.01 – 0.02 mg/L
- Typical selenium range: <0.0025 mg/L
- Typical sodium range: 123 – 125 mg/L
- Typical sulfate range: 38 – 39.9 mg/L
- Typical Total Hardness as CaCO3 range: 266-279 mg/L
- Typical pH range: 7 – 7.53
- Typical Total Alkalinity as CaCO3 range: 308 – 327 mg/L
- Typical bicarbonate (HCO_3) range: 398 – 399 mg/L
- Typical total dissolved solids range: 582 - 598 mg/L

The typical ranges for water quality data listed above are based on a TCEQ database that contains data updated through the beginning of 2005.

4.1.2 Capacity Assessment for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS

The project team conducted a capacity assessment of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS on August 6, 2008. Results of this evaluation are separated into four categories: general assessment of capacity, positive aspects of capacity, capacity deficiencies, and capacity concerns. The general assessment of capacity describes the overall impression of FMT capability of the water system. The positive aspects of capacity describe the strengths of the system. These factors can provide the building blocks for the system to improve capacity deficiencies. The capacity deficiencies noted are those aspects creating a particular problem for the system related to long-term sustainability. Primarily, those problems are related to the system's ability to meet current or future compliance, ensure proper revenue to pay the expenses of running the system, and ensure proper operation of the system. The last category, capacity concerns, consists of items not causing significant problems for the system at this time. However, the system may want to address them before they become problematic.

Because of the challenges facing very small water systems, it is increasingly important for them to develop the internal capacity to comply with all state and federal requirements for public drinking water systems. For example, it is especially important for very small water systems to develop long-term plans, set aside money in reserve accounts, and track system expenses and revenues because they cannot rely on increased growth and economies of scale to offset their costs. In addition, it is crucial for the owner, manager, and operator of a very small water system to understand the regulations and participate in appropriate training. Providing safe drinking water is the responsibility of every public water system, including those very small water systems that face increased challenges with compliance.

The project team interviewed Mr. Phil Powell, Water Operator and MHP manager for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS.

4.1.2.1 General Structure of the PWS

The Arenosa Creek Estate PWS is owned by Ken and Steve Holzheauser and managed by Phil Powell. Mr. Powell is a Class D certified operator, lives onsite and takes care of the MHP. There are currently 26 lots connected to the water system; four of which are not currently rented. The lots rent for $175 per month, which includes water and septic. There are no plans to expand the MHP because Mr. Powell suspects that construction of Interstate 69 will displace the MHP in 15 years. The system exceeds the gross alpha and combined radium standards. The project team was not able to obtain information on the expenses of the water system, but the operator believes the revenues do not cover the expenses for the MHP.

4.1.2.2 General Assessment of Capacity

Based on the team's assessment, this system has an inadequate level of capacity. Although there is a positive aspect of capacity, there are some areas that need improvement, such as the FMT aspects of the water system.

4.1.2.3 Positive Aspects of Capacity

In assessing a system's overall capacity, it is important to look at all aspects – positive and negative. It is important for systems to understand those characteristics that are working well, so those activities can be continued or strengthened. In addition, those positive aspects can assist the system in addressing the capacity deficiencies or concerns. The factor particularly important for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is listed below.

- **Dedicated Operator/Manager –** Mr. Powell lives on-site and manages the MHP water system. He is on-call 24 hours a day.

4.1.2.4 Capacity Deficiencies

The following capacity deficiencies were noted in conducting the assessment and seriously impact the ability of the water system to comply with current and future regulations and to ensure long-term sustainability.

- **Lack of Long Term Capital Planning for Compliance and Sustainability –** There appears to be no long term plan in place to achieve and maintain compliance and ensure long-term sustainability of the water system. System needs are not assessed on a multi-year basis. Although the system has been aware of the gross alpha and combined radium compliance problem, the owners have not developed a long-term plan for achieving compliance at some point into the future. Without some type of planning process, the owners are not able to plan for the revenue needed to make system improvements or add treatment processes.

- **Lack of Compliance with Gross Alpha and Combined Radium Standards –** The water system is not in compliance with gross alpha and combined radium standards.

4.1.2.5 Potential Capacity Concerns

The following item was a concern regarding capacity but no specific operational, managerial, or financial problems can be attributed to this item at this time. The system should address the item listed below to further improve FMT capabilities to improve the system's long-term sustainability.

- **Lack of separate accounting for water systems –** The owners pay for repairs as needed; however, without a separate accounting method for the water system, it is not possible to know how much of the rent collected is set aside for water operations and the true impact of adding additional treatment to meet compliance. It is also hard to know whether the new treatment is affordable for the owners and customers. The water system should operate on its own revenues and should have a reserve fund for major equipment replacement. This lack may pose risks if insufficient funding results in an inability to maintain and upgrade the facility or maintain sufficient stocks of spare parts, chemicals, or equipment.

4.2 ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE DEVELOPMENT

4.2.1 Identification of Alternative Existing Public Water Supply Sources

Using data drawn from the TCEQ drinking water and TWDB groundwater well databases, the PWSs surrounding Arenosa Creek Estates were reviewed with regard to their reported drinking water quality and production capacity. PWSs that appeared to have water supplies with water quality issues were ruled out from evaluation as alternative sources, while those without identified water quality issues were investigated further. Systems were only considered if they were within 10 miles of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. Table 4.1 is a list of the PWSs within 10 miles of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. If it was determined these PWSs had excess supply capacity and might be willing to sell the excess, or might be a suitable location for a new groundwater well, the system was taken forward for further consideration and identified with "EVALUATE FURTHER" in the comments column of Table 4.1.

Table 4.1 Selected Public Water Systems within 10 Miles of the Arenosa Creek Estates

PWS ID	PWS Name	Distance from Arenosa Creek Estates (miles)	Comments/Other Issues
2350018	INDUSTRIAL ISD INEZ ELEMENTARY	0.85	Small GW system. No radium data.
2350047	TDHPT COMFORT STA US HWY 59 NORTH	2.97	Larger non-residential GW system. No radium data.
2350046	TDHPT COMFORT STA US HWY 59 SOUTH	3.14	Larger non-residential GW system. No radium data.
2350041	MIDWAY TRUCK STOP	5.81	Larger non-residential GW system. No radium data.
2350022	WILLIAM WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	7.63	Larger GW system. No WQ issues, but lacks radium data. **Evaluate Further**
1200001	CITY OF EDNA	9.3	Larger GW system. No WQ issues. **Evaluate Further**

WQ = water quality
GW = groundwater

After the PWSs in Table 4.1 that lacked radium data and were very close to Arenosa Creek Estates were eliminated from further consideration, the remaining PWSs carried forward as potential suppliers of compliant water. These alternatives are summarized in Table 4.2. The alternatives are connections to the William Wood Elementary School and City of Edna systems. Descriptions of both the City of Edna and the William Wood Elementary School follow Table 4.2. The nearby systems that lack radium data could be tested for radium, and if concentrations are acceptable, they could be good candidates for supply of compliant water.

Table 4.2 Public Water Systems Within the Vicinity of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS Selected for Further Evaluation

PWS ID	PWS Name	Pop	Connec-tions	Total Production (mgd)	Avg Daily Usage (mgd)	Approx. Dist. from Arenosa Creek Estates	Comments/Other Issues
2350022	WILLIAM WOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	100	1	0.012	0.0035	7.63	Larger GW system. No WQ issues, but lack radium data.
1200001	CITY OF EDNA	5999	2135	3.3	0.594	9.3	Larger GW system. No WQ issues.

WQ = water quality
GW = groundwater

4.2.1.1 City of Edna Water System (1200001)

The City of Edna is located approximately 9 miles northeast from PWS. Its production is 3.30 mgd for a population of 5,999 people or 2,135 connections. The City of Edna water source is groundwater provided by two wells that fill two elevated storage tanks. Water demand is approaching existing capacity. Additional water resources have not been evaluated. According to available information on this PWS, there are no reported exceedances for constituents of concern above the associated MCLs. Although no major development or cities have approached the City of Edna for water, the city council is open to discussion but has not considered being a provider of wholesale water. The city does not have much excess capacity and to provide additional water would require a study to determine its water resource availability.

4.2.1.2 William Wood Elementary Water System (2350022)

William Wood Elementary School is located approximately 8 miles southwest from Arenosa Creek Estates. Its production is 0.012 mgd for a population of about 100 people. According to available information on this PWS, there are no reported exceedances for constituents of concern above the associated MCLs, although there have not been any analyses for radium. Before this system is considered as a potential water supplier, the radium concentration should be checked. The school does not have excess capacity but does have good quality groundwater.

4.2.2 Potential for New Groundwater Sources

4.2.2.1 Installing New Compliant Wells

Developing new wells or well fields is recommended, provided good quality groundwater available in sufficient quantity can be identified. Since a number of water systems in the area have water quality problems, it should be possible to share in the cost and effort of identifying compliant groundwater and constructing well fields.

Installation of a new well in the vicinity of the system intake point is likely to be an attractive option provided compliant groundwater can be found, since the PWS is already familiar with operation of a water well. As a result, existing nearby wells with good water quality should be investigated. Re-sampling and test pumping would be required to verify and determine the quality and quantity of water at those wells.

The use of existing wells should probably be limited to use as indicators of groundwater quality and availability. If a new groundwater source is to be developed, it is recommended that a new well or wells be installed instead of using existing wells. This would ensure well characteristics are known and meet standards for drinking water wells.

Some of the alternatives suggest new wells be drilled in areas where existing wells have acceptable water quality. In developing the cost estimates, Parsons assumed the aquifer in these areas would produce the required amount of water with only one well. Site investigations and geological research, which are beyond the scope of this study, could indicate whether the aquifer at a particular site and depth would provide the amount of water needed or if more than one well would need to be drilled in separate areas.

4.2.2.2 Results of Groundwater Availability Modeling

The central section of the Gulf Coast Aquifer is the groundwater supply throughout Victoria County, where the PWS is located, as well as surrounding counties. Two of five hydrogeological units that comprise the Gulf Coast Aquifer are potential sources in the area: the Chicot Aquifer, the upper aquifer unit, and the underlying Evangeline Aquifer.

Two wells operated by the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS are completed in the Evangeline Aquifer, at depths of 112 feet and 504 feet. A search of registered wells was conducted using TCEQ's Public Water Supply database to assess groundwater sources utilized within a 10-mile radius of the PWS. The database identifies the Gulf Coast Aquifer as the groundwater source for all wells, but information on specific hydrogeological unit is very limited. Available information indicates that most domestic and public supply wells in the search area are completed in the Lissie Formation of the Chicot Aquifer. Irrigation and livestock watering wells, located at a distance of more than 5 miles from the PWS, are typically completed in the Goliad Sand Formation of the Evangeline Aquifer.

Groundwater Supply

The Gulf Coast Aquifer, the main groundwater source in Victoria and surrounding counties, is a high-yield aquifer composed of discontinuous sand, silt, clay and gravel beds that extends over the entire Texas coastal region. Municipal and irrigation uses account for 90 percent of the total pumpage from the aquifer. The Gulf Coast Aquifer, which has an average freshwater thickness of 1,000 feet (TWDB 2007), consists of five hydrogeologic units; from the land surface downward, those units are the Chicot Aquifer, the Evangeline Aquifer, the Burkenville Formation, the Jasper Aquifer, and the Catahoula Sandstone Formation.

In the southern section of the Gulf Coast Aquifer, where the PWS is located, the groundwater yield is relatively low compared to the north and central sections of the aquifer, and of lower water quality due to a high content of total dissolved solids (TWDB 2007). The State Water Plan, updated in 2007 by the TWDB, estimated that availability of water from the Gulf Coast Aquifer water will have a moderate decrease, from over 1.8 million acre-feet per year (AFY) in 2010 to slightly less that 1.7 million AFY in the year 2060.

Groundwater Availability

Regional groundwater withdrawal in the PWS area is extensive, and likely to increase over current levels over the next decades. The 2007 State Water Plan summarized estimates of groundwater supply and demand over a 50-year planning period, from current values extrapolated to the year 2010 to projections for the year 2060. For Victoria County, it was estimated that, without implementation of additional water management strategies, the increasing water demand will exceed projected water supply estimates. For the end of the 50-year planning period, the additional water need would be 6,566 AFY, entirely associated with water use for manufacturing.

A GAM was developed by TWDB for the southern section of the Gulf Coast Aquifer, including Victoria and adjacent counties. On a regional basis, the GAM model predicted that by the year 2050, current aquifer utilization would increase more than 10 percent (Chowdhury and Mace, 2003). A GAM evaluation was not run for the PWS. Water use by the system would represent a minor addition to regional withdrawal conditions, making potential changes in aquifer levels beyond the spatial resolution of the regional GAM model.

4.2.3 Potential for New Surface Water Sources

The Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is located within the Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin where current demand for surface water is expected to moderately increase over the next 50 years. The State Water Plan, updated by the TWDB in 2007, estimates that, without implementation of additional water management strategies, the increasing water demand in the county will exceed projected water supply estimates. For the end of the 50-year planning period, the additional water need would be 6,566 AFY, entirely associated with water use for manufacturing.

There is a potential for development of new surface water sources for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. The TWDB developed a surface water availability model for the Lavaca-Guadalupe Coastal Basin as a tool to determine, at a regional level, the maximum amount of water available during the drought of record over the simulation period (regardless of whether the supply is physically or legally available). Surface water availability maps were developed by TCEQ for the Lavaca-Guadalupe Basin, illustrating percent of months of flow per year. Availability maps indicate that in the PWS vicinity, and throughout the east section of Victoria County, unappropriated flows for new applications are typically available between 75 and 100 percent of the time. This availability is potentially adequate to comply with a TCEQ requirement of a 100 percent year-round availability to apply for a new surface water source permit.

Development of a new surface water source, however, is not considered feasible for a small water system due to the permitting required, and the cost and complexity associated with construction and operation of intake works, treatment plant, and water conveyance. A new surface water source development is considered more appropriate as a regional solution to be undertaken by a group of small PWSs, or by a regional water supply organization. For this study, surface water source development alternatives are limited to obtaining water from existing water providers that utilize surface water.

4.2.4 Options for Detailed Consideration

The initial review of alternative sources of water results in the following options for more-detailed consideration:

1. City of Edna. A pipeline would be constructed from the City of Edna to Arenosa Creek Estates PWS (Alternative AE-1).

2. William Wood Elementary. A new groundwater well would be completed in the vicinity of the well at the William Wood Elementary School. A pipeline would be constructed and the water would be piped to Arenosa Creek Estates PWS (Alternative AE-2).

3. New Wells at 10, 5, and 1 mile. Installing a new well within 10, 5, or 1 mile of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS may produce compliant water in place of the water produced by the existing active well. A pipeline and pump station would be constructed to transfer the water to the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS (Alternatives AE-3, AE-4, and AE-5).

4.3 TREATMENT OPTIONS

4.3.1 Centralized Treatment Systems

Centralized treatment of the well water is identified as a potential option. Both reverse osmosis and WRT Z-88 could be potentially applicable. The central RO treatment alternative is Alternative AE-6, and the central WRT Z-88 treatment alternative is Alternative AE-7.

4.3.2 Point-of-Use Systems

POU treatment using RO technology is valid for gross alpha and combined radium removal. The POU treatment alternative is AE-8.

4.3.3 Point-of-Entry Systems

POE treatment using RO technology is valid for gross alpha and combined radium removal. The POE treatment alternative is AE-9.

4.4 BOTTLED WATER

Providing bottled water is considered an interim measure to be used until a compliance alternative is implemented. Even though the community is small and people know each other; it would be reasonable to require a quarterly communication advising customers of the need to take advantage of the bottled water program. An alternative to providing delivered bottled water is to provide a central, publicly accessible dispenser for treated drinking water. Alternatives addressing bottled water are AE-10, AE-11, and AE-12.

4.5 ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS

A number of potential alternatives for compliance with the MCL for gross alpha and combined radium have been identified. Each of the potential alternatives is described in the following subsections. It should be noted that the cost information given is the capital cost and change in O&M costs associated with implementing the particular alternative. Appendix C contains cost estimates for the compliance alternatives. These compliance alternatives represent a range of possibilities, and a number of them are likely not feasible. However, all have been presented to provide a complete picture of the range of alternatives considered. It is anticipated that a PWS will be able to use the information contained herein to select the most attractive alternative(s) for more detailed evaluation and possible subsequent implementation.

4.5.1 Alternative AE-1: Purchase Treated Water from the City of Edna

This alternative involves purchasing potable water from the City of Edna, which will be used to supply the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. It is assumed that the City of Edna currently has sufficient excess capacity for this alternative to be feasible. It is assumed that Arenosa Creek Estates would obtain all its water from the City of Edna.

This alternative would require constructing a pipeline from the City of Edna water main to a new 5,000-gallon storage tank located at Arenosa Creek Estates. A pump station and 5,000-gallon feed tank would also be required to overcome pipe friction and the elevation differences between the City of Edna and Arenosa Creek Estates. The required pipeline would be 4 inches in diameter, approximately 9.1 miles long, and follow Highway 59 to Arenosa Creek Estates.

By definition this alternative involves regionalization, since Arenosa Creek Estates PWS would be obtaining drinking water from an existing larger supplier. Also, other PWSs near Arenosa Creek Estates are in need of compliant drinking water and could share in implementation of this alternative.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes constructing the pipeline, storage tank, pump station, feed tank, building, and distribution pumps. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes the purchase price for the treated water minus the cost related to current operation of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS's wells, plus maintenance cost for the pipeline, and power and O&M labor and materials for the pump stations. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $1.64 million, with an estimated annual O&M cost of $30,900. If the purchased water was used for blending rather than for the full water supply, the annual O&M cost for this alternative could be reduced because of reduced pumping costs and reduced water purchase costs. However, additional costs would be incurred for equipment to ensure proper blending, and additional monitoring to ensure the finished water is compliant.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative should be good. From the perspective of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be characterized as easy to operate and repair, since O&M and repair of pipelines and pumps are well understood. If the decision were made to perform blending then the operational complexity would increase.

The feasibility of this alternative is dependent on an agreement being reached with the City of Edna to purchase treated drinking water.

4.5.2 Alternative AE-2: New Well in the Vicinity of William Wood Elementary School

This alternative involves completing a new well in the vicinity of William Wood Elementary School and constructing a pump station and pipeline to transfer the pumped groundwater to the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. Based on the water quality data in the TCEQ database, it is expected that groundwater from this well would be compliant with drinking water MCLs. Nevertheless, analyses of gross alpha and combined radium concentrations should be determined. An agreement would need to be negotiated with William Wood Elementary School to expand its well field.

This alternative would require completing a new 240 foot well and 5,000 gallon feed tank at the William Wood Elementary School, and constructing a pipeline from that well to a new storage tanks and service pumps for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. The required pipeline would be constructed of 4-inch pipe and would follow Old Highway Road as well as Midway Road. Using this route, the pipeline required would be approximately 10.9 miles long.

The pump station would include two pumps, including one standby, and would be housed in a building. It is assumed the pumps and piping would be installed with capacity to meet all water demand for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, since the incremental cost would be relatively small, and it would provide operational flexibility.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes completing the new well, constructing the pipeline, feed tank, pump houses, and pump station. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes the maintenance cost for the pipeline, and power and O&M labor and materials for the pump stations. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $2.07 million, with an estimated annual O&M cost of $42,000. If the purchased water was used for blending rather than for the full water supply, the annual O&M cost for this alternative could be reduced because of reduced pumping costs and reduced water purchase costs. However, additional costs would be incurred for equipment to ensure proper blending, and additional monitoring to ensure the finished water is compliant.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative should be good. From the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS's perspective, this alternative would be characterized as easy to operate and repair, since O&M and repair of pipelines and pump stations is well understood and Arenosa Creek Estates PWS personnel currently operate pipelines and a pump station. If the decision was made to perform blending, then the operational complexity would increase.

The feasibility of this alternative would be dependent on Arenosa Creek Estates PWS being able to reach an agreement with the William Wood Elementary to install a new groundwater well.

4.5.3 Alternative AE-3: New Well at 10 miles

This alternative consists of installing one new well within 10 miles of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS that would produce compliant water in place of the water produced by the existing wells. At this level of study, it is not possible to positively identify an existing well or the location where a new well could be installed.

This alternative would require constructing one new 500-foot well, a new pump station with a 5,000-gallon feed tank near the new well, and a pipeline from the new well/feed tank to a new 5,000-gallon storage tank located near the existing pressure tank. The pump station and feed tank would be necessary to overcome pipe friction and changes in land elevation. Water from the storage tank would be pumped into the distribution system by one of two service pumps installed within a pump house near the existing intake point. For this alternative, the pipeline is assumed to be approximately 10 miles long and 4-inches in diameter. All pumps would be housed in a building.

Depending on well location and capacity, this alternative could present some options for a more regional solution. It may be possible to share water and costs with another nearby system.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes installing the well, constructing the pipeline, the pump stations, the storage and feed tanks, service pumps and pump houses. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes O&M for the pipeline and pump stations. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $1.99 million, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $42,000.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative should be good, since water wells, pump stations and pipelines are commonly employed. From the perspective of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be similar to operate as the existing system. Arenosa Creek Estates PWS personnel have experience with O&M of wells, pipelines, and pump stations.

The feasibility of this alternative is dependent on the ability to find an adequate existing well or success in installing a well that produces an adequate supply of compliant water. It is likely that an alternate groundwater source would not be found on land owned by Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, so landowner cooperation would likely be required.

4.5.4 Alternative AE-4: New Well at 5 miles

This alternative consists of installing one new well within 5 miles of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS that would produce compliant water in place of the water produced by the existing wells. At this level of study, it is not possible to positively identify an existing well or the location where new wells could be installed.

This alternative would require constructing one new 500-foot well, a new pump station with a 5,000-gallon feed tank near the new well, and a pipeline from the new well/feed tank to a new 5,000-gallon storage tank located near the existing pressure tank. The pump station and feed tank would be necessary to overcome pipe friction and changes in land elevation. Water from the storage tank would be pumped into the distribution system by one of two service pumps installed within a pump house near the existing intake point. For this alternative, the pipeline is assumed to be approximately 5 miles long and 4-inches in diameter. All pumps would be housed in a building.

Depending on well location and capacity, this alternative could present some options for a more regional solution. It may be possible to share water and costs with another nearby system.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes installing the well, and constructing the pipeline, the storage and feed tanks, service pumps, pump houses, and pump stations. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes O&M for the pipeline and pump stations. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $1.16 million, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $40,600.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative should be good, since water wells, pump stations and pipelines are commonly employed. From the perspective of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be similar to operate as the existing system. Arenosa Creek Estates PWS personnel have experience with O&M of wells, pipelines, and pump stations.

The feasibility of this alternative is dependent on the ability to find an adequate existing well or success in installing a well that produces an adequate supply of compliant water. It is likely an alternate groundwater source would not be found on land owned by the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, so landowner cooperation would likely be required.

4.5.5 Alternative AE-5: New Well at 1 mile

This alternative consists of installing one new well within 1 mile of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS that would produce compliant water in place of the water produced by the existing wells. At this level of study, it is not possible to positively identify an existing well or the location where a new well could be installed.

This alternative would require constructing one new 500-foot well and a pipeline from the new well to a new 5,000-gallon storage tank with two service pumps installed within a pump house near the existing intake point for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. Since the new well is relatively close, a pump station at the well would not be necessary. For this alternative, the pipeline is assumed to be 4 inches in diameter, approximately 1 mile long, and would discharge to a new storage tank at the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. The new storage tank would include two service pumps, including one standby. The pumps would be housed in a building.

Depending on well location and capacity, this alternative could present some options for a more regional solution. It may be possible to share water and costs with another nearby system.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes installing the well, and constructing the pipeline. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes O&M for the pipeline. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $423,100, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $14,300.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative should be good, since water wells and pipelines are commonly employed. From the perspective of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be similar to operate as the existing system. Arenosa Creek Estates PWS personnel have experience with O&M of wells, pipelines and pump stations.

The feasibility of this alternative is dependent on the ability to find an adequate existing well or success in installing a well that produces an adequate supply of compliant water. It is possible an alternate groundwater source would not be found on land owned by Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, so landowner cooperation may be required.

4.5.6 Alternative AE-6: Central RO Treatment

This system would continue to pump water from the existing well, and would treat the water through an RO system prior to distribution. For this option, 100 percent of the raw water would be treated to obtain compliant water. The RO process concentrates impurities in the reject stream that would require disposal. It is estimated the RO reject generation would be approximately 1,000 gallons per day (gpd) when the system is operated at the average daily consumption (0.0025 mgd).

This alternative consists of constructing the RO treatment plant near the existing well. The plant is composed of a 400 square foot building with a paved driveway; a skid with the pre-constructed RO plant; three transfer pumps, a 5,000-gallon tank for storing the treated water, and a 30,000-gallon pond for storing reject water. The treated water would be chlorinated and stored in the new treated water tank prior to being pumped into the distribution system. The existing pressure tanks would continue to be used to accumulate feed water from the well field. The entire facility is fenced.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $562,500, and the estimated annual O&M cost is $24,800.

The reliability of adequate amount of compliant water under this alternative is good, since RO treatment is a common and well-understood treatment technology. However, O&M efforts required for the central RO treatment plant may be significant, and O&M personnel would require training with RO. The feasibility of this alternative is not dependent on the cooperation, willingness, or capability of other water supply entities.

4.5.7 Alternative AE-7: Central WRT Z-88 Treatment

The system would continue to pump water from the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS wells, and would treat the water through the Z-88 adsorption system prior to distribution. The full flow of raw water would be treated by the Z-88 system as the media specifically adsorb radium and do not affect other constituents. There is no liquid waste generated in this process. The Z-88 media would be replaced and disposed by WRT in an approved low-level radioactive waste landfill after several years of operation.

This alternative consists of installing the Z-88 treatment system at the existing Arenosa Creek Estates pws well field. WRT owns the Z-88 equipment and Arenosa Creek Estates PWS would pay for construction for the treatment unit and auxiliary facilities. The plant is composed of a 450 square foot building with a paved driveway; the pre-fabricated Z-88 adsorption system; and piping system. The entire facility would be fenced. The treated water would be chlorinated prior to distribution. It is assumed the well pumps would have adequate pressure to pump the water through the Z-88 system to the ground storage tanks without requiring new pumps.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $287,200, and the estimated annual O&M cost is $23,400.

Based on many pilot testing results and some full-scale plant data, this technology appears to be reliable. It is very simple to operate and the media replacement and disposal would be handled by WRT. Because WRT owns the equipment, the capital cost is relatively low. The main operating cost would be WRT's fee for the treated water. One concern with this technology is the potential health effect on O&M personnel because of the level of radioactivity accumulated in the Z-88 vessel after the media have been operating for a long time.

4.5.8 Alternative AE-8: Point-of-Use Treatment

This alternative consists of the continued operation of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS well field, plus treatment of water to be used for drinking or food preparation at the point of use to remove gross alpha and combined radium. The purchase, installation, and maintenance of POU treatment systems to be installed "under the sink" would be necessary for this alternative. Blending is not an option in this case.

This alternative would require installing the POU treatment units in residences and other buildings that provide drinking or cooking water. Arenosa Creek Estates PWS staff would be responsible for purchase and maintenance of the treatment units, including membrane and filter replacement, periodic sampling, and necessary repairs. In houses, the most convenient point for installation of the treatment units is typically under the kitchen sink, with a separate tap installed for dispensing treated water. Installation of the treatment units in kitchens will require the entry of Arenosa Creek Estates PWS or contract personnel into the houses of customers. As a result, cooperation of customers would be important for success implementing this alternative. The treatment units could be installed for access without house entry, but that would complicate the installation and increase costs.

Treatment processes would involve RO. Treatment processes produce a reject waste stream. The reject waste streams result in a slight increase in the overall volume of water used.

POU systems have the advantage that only a minimum volume of water is treated (only that for human consumption). This minimizes the size of the treatment units, the increase in water required, and the waste for disposal. For this alternative, it is assumed the increase in water consumption is insignificant in terms of supply cost, and that the reject waste stream can be discharged to the house septic or sewer system.

This alternative does not present options for a regional solution.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes purchasing and installing the POU treatment systems. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes the purchase and replacement of filters and membranes, as well as periodic sampling and record keeping as required by the Texas Administrative Code (TAC) (Title 30, Part I, Chapter 290, Subchapter F, Rule 290.106). The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $33,000, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $21,700. For the cost estimate, it is assumed that one POU treatment unit will be required for each of the 26 connections in the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS. It should be noted that the POU treatment units would need to be more complex than units typically found in commercial retail outlets in order to meet regulatory requirements, making purchase and installation more expensive. Additionally, capital cost would increase if POU treatment units are placed at other taps within a home, such as refrigerator water dispensers, ice makers, and bathroom sinks. In school settings, all taps where children and faculty receive water may need POU treatment units or clearly mark those taps suitable for human consumption. Additional considerations may be necessary for preschools or other establishments where individuals cannot read.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative is fair, since it relies on the active cooperation of the customers for system installation, use, and maintenance, and only provides compliant water to single tap within a house. Additionally, the O&M efforts (including monitoring of the devices to ensure adequate performance) required for the POU systems will be significant, and the current personnel are inexperienced in this type of work. From the perspective of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be characterized as more difficult to operate owing to the in-home requirements and the large number of individual units.

The feasibility of this alternative is not dependent on the cooperation, willingness, or capability of other water supply entities.

4.5.9 Alternative AE-9: Point-of-Entry Treatment

This alternative consists of the continued operation of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS well field, plus treatment of water as it enters residences to remove gross alpha and combined radium. The purchase, installation, and maintenance of the treatment systems at the point of entry to a household would be necessary for this alternative. Blending is not an option in this case.

This alternative would require the installation of the POE treatment units at houses and other buildings that provide drinking or cooking water. Every building connected to the system must have a POE device installed, maintained, and adequately monitored. TCEQ must be assured the system has 100 percent participation of all property and or building owners. A way to achieve 100 percent participation is through a public announcement and education program. Example public programs are provided in the document "*Point-of-Use or Point-of-Entry" Treatment Options for Small Drinking Water Systems*" published by USEPA. The property owner's responsibilities for the POE device must also be contained in the title to the property and "run with the land" so subsequent property owners understand their responsibilities (USEPA 2006).

Arenosa Creek Estates PWS would be responsible for purchase, operation, and maintenance of the treatment units, including membrane and filter replacement, periodic sampling, and necessary repairs. It may also be desirable to modify piping so water for non-consumptive uses can be withdrawn upstream of the treatment unit. The POE treatment units would be installed outside the residences, so entry would not be necessary for O&M. Some cooperation from customers would be necessary for installation and maintenance of the treatment systems.

POE treatment for gross alpha and combined radium would involve RO. Treatment processes produce a reject stream that requires disposal. The reject water stream results in a slight increase in overall volume of water used. POE systems treat a greater volume of water than POU systems. For this alternative, it is assumed the increase in water consumption is insignificant in terms of supply cost, and that the backwash reject waste stream can be discharged to the house septic or sewer system.

This alternative does not present options for a regional solution.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes purchasing and installing the POE treatment systems. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes the purchase and replacement of filters and membranes, as well as periodic sampling and record keeping. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $395,800, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $55,800. For the cost estimate, it is assumed that one POE treatment unit will be required for each of the 26 existing connections to the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative are fair, but better than POU systems since it relies less on the active cooperation of the customers for system installation, use, and maintenance, and compliant water is supplied to all taps within a house. Additionally, the O&M efforts required for the POE systems will be significant, and the current personnel are inexperienced in this type of work. From the perspective of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be characterized as more difficult to operate owing to the on-property requirements and the large number of individual units.

The feasibility of this alternative is not dependent on the cooperation, willingness, or capability of other water supply entities.

4.5.10 Alternative AE-10: Public Dispenser for Treated Drinking Water

This alternative consists of the continued operation of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS wells, plus dispensing treated water for drinking and cooking at a publicly accessible location. Implementing this alternative would require purchasing and installing a treatment unit where customers would be able to come and fill their own containers. This alternative also includes notifying customers of the importance of obtaining drinking water from the dispenser. In this way, only a relatively small volume of water requires treatment, but customers would be required to pick up and deliver their own water. Blending is not an option in this case. It should be noted that this alternative would be considered an interim measure until a compliance alternative is implemented.

Arenosa Creek Estates PWS personnel would be responsible for maintenance of the treatment unit, including media or membrane replacement, periodic sampling, and necessary repairs. The spent media or membranes will require disposal. This alternative relies on a great deal of cooperation and action from the customers in order to be effective.

This alternative does not present options for a regional solution.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes purchasing and installing the treatment system to be used for the drinking water dispenser. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes purchasing and replacing filters and media or membranes, as well as periodic sampling and record keeping. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $17,800, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $34,600.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative is fair, because of the large amount of effort required from the customers and the associated inconvenience. Arenosa Creek Estates PWS has not provided this type of service in the past. From Arenosa Creek Estates PWS's perspective this alternative would be characterized as relatively easy to operate, since these types of treatment units are highly automated, and there is only one unit.

The feasibility of this alternative is not dependent on the cooperation, willingness, or capability of other water supply entities.

4.5.11 Alternative AE-11: 100 Percent Bottled Water Delivery

This alternative consists of the continued operation of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS wells, but compliant drinking water will be delivered to customers in containers. This alternative involves setting up and operating a bottled water delivery program to serve all customers in the system. It is expected that Arenosa Creek Estates PWS would find it most convenient and economical to contract a bottled water service. The bottle delivery program would have to be flexible enough to allow the delivery of smaller containers should customers be incapable of lifting and manipulating 5-gallon bottles. Blending is not an option in this case. It should be noted that this alternative would be considered an interim measure until a compliance alternative is implemented.

This alternative does not involve capital cost for construction, but would require some initial costs for system setup, and then ongoing costs to have the bottled water furnished. It is assumed for this alternative that bottled water is provided to 100 percent of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS customers.

This alternative does not present options for a regional solution.

The estimated initial capital cost is for setting up the program. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes program administration and purchase of the bottled water. The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $27,000, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $66,000. For the cost estimate, it is assumed that each person requires one gallon of bottled water per day.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative is fair, since it relies on the active cooperation of customers to order and utilize the water. Management and administration of the bottled water delivery program will require attention from Arenosa Creek Estates PWS.

The feasibility of this alternative is not dependent on the cooperation, willingness, or capability of other water supply entities.

4.5.12 Alternative AE-12: Public Dispenser for Trucked Drinking Water

This alternative consists of continued operation of the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS wells, plus dispensing compliant water for drinking and cooking at a publicly accessible location. The compliant water would be purchased from the City of Edna, and delivered by truck to a tank at a central location where customers would be able to fill their own containers. This alternative also includes notifying customers of the importance of obtaining drinking water from the dispenser. In this way, only a relatively small volume of water requires treatment, but customers are required to pick up and deliver their own water. Blending is not an option in this case. It should be noted that this alternative would be considered an interim measure until a compliance alternative is implemented.

Arenosa Creek Estates PWS would purchase a truck suitable for hauling potable water, and install a storage tank. It is assumed the storage tank would be filled once a week, and that the chlorine residual would be tested for each truckload. The truck would have to meet requirements for potable water, and each load would be treated with bleach. This alternative relies on a great deal of cooperation and action from the customers for it to be effective.

This alternative presents limited options for a regional solution if two or more systems share the purchase and operation of the water truck.

The estimated capital cost for this alternative includes purchasing a water truck and construction of the storage tank to be used for the drinking water dispenser. The estimated O&M cost for this alternative includes O&M for the truck, maintenance for the tank, water quality testing, record keeping, and water purchase, The estimated capital cost for this alternative is $127,700, and the estimated annual O&M cost for this alternative is $32,900.

The reliability of adequate amounts of compliant water under this alternative is fair because of the large amount of effort required from the customers and the associated inconvenience. Current personnel have not provided this type of service in the past. From the perspective of Arenosa Creek Estates PWS, this alternative would be characterized as relatively easy to operate, but the water hauling and storage would have to be done with care to ensure sanitary conditions.

The feasibility of this alternative is not dependent on the cooperation, willingness, or capability of other water supply entities.

4.5.13 Summary of Alternatives

Table 4.3 provides a summary of the key features of each alternative for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS.

Table 4.3 Summary of Compliance Alternatives for Arenosa Creek Estates PWS

Alt No.	Alternative Description	Major Components	Capital Cost[1]	Annual O&M Cost	Total Annualized Cost	Reliability	System Impact	Remarks
AE-1	Purchase water from City of Edna	- New pump station / feed tank - 1 storage tank - 9.1-mile pipeline	$1,640,800	$30,900	$173,900	Good	N	Agreement must be successfully negotiated with the City of Edna. Blending may be possible. Costs could possibly be shared with small systems along pipeline route.
AE-2	New well at William Wood Elementary	- New well - New pump station / feed tank - One storage tank - 10.9-mile pipeline	$2,073,300	$42,000	$222,700	Good	N	Agreement must be successfully negotiated with William Wood Elementary, or land must be purchased. Blending may be possible. Costs could possibly be shared with small systems along pipeline route.
AE-3	Install new compliant well within 10 miles	- New well - One new pump stations / feed tanks - One storage tank - 10-mile pipeline	$1,991,100	$42,000	$215,500	Good	N	May be difficult to find well with good water quality.
AE-4	Install new compliant well within 5 miles	- New well - New pump station / feed tank - One storage tank - 5-mile pipeline	$1,159,200	$40,600	$141,600	Good	N	May be difficult to find well with good water quality.
AE-5	Install new compliant well within 1 mile	- New well - One storage tank - 1-mile pipeline	$423,100	$14,300	$51,200	Good	N	May be difficult to find well with good water quality.
AE-6	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field with central RO treatment	- Central RO treatment plant	$562,500	$24,800	$73,800	Good	T	No nearby system to possibly share treatment plant cost.
AE-7	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field with central WRT Z-88 treatment	- Central WRT Z-88 treatment plant	$287,200	$23,400	$48,500	Good	T	No nearby system to possibly share treatment plant cost.
AE-8	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field, and POU treatment	- POU treatment units.	$33,000	$21,700	$24,600	Fair	T, M	Only one compliant tap in home. Cooperation of residents required for installation, maintenance, and testing.
AE-9	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field, and POE treatment	- POE treatment units.	$395,800	$55,800	$90,300	Fair (*better than POU*)	T, M	All home taps compliant and less resident cooperation required.

Alt No.	Alternative Description	Major Components	Capital Cost[1]	Annual O&M Cost	Total Annualized Cost	Reliability	System Impact	Remarks
AE-10	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field, but furnish public dispenser for treated drinking water	- Water treatment and dispenser unit	$17,800	$34,600	$36,200	Fair/interim measure	T	Does not provide compliant water to all taps, and requires a lot of effort by customers.
AE-11	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field, but furnish bottled drinking water for all customers	- Set up bottled water system	$27,000	$66,000	$68,400	Fair/interim measure	M	Does not provide compliant water to all taps, and requires customers to order and use. Management of program may be significant.
AE-12	Continue operation of Arenosa Creek Estates well field, but furnish public dispenser for trucked drinking water.	- Construct storage tank and dispenser - Purchase potable water truck	$127,700	$32,900	$44,000	Fair/interim measure	M	Does not provide compliant water to all taps, and requires a lot of effort by customers.

Notes: *N – No significant increase required in technical or management capability*
T – Implementation of alternative will require increase in technical capability
M – Implementation of alternative will require increase in management capability
1 – See cost breakdown in Appendix C
2 – 20-year return period and 6 percent interest

4.6 COST OF SERVICE AND FUNDING ANALYSIS

To evaluate the financial impact of implementing the compliance alternatives, a 30-year financial planning model was developed. This model can be found in Appendix D. The financial model is based on estimated cash flows, with and without implementation of the compliance alternatives. Data for such models are typically derived from established budgets, audited financial reports, published water tariffs, and consumption data. Arenosa Creek Estates is a mobile home park with 26 lots with connections, serving a population of approximately 78. Revenues and expense data related to the water system were not available. The financial analysis was based on estimated expenses for operation of the water system of similar sized systems. Total annual water usage for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS was estimated to be 912,500 gallons.

This analysis will need to be performed in a more detailed fashion and applied to alternatives deemed attractive and worthy of more detailed evaluation. A more detailed analysis should include additional factors such as:

- Cost escalation,
- Price elasticity effects where increased rates may result in lower water consumption,
- Costs for other system upgrades and rehabilitation needed to maintain compliant operation.

4.6.1 Arenosa Creek Estates Financial Data

It was assumed that $15 of the monthly pad rental fee was allocated to the water system. This value was used in the financial model as the basic monthly charge for unlimited water usage. .

4.6.2 Current Financial Condition

4.6.2.1 Cash Flow Needs

Assuming a $15 per month fee, the annual average water bill would be $180, or approximately 0.3 per cent of the annual household income of $52,717. Because of the lack of separate financial data exclusively for the water system, it is difficult to determine exact cash flow needs.

4.6.2.2 Ratio Analysis

Current Ratio

The Current Ratio for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS could not be determined due to lack of necessary financial data to determine this ratio.

Debt to Net Worth Ratio

A Debt-to-Net-Worth Ratio also could not be determined owing to lack of the necessary financial data to determine this ratio.

Operating Ratio

An Operating Ratio also could not be determined owing to lack of the necessary financial data to determine this ratio.

4.6.3 Financial Plan Results

Each compliance alternative for the Arenosa Creek Estates PWS was evaluated, with emphasis on the impact on affordability (expressed as a percentage of household income), and the overall increase in water rates necessary to pay for the improvements. Each alternative was examined under the various funding options described in Section 2.4.

Results of the financial impact analysis are provided in Table 4.4 and Figure 4.2. Table 4.4 and Figure 4.2 present rate impacts assuming that revenues match expenses, without funding reserve accounts, and that operations and implementation of compliance alternatives are funded with revenue and are not paid for from reserve accounts. Figure 4.2 provides a bar chart that, in terms of the yearly billing to an average customer, shows the following:

- Current annual average bill,
- Projected annual average bill including rate increase, if needed, to match existing expenditures, and
- Projected annual bill including rate increases needed to fund implementation of a compliance alternative (this does not include funding for reserve accounts).

The two bars shown for each compliance alternative represent the rate changes necessary for revenues to match total expenditures assuming 100 percent grant funding and 100 percent loan/bond funding. Most funding options will fall between 100 percent grant and 100 percent loan/bond funding, with the exception of 100 percent revenue financing. Establishing or increasing reserve accounts would require an increase in rates. If existing reserves are insufficient to fund a compliance alternative, rates would need to be raised before implementing the compliance alternative. This would allow for accumulation of sufficient reserves to avoid larger but temporary rate increases during the years the compliance alternative was being implemented.

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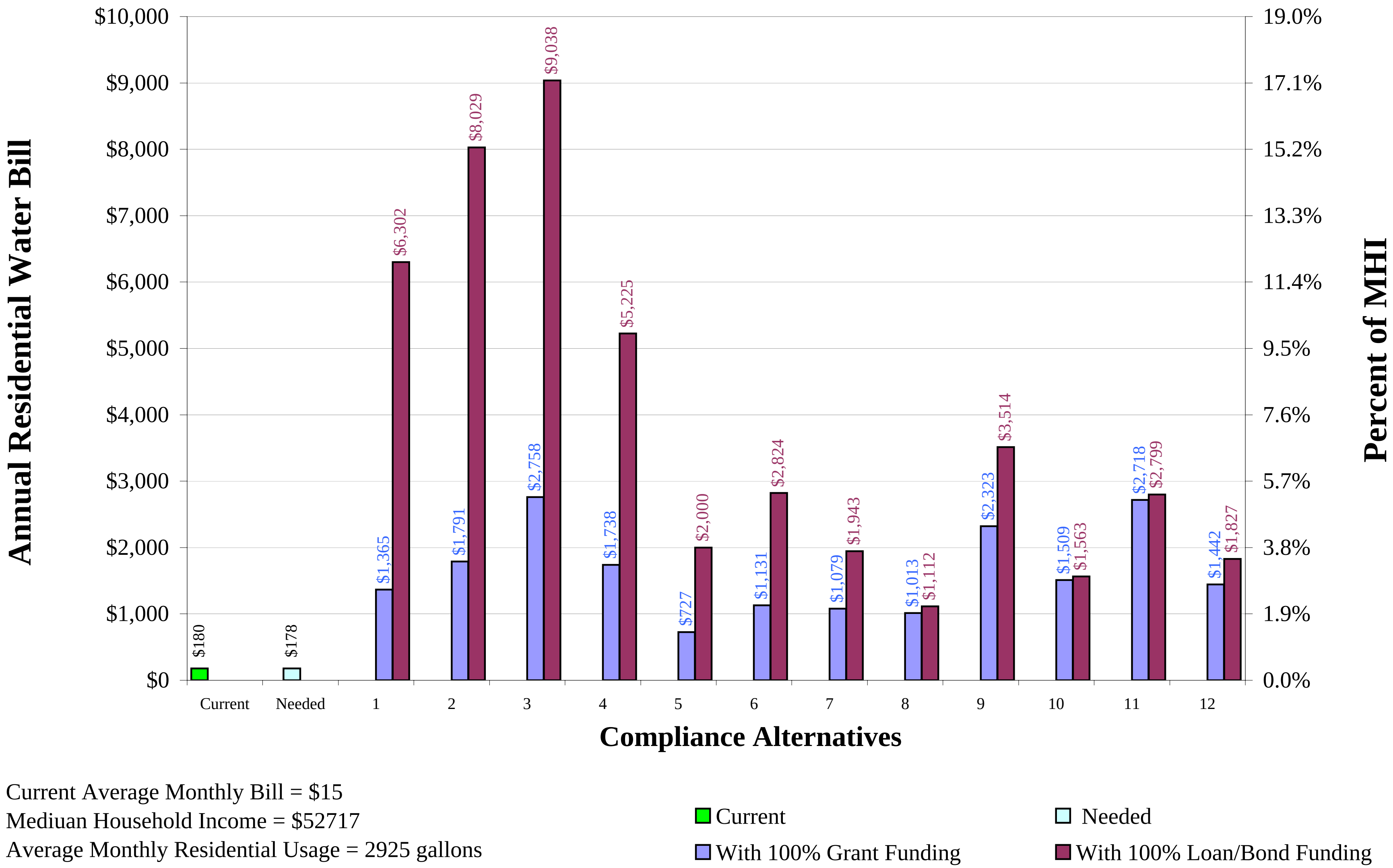
Table 4.4 Financial Impact on Households

Alternative	Description		All Revenue	100% Grant	75% Grant	50% Grant	SRF	Bond
1	Purchase Water from Edna	Maximum % of MHI	120.0%	2.6%	4.9%	7.3%	10.6%	12.0%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	35059%	658%	1344%	2030%	2993%	3401%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$63,286	$1,365	$2,599	$3,833	$5,568	$6,302
2	New Well at William Wood Elementary	Maximum % of MHI	151.6%	3.4%	6.4%	9.3%	13.5%	15.2%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	44300%	895%	1762%	2628%	3845%	4361%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$79,920	$1,791	$3,351	$4,910	$7,102	$8,029
3	New Well at 10 Miles	Maximum % of MHI	152.6%	5.2%	8.2%	11.2%	15.4%	17.1%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	44597%	1432%	2305%	3177%	4402%	4921%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$80,454	$2,758	$4,328	$5,898	$8,104	$9,038
4	New Well at 5 Miles	Maximum % of MHI	84.9%	3.3%	5.0%	6.6%	8.9%	9.9%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	24769%	865%	1350%	1834%	2515%	2803%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$44,763	$1,738	$2,610	$3,481	$4,707	$5,225
5	New Well at 1 Mile	Maximum % of MHI	31.2%	1.4%	2.0%	2.6%	3.4%	3.8%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	9039%	304%	481%	658%	906%	1011%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$16,451	$727	$1,046	$1,364	$1,811	$2,000
6	Central Treatment - RO	Maximum % of MHI	41.4%	2.1%	2.9%	3.8%	4.9%	5.4%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	12018%	528%	763%	999%	1329%	1469%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$21,813	$1,131	$1,554	$1,977	$2,572	$2,824
7	Central Treatment - WRT Z-88	Maximum % of MHI	21.3%	2.0%	2.5%	2.9%	3.4%	3.7%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	6137%	499%	619%	739%	908%	980%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$11,226	$1,079	$1,295	$1,511	$1,815	$1,943
8	Point-of-Use Treatment	Maximum % of MHI	2.7%	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	705%	463%	476%	490%	510%	518%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$1,448	$1,013	$1,038	$1,063	$1,097	$1,112
9	Point-of-Entry Treatment	Maximum % of MHI	29.2%	4.4%	5.0%	5.5%	6.3%	6.7%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	8455%	1190%	1356%	1521%	1754%	1852%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$15,399	$2,323	$2,620	$2,918	$3,336	$3,514
10	Public Dispenser for Treated Drinking Water	Maximum % of MHI	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	738%	738%	746%	753%	764%	768%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$1,509	$1,509	$1,522	$1,536	$1,555	$1,563
11	Supply Bottled Water to 100% of Population	Maximum % of MHI	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%	5.3%	5.3%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	1410%	1410%	1421%	1433%	1448%	1455%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$2,718	$2,718	$2,738	$2,759	$2,787	$2,799
12	Central Trucked Drinking Water	Maximum % of MHI	9.7%	2.7%	2.9%	3.1%	3.4%	3.5%
		Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	2728%	701%	755%	808%	883%	915%
		Average Annual Water Bill	$5,090	$1,442	$1,539	$1,635	$1,770	$1,827

Figure 4.2
Alternative Cost Summary: Arenosa Creek Estates



Current Average Monthly Bill = $15
Mediuan Household Income = $52717
Average Monthly Residential Usage = 2925 gallons

4.6.4 Evaluation of Potential Funding Options

There are limited funding programs available to entities as described in Section 2.4. Arenosa Creek Estates PWS is most likely to obtain funding from programs administered by the TWDB. This report contains information that would be used for an application for funding. Information such as financial analyses, water supply assessment, and records demonstrating health concerns, failing infrastructure, and financial need, may be required by these agencies. This section describes the candidate funding agencies and their appropriate programs as well as information and steps needed to begin the application process.

This report should serve to document the existing water quality issues, infrastructure need and costs, and water system information needed to begin the application process with the TWDB. Although this report is at the conceptual level, it demonstrates that significant funding will be needed to meet Safe Drinking Water Standards. The information provided in this report may serve as the needed documentation to justify a project that may only be possible with significant financial assistance.

The program most available to the privately owned system is the DWSRF. The DWSRF offers net long-term interest lending rates below the rate the borrower would receive on the open market for a period of 20 years. A cost-recovery loan origination charge is imposed to cover the administrative costs of operating the DWSRF, but an additional interest rate subsidy is offered to offset the charge. The terms of the loan typically require a revenue or tax pledge. Depending on how the origination charge is handled, interest rates can be as low as 0.95 percent below market rates with the possibility of additional federal subsidies for total interest rates 1.95 percent below market rates. Disadvantaged communities may obtain loans at interest rates between 0 percent and 1 percent.

The loan application process has several steps: pre-application, application and commitment, loan closing, funding and construction monitoring, and any other special requirements. In the pre-application phase, prospective loan applicants are asked to submit a brief DWSRF Information Form to the TWDB that describes the applicant's existing water facilities, additional facility needs and the nature of projects being considered for meeting those needs, project cost estimates, and "disadvantaged community" status. The TCEQ assigns a priority rating that includes an applicant's readiness to proceed. TWDB staff notify prospective applicants of their priority rating and encourage them to schedule a pre-planning conference for guidance in preparing the engineering, planning, environmental, financial, and water conservation portions of the DWSRF application.

Additional information can be found online at the TWDB website under the Assistance tab, Financial Assistance section, Public Works Infrastructure Construction subsection, and under the links "Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program."

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APPENDIX A
PWS INTERVIEW FORM

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT FORM

*Prepared By*___________________________________ *Date*___________________________

Section 1. Public Water System Information

1. PWS ID # [ ] 2. Water System Name [ ]

3. County [ ]

4. Owner [ ] Address [ ]
   Tele. [ ] E-mail [ ]
   Fax [ ] Message [ ]

5. Admin [ ] Address [ ]
   Tele. [ ] E-mail [ ]
   Fax [ ] Message [ ]

6. Operator [ ] Address [ ]
   Tele. [ ] E-mail [ ]
   Fax [ ] Message [ ]

7. Population Served [ ] 8. No. of Service Connections [ ]

9. Ownership Type [ ] 10. Metered (Yes or No) [ ]

11. Source Type [ ]

12. Total PWS Annual Water Used [ ]

13. Number of Water Quality Violations (Prior 36 months)

    Total Coliform [ ] Chemical/Radiological [ ]

    Monitoring (CCR, Public Notification, etc.) [ ] Treatment Technique, D/DBP [ ]

A. Basic Information

1. Name of Water System:

2. Name of Person Interviewed:

3. Position:

4. Number of years at job:

5. Number of years experience with drinking water systems:

6. Percent of time (day or week) on drinking water system activities, with current position (how much time is dedicated exclusively to the water system, not wastewater, solid waste or other activities):

7. Certified Water Operator (Yes or No):

   If Yes,
   7a. Certification Level (water):

   7b. How long have you been certified?

8. Describe your water system related duties on a typical day.

B. Organization and Structure

1. Describe the organizational structure of the Utility. Please provide an organizational chart. (Looking to find out the governance structure (who reports to whom), whether or not there is a utility board, if the water system answers to public works or city council, etc.)

2. If not already covered in Question 1, to whom do you report?

3. Do all of the positions have a written job description?

    3a. If yes, is it available to employees?

    3b. May we see a copy?

C. Personnel

1. What is the current staffing level (include all personnel who spend more than 10% of their time working on the water system)?

2. Are there any vacant positions? How long have the positions been vacant?

3. In your opinion, is the current staffing level adequate? If not adequate, what are the issues or staffing needs (how many and what positions)?

4. What is the rate of employee turnover for management and operators? What are the major issues involved in the turnover (e.g., operator pay, working conditions, hours)?

5. Is the system staffed 24 hours a day? How is this handled (on-site or on-call)? Is there an alarm system to call an operator if an emergency occurs after hours?

D. Communication

1. Does the utility have a mission statement? If yes, what is it?

2. Does the utility have water quality goals? What are they?

3. How are your work priorities set?

4. How are work tasks delegated to staff?

5. Does the utility have regular staff meetings? How often? Who attends?

6. Are there separate management meetings? If so, describe.

7. Do management personnel ever visit the treatment facility? If yes, how often?

8. Is there effective communication between utility management and state regulators (e.g., NMED)?

9. Describe communication between utility and customers.

E. Planning and Funding

1. Describe the rate structure for the utility.

2. Is there a written rate structure, such as a rate ordinance? May we see it?

   2a. What is the average rate for 6,000 gallons of water?

3. How often are the rates reviewed?

4. What process is used to set or revise the rates?

5. In general, how often are the new rates set?

6. Is there an operating budget for the water utility? Is it separate from other activities, such as wastewater, other utilities, or general city funds?

7. Who develops the budget, how is it developed and how often is a new budget created or the old budget updated?

8. How is the budget approved or adopted?

9. In the last 5 years, how many budget shortfalls have there been (i.e., didn't collect enough money to cover expenses)? What caused the shortfall (e.g., unpaid bills, an emergency repair, weather conditions)?

    9a. How are budget shortfalls handled?

10. In the last 5 years how many years have there been budget surpluses (i.e., collected revenues exceeded expenses?

    10a. How are budget surpluses handled (i.e., what is done with the money)?

11. Does the utility have a line-item in the budget for emergencies or some kind of emergency reserve account?

12. How do you plan and pay for short-term system needs?

13. How do you plan and pay for long- term system needs?

14. How are major water system capital improvements funded? Does the utility have a written capital improvements plan?

15. How is the facility planning for future growth (either new hook-ups or expansion into new areas)?

16. Does the utility have and maintain an annual financial report? Is it presented to policy makers?

17. Has an independent financial audit been conducted of the utility finances? If so, how often? When was the last one?

18. Will the system consider any type of regionalization with any other PWS, such as system interconnection, purchasing water, sharing operator, emergency water connection, sharing bookkeeper/billing or other?

F. Policies, Procedures, and Programs

1. Are there written operational procedures? Do the employees use them?

2. Who in the utility department has spending authorization? What is the process for obtaining needed equipment or supplies, including who approves expenditures?

3. Does the utility have a source water protection program? What are the major components of the program?

4. Are managers and operators familiar with current SDWA regulations?

5. How do the managers and operators hear about new or proposed regulations, such as arsenic, DBP, Groundwater Rule? Are there any new regulations that will be of particular concern to the utility?

6. What are the typical customer complaints that the utility receives?

7. Approximately how many complaints are there per month?

8. How are customer complaints handled? Are they recorded?

9. (If not specifically addressed in Question 7) If the complaint is of a water quality nature, how are these types of complaints handled?

10. Does the utility maintain an updated list of critical customers?

11. Is there a cross-connection control plan for the utility? Is it written? Who enforces the plan's requirements?

12. Does the utility have a written water conservation plan?

13. Has there been a water audit of the system? If yes, what were the results?

14. (If not specifically answered in 11 above) What is the estimated percentage for loss to leakage for the system?

15. Are you, or is the utility itself, a member of any trade organizations, such as AWWA or Rural Water Association? Are you an active member (i.e., attend regular meetings or participate in a leadership role)? Do you find this membership helpful? If yes, in what ways does it help you?

G. Operations and Maintenance

1. How is decision-making authority split between operations and management for the following items:

    a. Process Control

    b. Purchases of supplies or small equipment

    c. Compliance sampling/reporting

    d. Staff scheduling

2. Describe your utility's preventative maintenance program.

3. Do the operators have the ability to make changes or modify the preventative maintenance program?

4. How does management prioritize the repair or replacement of utility assets? Do the operators play a role in this prioritization process?

5. Does the utility keep an inventory of spare parts?

6. Where does staff have to go to buy supplies/minor equipment? How often?

    6a. How do you handle supplies that are critical, but not in close proximity (for example if chlorine is not available in the immediate area or if the components for a critical pump are not in the area)

7. Describe the system's disinfection process. Have you had any problems in the last few years with the disinfection system?

    7a. Who has the ability to adjust the disinfection process?

8. How often is the disinfectant residual checked and where is it checked?

    8a. Is there an official policy on checking residuals or is it up to the operators?

9. Does the utility have an O & M manual? Does the staff use it?

10. Are the operators trained on safety issues? How are they trained and how often?

11. Describe how on-going training is handled for operators and other staff. How do you hear about appropriate trainings? Who suggests the trainings – the managers or the operators? How often do operators, managers, or other staff go to training? Who are the typical trainers used and where are the trainings usually held?

12. In your opinion is the level of your on-going training adequate?

13. In your opinion is the level of on-going training for other staff members, particularly the operators, adequate?

14. Does the facility have mapping of the water utility components? Is it used on any routine basis by the operators or management? If so, how is it used? If not, what is the process used for locating utility components?

15. In the last sanitary survey, were any deficiencies noted? If yes, were they corrected?

16. How often are storage tanks inspected? Who does the inspection?

    16a. Have you experienced any problems with the storage tanks?

H. SDWA Compliance

1. Has the system had any violations (monitoring or MCL) in the past 3 years? If so, describe.

2. How were the violations handled?

3. Does the system properly publish public notifications when notified of a violation?

4. Is the system currently in violation of any SDWA or state regulatory requirements, including failure to pay fees, fines, or other administrative type requirements?

5. Does the utility prepare and distribute a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)? Is it done every year? What type of response does the utility get to the CCR from customers?

I. Emergency Planning

1. Does the system have a written emergency plan to handle emergencies such as water outages, weather issues, loss of power, loss of major equipment, etc?

2. When was the last time the plan was updated?

3. Do all employees know where the plan is? Do they follow it?

4. Describe the last emergency the facility faced and how it was handled.

Attachment A

A. Technical Capacity Assessment Questions

1. Based on available information of water rights on record and water pumped has the system exceeded its water rights in the past year? YES ☐ NO ☐

   In any of the past 5 years? YES ☐ NO ☐ How many times? _____

2. Does the system have the proper level of certified operator? *(Use questions a – c to answer.)*
   YES ☐ NO ☐

   a. What is the Classification Level of the system by NMED? _____

   b. Does the system have one or more certified operator(s)? [20 NMAC 7.4.20]

   YES ☐ NO ☐

   c. If YES, provide the number of operators at each New Mexico Certification Level. [20 NMAC 7.4.12]

   _____NM Small System _____Class 2

   _____NM Small System Advanced _____Class 3

   _____Class 1 _____Class 4

3. Did the system correct any sanitary deficiency noted on the most recent sanitary survey within 6 months of receiving that information? [20 NMAC 7.20.504]

   YES ☐ NO ☐ No Deficiencies ☐

   What was the type of deficiency? *(Check all that are applicable.)*

   Source ☐ Storage ☐

   Treatment ☐ Distribution ☐

   Other _____

   From the system's perspective, were there any other deficiencies that were not noted on the sanitary survey? Please describe.

4. Will the system's current treatment process meet known future regulations?

   Radionuclides YES ☐ NO ☐ Doesn't Apply ☐

   Arsenic YES ☐ NO ☐ Doesn't Apply ☐

   Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Product (DBP)

   YES ☐ NO ☐ Doesn't Apply ☐

   Surface Water Treatment Rule YES ☐ NO ☐ Doesn't Apply ☐

5. Does the system have a current site plan/map? [20 NMAC 7.10.302 A.1.]

   YES ☐ NO ☐

6. Has the system had a water supply outage in the prior 24 months?

YES ☐ NO ☐

What were the causes of the outage(s)? *(Include number of outages for each cause.)*

Drought _____ Limited Supply _____

System Failure _____ Other _____

7. Has the system ever had a water audit or a leak evaluation?

YES ☐ NO ☐ Don't Know ☐

If YES, please complete the following table.

Type of Investigation	Date Done	Water Loss (%)	What approach or technology was used to complete the investigation?	Was any follow-up done? If so, describe

8. Have all drinking water projects received NMED review and approval? [20 NMAC 7.10.201]

YES ☐ NO ☐

If NO, what types of projects have not received NMED review and approval.

Source ☐ Storage ☐

Treatment ☐ Distribution ☐

Other ☐ _____

9. What are the typical customer complaints that the utility receives?

10. Approximately how many complaints are there per month? _____

11. How are customer complaints handled? Are they recorded?

12. What is the age and composition of the distribution system? ***(Collect this information from the Sanitary Survey)***

Pipe Material	Approximate Age	Percentage of the system	Comments
			Sanitary Survey Distribution System Records Attached

13. Are there any dead end lines in the system?

YES ☐ NO ☐

14. Does the system have a flushing program?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, please describe.

15. Are there any pressure problems within the system?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, please describe.

16. Does the system disinfect the finished water?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, which disinfectant product is used? ______

Interviewer Comments on Technical Capacity:

B. Managerial Capacity Assessment Questions

17. Has the system completed a 5-year Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan (ICIP) plan?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, has the plan been submitted to Local Government Division?

YES ☐ NO ☐

18. Does the system have written operating procedures?

YES ☐ NO ☐

19. Does the system have written job descriptions for all staff?

YES ☐ NO ☐

20. Does the system have:

A preventative maintenance plan?
YES ☐ NO ☐
A source water protection plan?
YES ☐ NO ☐ N/A ☐
An emergency plan?
YES ☐ NO ☐
A cross-connection control program?
YES ☐ NO ☐
An emergency source?
YES ☐ NO ☐
System security measures?
YES ☐ NO ☐

21. Does the system report and maintain records in accordance with the drinking water regulations concerning:

Water quality violations
YES ☐ NO ☐

Public notification
YES ☐ NO ☐

Sampling exemptions
YES ☐ NO ☐

22. Please describe how the above records are maintained:

23. Describe the management structure for the water system, including board and operations staff. Please include examples of duties, if possible.

24. Please describe type and quantity of training or continuing education for staff identified above.

25. Describe last major project undertaken by the water system, including the following: project in detail, positive aspects, negative aspects, the way in which the project was funded, any necessary rate increases, the public response to the project, whether the project is complete or not, and any other pertinent information.

26. Does the system have any debt? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, is the system current with all debt payments?
YES ☐ NO ☐

If no, describe the applicable funding agency and the default.

27. Is the system currently contemplating or actively seeking funding for any project?
YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, from which agency and how much?

Describe the project?

Is the system receiving assistance from any agency or organization in its efforts?

28. Will the system consider any type of regionalization with other PWS? *(Check YES if the system has already regionalized.)*

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, what type of regionalization has been implemented/considered/discussed? *(Check all that apply.)*

System interconnection ☐
Sharing operator ☐
Sharing bookkeeper ☐
Purchasing water ☐
Emergency water connection ☐
Other: _____

29. Does the system have any of the following? *(Check all that apply.)*

Water Conservation Policy/Ordinance ☐ Current Drought Plan ☐
Water Use Restrictions ☐ Water Supply Emergency Plan ☐

Interviewer Comments on Managerial Capacity:

C. Financial Capacity Assessment

30. Does the system have a budget?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, what type of budget?

Operating Budget ☐

Capital Budget ☐

31. Have the system revenues covered expenses and debt service for the past 5 years?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If NO, how many years has the system had a shortfall? _____

32. Does the system have a written/adopted rate structure?

YES ☐ NO ☐

33. What was the date of the last rate increase? _____

34. Are rates reviewed annually?

YES ☐ NO ☐

IF YES, what was the date of the last review? _____

35. Did the rate review show that the rates covered the following expenses? *(Check all that apply.)*

Operation & Maintenance ☐

Infrastructure Repair & replacement ☐

Staffing ☐

Emergency/Reserve fund ☐

Debt payment ☐

36. Is the rate collection above 90% of the customers?

YES ☐ NO ☐

37. Is there a cut-off policy for customers who are in arrears with their bill or for illegal connections?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, is this policy implemented?

38. What is the residential water rate for 6,000 gallons of usage in one month. _____

39. In the past 12 months, how many customers have had accounts frozen or dropped for non-payment? _____

[Convert to % of active connections

Less than 1% ☐ 1% - 3% ☐ 4% - 5% ☐ 6% - 10% ☐

11% - 20% ☐ 21% - 50% ☐ Greater than 50% ☐]

40. The following questions refer to the process of obtaining needed equipment and supplies.

a. Can the water system operator buy or obtain supplies or equipment when they are needed?

YES ☐ NO ☐

b. Is the process simple or burdensome to the employees?

c. Can supplies or equipment be obtained quickly during an emergency?

YES ☐ NO ☐

d. Has the water system operator ever experienced a situation in which he/she couldn't purchase the needed supplies?

YES ☐ NO ☐

e. Does the system maintain some type of spare parts inventory?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please describe.

41. Has the system ever had a financial audit?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If YES, what is the date of the most recent audit? ______

42. Has the system ever had its electricity or phone turned off due to non-payment? Please describe.

Interviewer Comments on Financial Assessment:

43. What do you think the system capabilities are now and what are the issues you feel your system will be facing in the future? In addition, are there any specific needs, such as types of training that you would like to see addressed by NMED or its contractors?

APPENDIX B
COST BASIS

This section presents the basis for unit costs used to develop the conceptual cost estimates for the compliance alternatives. Cost estimates are conceptual in nature (+50%/-30%), and are intended to make comparisons between compliance options and to provide a preliminary indication of possible rate impacts. Consequently, these costs are pre-planning level and should not be viewed as final estimated costs for alternative implementation. Capital cost includes an allowance for engineering and construction management. It is assumed that adequate electrical power is available near the site. The cost estimates specifically do not include costs for the following:

- Obtaining land or easements.
- Surveying.
- Mobilization/demobilization for construction.
- Insurance and bonds

In general, unit costs are based on recent construction bids for similar work in the area; when possible, consultations with vendors or other suppliers; published construction and O&M cost data; and USEPA cost guidance. Unit costs used for the cost estimates are summarized in Table B.1.

Unit costs for pipeline components are based on 2008 RS Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data. The number of borings and encasements and open cuts and encasements is estimated by counting the road, highway, railroad, stream, and river crossings for a conceptual routing of the pipeline. The number of air release valves is estimated by examining the land surface profile along the conceptual pipeline route. It is assumed that gate valves and flush valves would be installed, on average, every 5,000 feet along the pipeline. Pipeline cost estimates are based on the use of C-900 PVC pipe. Other pipe materials could be considered for more detailed development of attractive alternatives.

Pump station unit costs are based on experience with similar installations. The cost estimate for the pump stations include two pumps, station piping and valves, station electrical and instrumentation, minor site improvement, installation of a concrete pad, fence and building, and tools. The number of pump stations is based on calculations of pressure losses in the proposed pipeline for each alternative. Back-flow prevention is required in cases where pressure losses are negligible, and pump stations are not needed. Construction cost of a storage tank is based on consultations with vendors and 2008 RS Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data.

Labor costs are estimated based on 2008 RS Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data specific to the Nueces County region.

Electrical power cost is estimated to be $0.144 per kWH, as supplied by South Texas Electric Co-op. The annual cost for power to a pump station is calculated based on the pumping head and volume, and includes 11,800 kWH for pump building heating, cooling, and lighting, as recommended in USEPA publication, *Standardized Costs for Water Supply Distribution Systems* (1992).

In addition to the cost of electricity, pump stations have other maintenance costs. These costs cover: materials for minor repairs to keep the pumps operating; purchase of a maintenance vehicle, fuel costs, and vehicle maintenance costs; utilities; office supplies, small tools and equipment; and miscellaneous materials such as safety, clothing, chemicals, and paint. The non-power O&M costs are estimated based on the USEPA publication, *Standardized Costs for Water Supply Distribution Systems* (1992), which provides cost curves for O&M components. Costs from the 1992 report are adjusted to 2008 dollars based on the ENR construction cost index.

Pipeline maintenance costs include routine cleaning and flushing, as well as minor repairs to lines. The unit rate for pipeline maintenance is calculated based on the USEPA technical report, *Innovative and Alternate Technology Assessment Manual MCD 53* (1978). Costs from the 1978 report are adjusted to 2008 dollars based on the ENR construction cost index.

Storage tank maintenance costs include cleaning and renewal of interior lining and exterior coating. Unit costs for storage tank O&M are based on USEPA publication *Standardized Costs for Water Supply Distribution Systems* (1992). Costs from the 1992 report are adjusted to 2008 dollars based on the ENR construction cost index.

The purchase price for point-of-use (POU) water treatment units is based on vendor price lists for treatment units, plus installation. O&M costs for POU treatment units are also based on vendor price lists. It is assumed that a yearly water sample would be analyzed for the contaminant of concern.

The purchase price for point-of-entry (POE) water treatment units is based on vendor price lists for treatment units, plus an allowance for installation, including a concrete pad and shed, piping modifications, and electrical connection. O&M costs for POE treatment units are also based on vendor price lists. It is assumed that a yearly water sample would be analyzed for the contaminant of concern.

Central treatment plant costs include pricing for buildings, utilities, and site work. Costs are based on pricing given in the various R.S. Means Construction Cost Data References, as well as prices obtained from similar work on other projects. Pricing for treatment equipment was obtained from vendors.

Well installation costs are based on 2008 RS Means Site Work & Landscape Cost Data. Well installation costs include drilling, a well pump, electrical and instrumentation installation, well finishing, piping, and water quality testing. O&M costs for water wells include power, materials, and labor. It is assumed that new wells located more than 1 mile from the intake point of an existing system would require a storage tank and pump station.

Purchase price for the treatment unit dispenser is based on vendor price lists, plus an allowance for installation at a centralized public location. The O&M costs are also based on vendor price lists. It is assumed that weekly water samples would be analyzed for the contaminant of concern.

Costs for bottled water delivery alternatives are based on consultation with vendors that deliver residential bottled water. The cost estimate includes an initial allowance for set-up of the program, and a yearly allowance for program administration.

The cost estimate for a public dispenser for trucked water includes the purchase price for a water truck and construction of a storage tank. Annual costs include labor for purchasing the water, picking up and delivering the water, truck maintenance, and water sampling and testing. It is assumed the water truck would be required to make one trip each week, and that chlorine residual would be determined for each truck load.

Table B.1
Summary of General Data
Arenosa Creek Estates
2350042
General PWS Information

Service Population	78	**Number of Connections**	26
Total PWS Daily Water Usage	0.0025 (mgd)	**Source**	Site visit list

Unit Cost Data

General Items	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**
Treated water purchase cost	*See alternative*	
Water purchase cost (trucked)	$/1,000 gals	$ 23.24
Contingency	20%	n/a
Engineering & Constr. Management	25%	n/a
Procurement/admin (POU/POE)	20%	n/a

Pipeline Unit Costs	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**
PVC water line, Class 200, 04"	LF	$ 12
Bore and encasement, 10"	LF	$ 240
Open cut and encasement, 10"	LF	$ 130
Gate valve and box, 04"	EA	$ 710
Air valve	EA	$ 2,050
Flush valve	EA	$ 1,025
Metal detectable tape	LF	$ 2.00
Bore and encasement, length	Feet	200
Open cut and encasement, length	Feet	50

Pump Station Unit Costs	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**
Pump	EA	$ 8,000
Pump Station Piping, 04"	EA	$ 550
Gate valve, 04"	EA	$ 710
Check valve, 04"	EA	$ 755
Electrical/Instrumentation	EA	$ 10,250
Site work	EA	$ 2,560
Building pad	EA	$ 5,125
Pump Building	EA	$ 10,250
Fence	EA	$ 6,150
Tools	EA	$ 1,025
5,000 gal feed tank	EA	$ 10,000
Backflow preventer, 4"	EA	$ 2,295
Backflow Testing/Certification	EA	$ 105

Well Installation Unit Costs	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**
Well installation	*See alternative*	
Water quality testing	EA	$ 1,280
5HP Well Pump	EA	$ 2,750
Well electrical/instrumentation	EA	$ 5,635
Well cover and base	EA	$ 3,075
Piping	EA	$ 3,075
5,000 gal ground storage tank	EA	$ 10,000
Electrical Power	$/kWH	$ 0.144
Building Power	kWH	11,800
Labor	$/hr	$ 60
Materials	EA	$ 1,540
Transmission main O&M	$/mile	$ 275
Tank O&M	EA	$ 1,025

POU/POE Unit Costs		
POU treatment unit purchase	EA	$ 615
POU treatment unit installation	EA	$ 155
POE treatment unit purchase	EA	$ 5,125
POE - pad and shed, per unit	EA	$ 2,050
POE - piping connection, per unit	EA	$ 1,025
POE - electrical hook-up, per unit	EA	$ 1,025
POU Treatment O&M, per unit	$/year	$ 230
POE Treatment O&M, per unit	$/year	$ 1,540
Treatment analysis	$/year	$ 205
POU/POE labor support	$/hr	$ 40

Dispenser/Bottled Water Unit Costs		
POE-Treatment unit purchase	EA	$ 7,175
POE-Treatment unit installation	EA	$ 5,125
Treatment unit O&M	EA	$ 2,050
Administrative labor	hr	$ 45
Bottled water cost (inc. delivery)	gallon	$ 1.40
Water use, per capita per day	gpcd	1.0
Bottled water program materials	EA	$ 5,125
5,000 gal ground storage tank	EA	$ 10,000
Site improvements	EA	$ 3,075
Potable water truck	EA	$ 75,000
Water analysis, per sample	EA	$ 205
Potable water truck O&M costs	$/mile	$ 3.00

Central Treatment Unit Costs	**Unit**	**Unit Cost**
General		
Site preparation	acre	$ 4,000
Slab	CY	$ 1,000
Building	SF	$ 60
Building electrical	SF	$ 8.00
Building plumbing	SF	$ 8.00
Heating and ventilation	SF	$ 7.00
Fence	LF	$ 15
Paving	SF	$ 2.00
General O&M		
Building power	kwh/yr	$ 0.144
Equipment power	kwh/yr	$ 0.144
Labor, O&M	hr	$ 40
Analyses	test	$ 200
Reject Pond		
Reject pond, excavation	CYD	$ 3
Reject pond, compacted fill	CYD	$ 7
Reject pond, lining	SF	$ 1.50
Reject pond, vegetation	SY	$ 1.50
Reject pond, access road	LF	$ 30
Reject water haulage truck	EA	$ 100,000
Reverse Osmosis		
Electrical	JOB	$ 40,000
Piping	JOB	$ 20,000
RO package plant	UNIT	$ 104,000
Transfer pumps (5 hp)	EA	$ 5,000
Permeate tank	gal	$ 3
RO materials and chemicals	kgal	$ 0.75
RO chemicals	year	$ 2,000
Backwash disposal mileage cost	miles	$ 1.50
Backwash disposal fee	1,000 gal/yr	$ 5.00
WRT Z-88 package		
Electrical	JOB	$ 35,000
Piping	JOB	$ 20,000
WRT Z-88 package plant	UNIT	$ 72,000
(Initial setup *cost for WRT Z-88 package*)		
WRT treated water charge	1,000 gal/yr	$ 4.00

APPENDIX C
COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVE CONCEPTUAL COST ESTIMATES

This appendix presents the conceptual cost estimates developed for the compliance alternatives. The conceptual cost estimates are given in Tables C.1 through C.12. The cost estimates are conceptual in nature (+50%/-30%), and are intended for making comparisons between compliance options and to provide a preliminary indication of possible water rate impacts. Consequently, these costs are pre-planning level and should not be viewed as final estimated costs for alternative implementation.

Table C.1

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***Purchase Water from Edna***
Alternative Number ***AE-1***

Distance from Alternative to PWS (along pipe)		9.1	miles
Total PWS annual water usage		0.927	MG
Treated water purchase cost	$	2.15	per 1,000 gals
Pump Stations needed w/ 1 feed tank each		1	
On site storage tanks / pump sets needed		1	

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline Construction				
Number of Crossings, bore	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of Crossings, open cut	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
PVC water line, Class 200, 04"	48,047	LF	$ 12	$ 576,564
Bore and encasement, 10"	1,000	LF	$ 240	$ 240,000
Open cut and encasement, 10"	300	LF	$ 130	$ 39,000
Gate valve and box, 04"	10	EA	$ 710	$ 6,823
Air valve	15	EA	$ 2,050	$ 30,750
Flush valve	10	EA	$ 1,025	$ 9,850
Metal detectable tape	48,047	LF	$ 2	$ 96,094
Subtotal				**$ 999,080**
Pump Station(s) Installation				
Pump	4	EA	$ 8,000	$ 32,000
Pump Station Piping, 04"	2	EA	$ 550	$ 1,100
Gate valve, 04"	8	EA	$ 710	$ 5,680
Check valve, 04"	4	EA	$ 755	$ 3,020
Electrical/Instrumentation	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Site work	2	EA	$ 2,560	$ 5,120
Building pad	2	EA	$ 5,125	$ 10,250
Pump Building	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Fence	2	EA	$ 6,150	$ 12,300
Tools	2	EA	$ 1,025	$ 2,050
5,000 gal feed tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
5,000 gal ground storage tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Backflow Preventor	0	EA	$ 2,295	$ -
Subtotal				**$ 132,520**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 1,131,600**
Contingency	20%			$ 226,320
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 282,900
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 1,640,820**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline O&M				
Pipeline O&M	9.1	mile	$ 275	$ 2,502
Subtotal				**$ 2,502**
Water Purchase Cost				
From PWS	927	1,000 gal	$ 2.15	$ 1,994
Subtotal				**$ 1,994**
Pump Station(s) O&M				
Building Power	23,600	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 3,398
Pump Power	311	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 45
Materials	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ 3,080
Labor	730	Hrs	$ 60.00	$ 43,800
Tank O&M	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,025
Backflow Test/Cert	0	EA	$ 105	$ -
Subtotal				**$ 51,348**
O&M Credit for Existing Well Closure				
Pump power	2,110	kWH	$ 0.144	$ (304)
Well O&M matl	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ (3,080)
Well O&M labor	360	Hrs	$ 60	$ (21,600)
Subtotal				**$ (24,984)**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 30,861**

Table C.2

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***New Well at William Wood Elementary***
Alternative Number ***AE-2***

Distance from PWS to new well location	10.9	miles
Estimated well depth	240	feet
Number of wells required	1	
Well installation cost (location specific)	$147	per foot
Pump Stations needed w/ 1 feed tank each	1	
On site storage tanks / pump sets needed	1	

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline Construction				
Number of Crossings, bore	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of Crossings, open cut	13	n/a	n/a	n/a
PVC water line, Class 200, 04"	57,525	LF	$ 12	$ 690,300
Bore and encasement, 10"	1,200	LF	$ 240	$ 288,000
Open cut and encasement, 10"	650	LF	$ 130	$ 84,500
Gate valve and box, 04"	12	EA	$ 710	$ 8,169
Air valve	23	EA	$ 2,050	$ 47,150
Flush valve	12	EA	$ 1,025	$ 11,793
Metal detectable tape	57,525	LF	$ 2	$ 115,050
Subtotal				**$ 1,244,961**
Pump Station(s) Installation				
Pump	4	EA	$ 8,000	$ 32,000
Pump Station Piping, 04"	2	EA	$ 550	$ 1,100
Gate valve, 04"	8	EA	$ 710	$ 5,680
Check valve, 04"	4	EA	$ 755	$ 3,020
Electrical/Instrumentation	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Site work	2	EA	$ 2,560	$ 5,120
Building pad	2	EA	$ 5,125	$ 10,250
Pump Building	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Fence	2	EA	$ 6,150	$ 12,300
Tools	2	EA	$ 1,025	$ 2,050
5,000 gal feed tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
5,000 gal ground storage tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Backflow Preventor	0	EA	$ 2,295	$ -
Subtotal				**$ 132,520**
Well Installation				
Well installation	240	LF	$ 147	$ 35,280
Water quality testing	2	EA	$ 1,280	$ 2,560
Well pump	1	EA	$ 2,750	$ 2,750
Well electrical/instrumentation	1	EA	$ 5,635	$ 5,635
Well cover and base	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Piping	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Subtotal				**$ 52,375**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 1,429,856**
Contingency	20%			$ 285,971
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 357,464
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 2,073,291**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline O&M				
Pipeline O&M	10.9	mile	$ 275	$ 2,996
Subtotal				**$ 2,996**
Pump Station(s) O&M				
Building Power	23,600	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 3,398
Pump Power	419	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 60
Materials	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ 3,080
Labor	730	Hrs	$ 60.00	$ 43,800
Tank O&M	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,025
Backflow Cert/Test	0	EA	$ 105	$ -
Subtotal				**$ 51,364**
Well O&M				
Pump power	1,645	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 237
Well O&M matl	1	EA	$ 1,540	$ 1,540
Well O&M labor	180	Hrs	$ 60	$ 10,800
Subtotal				**$ 12,577**
O&M Credit for Existing Well Closure				
Pump power	2,110	kWH	$ 0.144	$ (304)
Well O&M matl	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ (3,080)
Well O&M labor	360	Hrs	$ 60	$ (21,600)
Subtotal				**$ (24,984)**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 41,953**

Table C.3

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***New Well at 10 Miles***
Alternative Number ***AE-3***

Distance from PWS to new well location	10.0	miles
Estimated well depth	504	feet
Number of wells required	1	
Well installation cost (location specific)	$147	per foot
Pump Stations needed w/ 1 feed tank each	1	
On site storage tanks / pump sets needed	1	

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline Construction				
Number of Crossings, bore	6	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of Crossings, open cut	10	n/a	n/a	n/a
PVC water line, Class 200, 04"	52,800	LF	$ 12	$ 633,600
Bore and encasement, 10"	1,200	LF	$ 240	$ 288,000
Open cut and encasement, 10"	500	LF	$ 130	$ 65,000
Gate valve and box, 04"	11	EA	$ 710	$ 7,498
Air valve	19	EA	$ 2,050	$ 38,950
Flush valve	11	EA	$ 1,025	$ 10,824
Metal detectable tape	52,800	LF	$ 2	$ 105,600
Subtotal				**$ 1,149,472**
Pump Station(s) Installation				
Pump	4	EA	$ 8,000	$ 32,000
Pump Station Piping, 04"	2	EA	$ 550	$ 1,100
Gate valve, 04"	8	EA	$ 710	$ 5,680
Check valve, 04"	4	EA	$ 755	$ 3,020
Electrical/Instrumentation	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Site work	2	EA	$ 2,560	$ 5,120
Building pad	2	EA	$ 5,125	$ 10,250
Pump Building	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Fence	2	EA	$ 6,150	$ 12,300
Tools	2	EA	$ 1,025	$ 2,050
5,000 gal feed tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
5,000 gal ground storage tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Subtotal				**$ 132,520**
Well Installation				
Well installation	504	LF	$ 147	$ 74,088
Water quality testing	2	EA	$ 1,280	$ 2,560
Well pump	1	EA	$ 2,750	$ 2,750
Well electrical/instrumentation	1	EA	$ 5,635	$ 5,635
Well cover and base	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Piping	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Subtotal				**$ 91,183**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 1,373,175**
Contingency	20%			$ 274,635
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 343,294
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 1,991,103**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline O&M				
Pipeline O&M	10.0	mile	$ 275	$ 2,750
Subtotal				**$ 2,750**
Pump Station(s) O&M				
Building Power	23,600	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 3,398
Pump Power	365	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 53
Materials	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ 3,080
Labor	730	Hrs	$ 60.00	$ 43,800
Tank O&M	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,025
Subtotal				**$ 51,356**
Well O&M				
Pump power	3,425	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 493
Well O&M matl	1	EA	$ 1,540	$ 1,540
Well O&M labor	180	Hrs	$ 60	$ 10,800
Subtotal				**$ 12,833**
O&M Credit for Existing Well Closure				
Pump power	2,110	kWH	$ 0.144	$ (304)
Well O&M matl	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ (3,080)
Well O&M labor	360	Hrs	$ 60	$ (21,600)
Subtotal				**$ (24,984)**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 41,955**

Table C.4

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***New Well at 5 Miles***
Alternative Number ***AE-4***

Distance from PWS to new well location	5.0	miles
Estimated well depth	504	feet
Number of wells required	1	
Well installation cost (location specific)	$147	per foot
Pump Stations needed w/ 1 feed tank each	1	
On site storage tanks / pump sets needed	1	

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline Construction				
Number of Crossings, bore	3	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of Crossings, open cut	5	n/a	n/a	n/a
PVC water line, Class 200, 04"	26,400	LF	$ 12	$ 316,800
Bore and encasement, 10"	600	LF	$ 240	$ 144,000
Open cut and encasement, 10"	250	LF	$ 130	$ 32,500
Gate valve and box, 04"	5	EA	$ 710	$ 3,749
Air valve	10	EA	$ 2,050	$ 20,500
Flush valve	5	EA	$ 1,025	$ 5,412
Metal detectable tape	26,400	LF	$ 2	$ 52,800
Subtotal				**$ 575,761**
Pump Station(s) Installation				
Pump	4	EA	$ 8,000	$ 32,000
Pump Station Piping, 04"	2	EA	$ 550	$ 1,100
Gate valve, 04"	8	EA	$ 710	$ 5,680
Check valve, 04"	4	EA	$ 755	$ 3,020
Electrical/Instrumentation	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Site work	2	EA	$ 2,560	$ 5,120
Building pad	2	EA	$ 5,125	$ 10,250
Pump Building	2	EA	$ 10,250	$ 20,500
Fence	2	EA	$ 6,150	$ 12,300
Tools	2	EA	$ 1,025	$ 2,050
5,000 gal feed tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
5,000 gal ground storage tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Subtotal				**$ 132,520**
Well Installation				
Well installation	504	LF	$ 147	$ 74,088
Water quality testing	2	EA	$ 1,280	$ 2,560
Well pump	1	EA	$ 2,750	$ 2,750
Well electrical/instrumentation	1	EA	$ 5,635	$ 5,635
Well cover and base	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Piping	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Subtotal				**$ 91,183**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 799,464**
Contingency	20%			$ 159,893
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 199,866
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 1,159,223**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline O&M				
Pipeline O&M	5.0	mile	$ 275	$ 1,375
Subtotal				**$ 1,375**
Pump Station(s) O&M				
Building Power	23,600	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 3,398
Pump Power	183	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 26
Materials	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ 3,080
Labor	730	Hrs	$ 60.00	$ 43,800
Tank O&M	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,025
Subtotal				**$ 51,330**
Well O&M				
Pump power	3,425	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 493
Well O&M matl	1	EA	$ 1,540	$ 1,540
Well O&M labor	180	Hrs	$ 60	$ 10,800
Subtotal				**$ 12,833**
O&M Credit for Existing Well Closure				
Pump power	2,110	kWH	$ 0.144	$ (304)
Well O&M matl	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ (3,080)
Well O&M labor	360	Hrs	$ 60	$ (21,600)
Subtotal				**$ (24,984)**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 40,554**

Table C.5

PWS Name — ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name — ***New Well at 1 Mile***
Alternative Number — ***AE-5***

Distance from PWS to new well location	1.0	miles
Estimated well depth	504	feet
Number of wells required	1	
Well installation cost (location specific)	$147	per foot
Pump Stations needed w/ 1 feed tank each	0	
On site storage tanks / pump sets needed	1	

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline Construction				
Number of Crossings, bore	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
Number of Crossings, open cut	1	n/a	n/a	n/a
PVC water line, Class 200, 04"	5,280	LF	$ 12	$ 63,360
Bore and encasement, 10"	200	LF	$ 240	$ 48,000
Open cut and encasement, 10"	50	LF	$ 130	$ 6,500
Gate valve and box, 04"	1	EA	$ 710	$ 750
Air valve	2	EA	$ 2,050	$ 4,100
Flush valve	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,082
Metal detectable tape	5,280	LF	$ 2	$ 10,560
Subtotal				**$ 134,352**
Pump Station(s) Installation				
Pump	2	EA	$ 8,000	$ 16,000
Pump Station Piping, 04"	1	EA	$ 550	$ 550
Gate valve, 04"	4	EA	$ 710	$ 2,840
Check valve, 04"	2	EA	$ 755	$ 1,510
Electrical/Instrumentation	1	EA	$ 10,250	$ 10,250
Site work	1	EA	$ 2,560	$ 2,560
Building pad	1	EA	$ 5,125	$ 5,125
Pump Building	1	EA	$ 10,250	$ 10,250
Fence	1	EA	$ 6,150	$ 6,150
Tools	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,025
5,000 gal feed tank	-	EA	$ 10,000	$ -
5,000 gal ground storage tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Subtotal				**$ 66,260**
Well Installation				
Well installation	504	LF	$ 147	$ 74,088
Water quality testing	2	EA	$ 1,280	$ 2,560
Well pump	1	EA	$ 2,750	$ 2,750
Well electrical/instrumentation	1	EA	$ 5,635	$ 5,635
Well cover and base	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Piping	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Subtotal				**$ 91,183**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 291,795**
Contingency	20%			$ 58,359
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 72,949
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 423,103**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Pipeline O&M				
Pipeline O&M	1.0	mile	$ 275	$ 275
Subtotal				**$ 275**
Pump Station(s) O&M				
Building Power	11,800	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 1,699
Pump Power	-	kWH	$ 0.144	$ -
Materials	1	EA	$ 1,540	$ 1,540
Labor	365	Hrs	$ 60.00	$ 21,900
Tank O&M	1	EA	$ 1,025	$ 1,025
Subtotal				**$ 26,164**
Well O&M				
Pump power	3,425	kWH	$ 0.144	$ 493
Well O&M matl	1	EA	$ 1,540	$ 1,540
Well O&M labor	180	Hrs	$ 60	$ 10,800
Subtotal				**$ 12,833**
O&M Credit for Existing Well Closure				
Pump power	2,110	kWH	$ 0.144	$ (304)
Well O&M matl	2	EA	$ 1,540	$ (3,080)
Well O&M labor	360	Hrs	$ 60	$ (21,600)
Subtotal				**$ (24,984)**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 14,289**

Table C.6

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***Central Treatment - Reverse Osmosis***
Alternative Number ***AE-6***

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Reverse Osmosis Unit Purchase/Installation				
Site preparation	0.30	acre	$ 4,000	$ 1,200
Slab	20	CY	$ 1,000	$ 20,000
Building	400	SF	$ 60	$ 24,000
Building electrical	400	SF	$ 8	$ 3,200
Building plumbing	400	SF	$ 8	$ 3,200
Heating and ventilation	400	SF	$ 7	$ 2,800
Fence	400	LF	$ 15	$ 6,000
Paving	2,500	SF	$ 2	$ 5,000
Electrical	1	JOB	$ 40,000	$ 40,000
Piping	1	JOB	$ 20,000	$ 20,000
Reverse osmosis package including:				
High pressure pumps - 20 hp				
Cartridge filters and vessels				
RO membranes and vessels				
Control system				
Chemical feed systems				
Freight cost				
Vendor start-up services	1	UNIT	$ 104,000	$ 104,000
Transfer pumps	4	EA	$ 5,000	$ 20,000
Permeate tank	5,000	gal	$ 3	$ 15,000
Feed Tank	15,000	gal	$ 3	$ 45,000
Reject pond:				
Excavation	250	CYD	$ 3.00	$ 750
Compacted fill	200	CYD	$ 7.00	$ 1,400
Lining	500	SF	$ 1.50	$ 750
Vegetation	450	SY	$ 1.50	$ 675
Access road	200	LF	$ 30.00	$ 6,000
Subtotal of Design/Construction Costs				**$ 318,975**
Contingency	20%			$ 63,795
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 79,744
Reject water haulage truck	1	EA	$ 100,000	$ 100,000
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 562,514**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Reverse Osmosis Unit O&M				
Building Power	2,000	kwh/yr	$ 0.144	$ 288
Equipment power	7,000	kwh/yr	$ 0.144	$ 1,008
Labor	400	hrs/yr	$ 40.00	$ 16,000
RO materials and Chemicals	1,050	kgal	$ 0.75	$ 788
Analyses	12	test	$ 200	$ 2,400
Subtotal				**$ 20,484**
Backwash Disposal				
Disposal truck mileage	1,700	miles	$ 1.50	$ 2,550
Backwash disposal fee	350	kgal/yr	$ 5.00	$ 1,752
Subtotal				**$ 4,302**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 24,786**

Table C.7

PWS Name *Arenosa Creek Estates*
Alternative Name *Central Treatment - WRT Z-88*
Alternative Number *AE-7*

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Coagulation/Filtration Unit Purchase/Installation				
Site preparation	0.50	acre	$ 4,000	$ 2,000
Slab	20	CY	$ 1,000	$ 20,000
Building	450	SF	$ 60	$ 27,000
Building electrical	450	SF	$ 8	$ 3,600
Building plumbing	450	SF	$ 8	$ 3,600
Heating and ventilation	450	SF	$ 7	$ 3,150
Fence	450	LF	$ 15	$ 6,750
Paving	2,500	SF	$ 2	$ 5,000
Electrical	1	JOB	$ 35,000	$ 35,000
Piping	1	JOB	$ 20,000	$ 20,000
WRT Z-88 package including:				
Z-88 vessels				
Adsorption media	1	UNIT	$ 72,000	$ 72,000
(Initial Setup Cost for WRT Z-88 package plant)				
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 198,100**
Contingency	20%			$ 39,620
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 49,525
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 287,245**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Coagulation/Filtration Unit O&M				
Building Power	5,000	kwh/yr	$ 0.144	$ 720
Equipment power	760	kwh/yr	$ 0.144	$ 109
Labor	400	hrs/yr	$ 40.00	$ 16,000
Analyses	12	test	$ 200	$ 2,400
WRT treated water charge	1,050	kgal/yr	$ 4.00	$ 4,200
Subtotal				**$ 23,429**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 23,429**

Table C.8

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***Point-of-Use Treatment***
Alternative Number ***AE-8***

Number of Connections for POU Unit Installation 26 connections

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
POU-Treatment - Purchase/Installation				
POU treatment unit purchase	26	EA	$ 615	$ 15,990
POU treatment unit installation	26	EA	$ 155	$ 4,030
Subtotal				**$ 20,020**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 20,020**
Contingency	20%			$ 4,004
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 5,005
Procurement & Administration	20%			$ 4,004
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 33,033**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
O&M				
POU materials, per unit	26	EA	$ 230	$ 5,980
Contaminant analysis, 1/yr per unit	26	EA	$ 205	$ 5,330
Program labor, 10 hrs/unit	260	hrs	$ 40	$ 10,400
Subtotal				**$ 21,710**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 21,710**

Table C.9

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***Point-of-Entry Treatment***
Alternative Number ***AE-9***

Number of Connections for POE Unit Installation 26 connections

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
POE-Treatment - Purchase/Installat				
POE treatment unit purchase	26	EA	$ 5,125	$ 133,250
Pad and shed, per unit	26	EA	$ 2,050	$ 53,300
Piping connection, per unit	26	EA	$ 1,025	$ 26,650
Electrical hook-up, per unit	26	EA	$ 1,025	$ 26,650
Subtotal				**$ 239,850**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 239,850**
Contingency	20%			$ 47,970
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 59,963
Procurement & Administration	20%			$ 47,970
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 395,753**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
O&M				
POE materials, per unit	26	EA	$ 1,540	$ 40,040
Contaminant analysis, 1/yr per unit	26	EA	$ 205	$ 5,330
Program labor, 10 hrs/unit	260	hrs	$ 40	$ 10,400
Subtotal				**$ 55,770**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 55,770**

Table C.10

PWS Name ***Arenosa Creek Estates***
Alternative Name ***Public Dispenser for Treated Drinking Water***
Alternative Number ***AE-10***

Number of Treatment Units Recommended 1

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Public Dispenser Unit Installation				
POE-Treatment unit(s)	1	EA	$ 7,175	$ 7,175
Unit installation costs	1	EA	$ 5,125	$ 5,125
Subtotal				**$ 12,300**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 12,300**
Contingency	20%			$ 2,460
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 3,075
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**17,835**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Program Operation				
Treatment unit O&M, 1 per unit	1	EA	$ 2,050	$ 2,050
Contaminant analysis, 1/wk per u	52	EA	$ 205	$ 10,660
Sampling/reporting, 1 hr/day	365	HRS	$ 60	$ 21,900
Subtotal				**$ 34,610**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 34,610**

Table C.11

PWS Name *Arenosa Creek Estates*
Alternative Name *Supply Bottled Water to 100% of Population*
Alternative Number *AE-11*

Service Population	78	
Percentage of population requiring supply	100%	
Water consumption per person	1.00	gpcd
Calculated annual potable water needs	28,470	gallons

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Program Implementation				
Initial program set-up	500	hours	$ 45	$ 22,500
Subtotal				**$ 22,500**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 22,500**
Contingency	20%			$ 4,500
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 27,000**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Program Operation				
Water purchase costs	28,470	gals	$ 1.40	$ 39,858
Program admin, 9 hrs/wk	468	hours	$ 45	$ 21,060
Program materials	1	EA	$ 5,125	$ 5,125
Subtotal				**$ 66,043**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 66,043**

Table C.12

PWS Name *Arenosa Creek Estates*
Alternative Name *Central Trucked Drinking Water*
Alternative Number *AE-12*

Service Population	78	
Percentage of population requiring supply	100%	
Water consumption per person	1.00	gpcd
Calculated annual potable water needs	28,470	gallons
Travel distance to compliant water source	9	miles

Capital Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Storage Tank Installation				
5,000 gal ground storage tank	1	EA	$ 10,000	$ 10,000
Site improvements	1	EA	$ 3,075	$ 3,075
Potable water truck	1	EA	$ 75,000	$ 75,000
Subtotal				**$ 88,075**
Subtotal of Component Costs				**$ 88,075**
Contingency	20%			$ 17,615
Design & Constr Management	25%			$ 22,019
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS				**$ 127,709**

Annual Operations and Maintenance Costs

Cost Item	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Program Operation				
Water delivery labor, 4 hrs/wk	208	hrs	$ 60	$ 12,480
Truck operation, 1 round trip/wk	946	miles	$ 3.00	$ 2,839
Water purchase	28	1,000 gals	$ 23.24	$ 662
Water testing, 1 test/wk	52	EA	$ 205	$ 10,660
Sampling/reporting, 2 hrs/wk	104	hrs	$ 60	$ 6,240
Subtotal				**$ 32,881**
TOTAL ANNUAL O&M COSTS				**$ 32,881**

APPENDIX D
EXAMPLE FINANCIAL MODEL

Appendix D
General Inputs

Arenosa Creek Estates

Number of Alternatives	12	Selected from Results Sheet
Input Fields are Indicated by:		

General Inputs		
Implementation Year	2009	
Months of Working Capital	0	
Depreciation	$ -	
Percent of Depreciation for Replacement Fund	0%	
Allow Negative Cash Balance (yes or no)	No	
Median Household Income	$ 52,717	Arenosa Creek Estates
Median HH Income -- Texas	$ 39,927	
Grant Funded Percentage	0%	Selected from Results
Capital Funded from Revenues	$ -	

	Base Year Growth/Escalation	2007
Accounts & Consumption		
Metered Residential Accounts		
Number of Accounts	0.0%	26
Number of Bills Per Year		12
Annual Billed Consumption		912,500
Consumption per Account Per Pay Period	0.0%	2,925
Consumption Allowance in Rates		1,000,000
Total Allowance		312,000,000
Net Consumption Billed		(311,087,500)
Percentage Collected		100.0%
Unmetered Residential Accounts		
Number of Accounts	0.0%	0
Number of Bills Per Year		12
Percentage Collected		100.0%
Metered Non-Residential Accounts		
Number of Accounts	0.0%	0
Number of Bills Per Year		12
Non-Residential Consumption		-
Consumption per Account	0.0%	-
Consumption Allowance in Rates		-
Total Allowance		-
Net Consumption Billed		-
Percentage Collected		0.0%
Unmetered Non-Residential Accounts		
Number of Accounts	0.0%	0
Number of Bills Per Year		12
Percentage Collected		100.0%
Water Purchase & Production		
Water Purchased (gallons)	0.0%	-
Average Cost Per Unit Purchased	0.0%	$ -
Bulk Water Purchases	0.0%	$ -
Water Production	0.0%	912,500
Unaccounted for Water		-
Percentage Unaccounted for Water		0.0%

Appendix D
General Inputs

Arenosa Creek Estates

Number of Alternatives 12 Selected from Results Sheet

Input Fields are Indicated by:

Residential Rate Structure	Allowance within Tier	
Base Monthly Rate	-	$ 15.00
		$ -
Non-Residential Rate Structure		
	-	
Estimated Average Water Rate ($/1000gallons)		$ -
INITIAL YEAR EXPENDITURES	Inflation	Initial Year
Operating Expenditures:		
Salaries & Benefits	0.0%	-
Contract Labor	0.0%	-
Water Purchases	0.0%	-
Chemicals, Treatment	0.0%	-
Utilities	0.0%	-
Repairs, Maintenance, Supplies	0.0%	-
Repairs	0.0%	-
Maintenance	0.0%	-
Supplies	0.0%	-
Administrative Expenses	0.0%	
Accounting and Legal Fees	0.0%	-
Insurance	0.0%	-
Automotive and Travel	0.0%	-
Professional and Directors Fees	0.0%	-
Bad Debts	0.0%	-
Garbage Pick-up	0.0%	-
Miscellaneous	0.0%	-
Other 3	0.0%	4,623
Other 4	0.0%	-
Incremental O&M for Alternative	0.0%	-
Total Operating Expenses		4,623
Non-Operating Income/Expenditures		
Interest Income	0.0%	-
Other Income	0.0%	-
Other Expense	0.0%	-
Transfers In (Out)	0.0%	-
Net Non-Operating		-

Esisting Debt Service		
Bonds Payable, Less Current Maturities		$ -
Bonds Payable, Current		$ -
Interest Expense		$ -

Debt Service for Arenosa Creek Estates
Alternative Number = 12
Funding Source = Loan/Bond

		2007 0	2008 1	2009 2	2010 3	2011 4	2012 5	2013 6	2014 7	2015 8	2016 9	2017 10	2018 11	2019 12	2020 13	2021 14	2022 15	2023 16	2024 17	2025 18	2026 19	2027 20	2028 21	2029 22	2030 23	2031 24	2032 25	2033 26	2034 27	2035 28	2036 29	2037 30
Existing Debt Service	$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal Payments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Payment	0.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt Service			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Term	25																															
Revenue Bonds		-	-	127,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgiveness	0.00%	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Balance		-	-	127,709	125,381	122,914	120,298	117,526	114,587	111,472	108,171	104,671	100,960	97,028	92,859	88,441	83,757	78,792	73,529	67,951	62,037	55,769	49,125	42,083	34,617	26,704	18,316	9,425	0	0	0	0
Principal		-	-	2,328	2,467	2,615	2,772	2,939	3,115	3,302	3,500	3,710	3,933	4,169	4,419	4,684	4,965	5,263	5,579	5,913	6,268	6,644	7,043	7,465	7,913	8,388	8,891	9,425	-	-	-	-
Interest	6.00%	-	-	7,663	7,523	7,375	7,218	7,052	6,875	6,688	6,490	6,280	6,058	5,822	5,572	5,306	5,025	4,728	4,412	4,077	3,722	3,346	2,948	2,525	2,077	1,602	1,099	0	0	0	0	0
Total Debt Service		-	-	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,425	0	0	0	0
New Balance		-	-	125,381	122,914	120,298	117,526	114,587	111,472	108,171	104,671	100,960	97,028	92,859	88,441	83,757	78,792	73,529	67,951	62,037	55,769	49,125	42,083	34,617	26,704	18,316	9,425	0	0	0	0	0
Term	20																															
State Revolving Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgiveness	0.00%	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	2.90%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt Service		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Term	10																															
Bank/Interfund Loan				-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgiveness	0.00%	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	8.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt Service		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Term	25																															
RUS Loan			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forgiveness	0.00%		-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	5.00%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt Service		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Balance		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Cashflow Projections for Arenosa Creek Estates
Alternative Number = 12
Funding Source = Loan/Bond

Estimated At Sept. 30 of Each Year

	Growth/ Escalation	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
CASH FLOW PROJECTIONS																																
Beginning Unrestricted Cash Balance		$ -	57	57	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RECEIPTS																																
Operating Revenues																																
Water Base Rate-- Residential	-	4,680	4,680	14,614	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	46,929	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504
Water: Tier 1 -- Res	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 2 -- Res	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 3 -- Res	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 4 -- Res	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unmetered Residential		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Base Rate - Non Residential	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 1 -- NR	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 2 -- NR	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 3 -- NR	200,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water: Tier 4 -- NR	300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unmetered Non Residential		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewer Sales		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other 1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other 2		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other 3		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Operating Revenues		$ 4,680	$ 4,680	$ 14,614	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 47,495	$ 46,929	$ 37,504	$ 37,504	$ 37,504	$ 37,504
Capital Receipts																																
Grants Received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SRF Proceeds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank/Interfund Loan Proceeds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUS Loan Proceeds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds		-	-	127,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Receipts		-	-	127,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		4,680	4,680	142,323	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	46,929	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504
EXPENDITURES																																
Operating Expenditures:																																
Salaries & Benefits	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Labor	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Water Purchases	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chemicals, Treatment	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs, Maintenance, Supplies	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative Expenses	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounting and Legal Fees	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Automotive and Travel	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional and Directors Fees	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bad Debts	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garbage Pick-up	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other 3	0.0%	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623
Other 4	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Incremental O&M for Alternative	0.0%	-	-	-	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881	32,881
Total Operating Expenses		4,623	4,623	4,623	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504
Non-Operating Income/Expenditures																																
Interest Income	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Income	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Expense	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In (Out)	0.0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Non-Operating		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service																																
Existing		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed:																																
Revenue Bonds		-	-	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,425	0	0	0	0
State Revolving Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Loan		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
RUS Loan		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Debt Service		-	-	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,990	9,425	0	0	0	0
Capital Expenditures	$ 127,709																															
Funded From Revenues/Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funded From Grants	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funded From SRF Loans		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funded from Bank/Interfund Loans		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funded from RUS Loan		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Funded from Bonds		-	-	127,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Capital Expenditures		-	-	127,709	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures		4,623	4,623	142,323	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	47,495	46,929	37,504	37,504	37,504	37,504
What Water Rev Needs to be		(4,623)	(4,623)	(14,614)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(47,495)	(46,929)	(37,504)	(37,504)	(37,504)	(37,504)
Water Rate Increase		0.00%	0.00%	212.26%	225.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	-1.19%	-20.08%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Net Cash Flow		57	57	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reserves:																																
Working Capital (Months O&M)	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Replacement Reserve		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Required Reserves		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average Annual Water Bill	$ 1,827	$ 180	$ 180	$ 562	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,827	$ 1,805	$ 1,442	$ 1,442	$ 1,442	$ 1,442
Median Household Income		$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717	$ 52,717
Maximum % of MHI	3.5%	0.3%	0.3%	1.1%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.5%	3.4%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%
Percentage Rate Increase Compared to Current	914.8%		0.0%	212.3%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	914.8%	902.8%	701.4%	701.4%	701.4%	701.4%