



July 8, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invite you and your neighbors to the first meeting regarding the Assessment of Water Quality and Watershed Based Planning for Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek project. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about the study, which is focused on providing stakeholders and agencies with sufficient information to address elevated levels of bacteria present in Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek. The meeting will be held on July 31, 2013 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, at the City of Killeen Utility Collections Building located at 210 W Avenue C, Killeen, TX 76541. A map to the meeting place and a tentative agenda are both enclosed.

In 1996, a portion (Segment 1218) of Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek was identified for having bacteria concentrations that exceed the state water quality standards. In 2010, two assessment units that are part of the previously identified Segment in the Creek, were also identified as having elevated bacteria concentrations (Assessment Units 1218_02 and 1218C). Additionally, in 2012, nitrate, total phosphorus, and orthophosphorus were listed as concerns for Segment 1218.

The water quality goal of this project is to identify causes and sources of pollution in Nolan Creek/South Nolan Creek Watershed, and to provide stakeholders and agencies with sufficient information to address elevated bacteria levels in the water. The full segment includes the cities of Harker Heights, Nolanville, and Belton and portions of the Fort Hood Military Reservations as well as the city of Killeen, so broader partnerships within the watershed are necessary if water quality issues are to be fully addressed by all stakeholders.

Since decisions made about these waterbodies will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, your participation is fundamental to the success of this project. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to share your questions and concerns regarding water quality issues in your local area. We will be asking you to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at njackson@tiaer.tarleton.edu or 254-968-1902. We look forward to seeing you on July 31, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

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