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## **TCEQ Inspectors to Train at San Marcos GBRA-Run Plant**

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SEGUIN – About 70 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) inspectors will convene at the San Marcos Water Treatment Plant on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, to undergo environmental training.

The plant, owned by the City of San Marcos and operated by the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA), provides a unique opportunity for training both new and seasoned inspectors.

The San Marcos Water Treatment Plant is “one of the few in the state that has both internal and external sludge recirculation capability on its clarifier,” explained Jack Schulze of the TCEQ’s technical review and oversight team, adding that, “We have an opportunity to explain how both technologies work and how they can be used to complement one another.”

“The City of San Marcos is proud to have the TCEQ recognize the quality of our water plant in this way,” said City Manager Dan O’Leary. “We appreciate the contribution this training program makes to ensuring public health.”

“We’re happy to be of service to our state’s inspectors in this way,” Bill West, GBRA general manager, said. “The fact that the TCEQ selected this plant speaks highly to both our staff’s expertise in running the plant and the uniqueness of the plant itself.”

The TCEQ inspectors will tour the treatment plant and learn about critical items they need to evaluate when performing routine annual plant inspections. This

training will help the investigators inspect other water treatment plants throughout the state.

Darel Ball, GBRA division manager for Hays/Caldwell, said, "The San Marcos plant was selected because of its proximity to Austin, and more importantly, for having a reputation as a well-run facility."

Schulze echoed that sentiment, and said, "The plant has all the treatment units required at a conventional surface water treatment plant, excellent waste stream management facilities, and a state-of-the-art on-line monitoring and process control system."

TCEQ inspectors review plant design and plant records for compliance with state and federal drinking water standards.