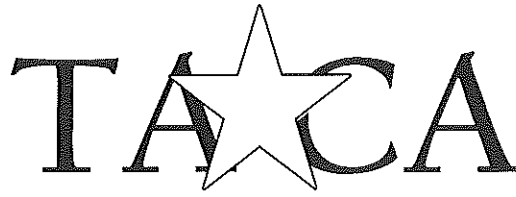


February 12, 2010



Dear TACA Member:

TACA and its members have been afforded an opportunity to help shape the future as to the water usage by aggregate mining operations. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and The University of Texas at Austin are seeking to develop an accurate accounting of overall consumption in the mining industry for the State of Texas. We have been requested to contribute information critical to the planning process relating to the State Water Plan. Moreover, TACA would have a position on the committee that reviews all information pertaining to the survey's results.

TACA, on behalf of the Texas Water Development Board and the Bureau of Economic Geology, a research unit for The University of Texas at Austin, requests your participation in a survey of water use in mining operations across the state. While some of our members may view this request as invasive, it actually is a unique opportunity to participate at a level not offered to this industry in the past. The TWDB would like our involvement in the planning cycle and on the review committee.

The purpose of the survey is to collect accurate information on water use and/or water discharge in an effort to understand future changes in water use strategies pertaining to the different segments of the Texas mining industry. The survey's results will be used to assist planners of the next State Water Plan to be released in 2012. Given the intent of the survey results, it is in the industry's best interests for the reported information to be accurate. Underreporting water use simply undermines the results and would be adverse to the mining industry's future needs.

To ensure confidentiality, all surveys will be sent to the TACA office for compilation. Additionally, the inclusion of the company name has been made optional for those participants that wish to remain anonymous. Please refer to the attached survey questionnaire and complete the information accordingly. Upon completion, please forward your survey results to Sherry Moore ([smoore@tx-taca.org](mailto:smoore@tx-taca.org)) by April 1, 2010. The compiled survey results will be sent to Mr. J.P. Nicot, P.E., P.G., who is a Research Scientist at the Bureau of Economic Geology, The University of Texas at Austin.

Thank you, in advance, for your valued participation in this water use survey. As stated above, this is a highly worthwhile endeavor that will positively impact the aggregate mining industry and its future.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to this important survey, please do not hesitate to contact me at 512.451.5100 or via email at [stewartm@tx-taca.org](mailto:stewartm@tx-taca.org).

With warmest regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. K. Stewart', is written over a horizontal line.

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