

Dear GEAA members and friends,

I received this letter from the Environmental Protection Agency today, and was pleased to note that we are on a first name basis. Joking aside, I am really gratified with the close relationships that we have built over the years working with the Federal, State and Local agencies on behalf of you and all of our <u>member groups</u>.

As the EPA tries to make the Clean Water Act more protective; as the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality seeks to improve protections afforded the Edwards Aquifer; as local water utilities and groundwater districts deal with the impacts of the current drought GEAA is right there supporting these efforts. Additionally, our staff and volunteers have been instrumental in offering their expertise to enhance these improvements and insure that regulations and programs provide the utmost protection and wise management of our water resources.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support, which makes all of this possible. If you would like a snapshot of our engagement with the regulatory agencies, check out the <u>public comment</u> section on our web site.

Best wishes during this hot summer.

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