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Award for Outstanding Leadership in Collaborative Problem-Solving.

Craft-Turney Drinking Water Incident Team: The Houston Environmental Laboratory (Lab) Team successfully assisted the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) with drinking water sample analysis for Methylene bis-thiocyanate (MBT) during the Craft-Turney Drinking Water Incident. On October 3, 2018, the Craft-Turney Water Supply Corporation located in Cherokee County, south of Jacksonville, Texas, issued a Do Not Use order affecting 1,500 customers, related to a back siphonage event at Arrington Sawmill. The back siphonage into the drinking water system occurred from a tank, without a backflow prevention device, containing a wood preservative utilized in treating wood pallets. MBT is an active ingredient in the wood preservative and the Lab developed a Gas Chromatography analysis method for the MBT. The Lab received 35 samples (in 14 coolers) for MBT analysis from TCEQ, driven to the Lab on October 10, 2018. On October 12, 2018, the Lab released the results from analysis of all 35 samples collected for MBT, with all results non-detect (reporting limit 10 ppb).

Suzanne E. Olive Award for Exemplary Leadership in National EEO

Non-manager Nominee: Shonda Moore

This EEO Award nomination recognizes the contributions of Shonda Moore for her exemplary leadership in promoting diversity and inclusion in the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Program. Shonda unreservedly utilized cross-cultural, communication and problem-solving skills to revamp and reinvigorate the R6 PWD Program, while simultaneously boosting and re-energizing the agency-wide PWD Program. First, she effortlessly promoted open dialogue and education of R6 employees to engage successfully in our diverse environments; and to interact with the PWD constituencies we work with and serve in a way that demonstrated an understanding of their value added to a diverse and inclusive workforce. Second, with the development of the Region 6 FY 2018 Theme: ***See the Person Not the Disability***, Shonda developed and published a PWD strategic plan that included the R6 PWD Program mission, goals and objectives, while concurrently revamping the R6 PWD intranet site. Shonda developed and implemented a strategy for participation (inclusion) that got agency-wide recognition and participation. Third, Shonda is co-leading an effort with HQs to develop a MOU with the Texas Deaf Institute that will be used as a national template for similar institutions. Shonda has distinguished herself by demonstrated outstanding management efforts in motivating employees, peers, PWD by promoting teamwork and building productive regional and cross regional relationships to further the Agency's strategic goal of employing more PWD.

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