## CATEGORY REQUESTS & AQUIFER PROTECTION PLAN REQUESTS

**Contact Person:** Michael Barr, SAWS, (210) 233-3522, or (210) 233-3572  
**Agency:** San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Aquifer Protection & Evaluation  
**Document:** Aquifer Protection Ordinance No. 81491 effective Jan. 22, 1995 (AKA: Water Quality Ord.)  
**Applies to:** Projects located on the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone and Contributing Zone in Bexar County, TX.  
**Time to complete Category request:** Approximate average of 30 working days.  
**Time to complete AqPP request:** Approximate average of 30 working days.  
**Aquifer Protection Ord. # 81491:** See complete Ordinance for details. To request a digital copy of Ordinance from SAWS call (210) 233-3522.  
**Category Determination:** Request should be made prior to Water Pollution Abatement Plans (WPAP), platting and building permit approvals.  

### Designates Projects as:  

**Category 1:**  
- Grandfathered - 100% impervious cover

**Category 2:**  
- Not in Category 1 projects. No valid permits prior to Aquifer Protection Ordinance 81491  
- Within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio  
- Within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in Bexar County  
- Aquifer Protection Plan required  
  - Regulated activity for Category 2  
    - Single-Family Residential: 30% Impervious Cover  
    - Multi-Family Residential: 50% Impervious Cover  
    - Commercial: 65% Impervious Cover

**Category 3:**  
- Not in Category 1 or 2  
- Within the ETJ of the City of San Antonio  
- Within the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone in Bexar County  
- Aquifer Protection Plan required  
  - Regulated activity for Category 3  
    - Single-Family Residential: 15% Impervious Cover  
    - Multi-Family Residential: 15% Impervious Cover  
    - Commercial: 15% Impervious Cover

### Buffering required:  
See Aquifer Protection Ordinance # 81491 for requirements

May Include:  
- Caves (Recharge Zone), Floodplains (Recharge Zone & Contributing Zone)  
- Projects located within the Contributing Zone in Bexar County  
- Projects located within the ETJ of the City of San Antonio  
- Floodplain located on project site with a watershed greater than 300 acres.

### Projects after Feb. 27, 2006 without previous development history  
**Ordinance 2006-02-16-0241**  
Recognizes rights of Chapter 245 of the Texas Local Government Code  
Implements "Fair Notice of a Project Permit" required when starting a project  
**Applies to:** All projects located within the corporate limits of the City of San Antonio  
**Contact:** COSA-Development Services
CATEGORY REQUESTS:
Time: Approximately 30 working days

Request sent to:
Andrew Wiatrek, Manager
or Michael Barr, Supervisor
Resource Protection Division
San Antonio Water System
PO Box 2449
San Antonio, TX  78298-2449

Methods of request sent to SAWS:
Hand Delivered Mail

Provide as much information as possible about project/history of site such as: Plat, POADP, MDP, acres, location, maps delineating project boundary and current & proposed landuse.

Information reviewed by staff & Legal Dept. when applicable.

Letter of Category determination sent to applicant

Based on information provided, a Category determination is made by the Director of Resource Protection & Compliance Dept.

AQUIFER PROTECTION PLAN (AqPP) REQUESTS
Time: Approximate average of 30 working days

AqPP required for Category 2 & 3 projects prior to platting.

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Copy of form to be filled out located at
or a copy can be requested from SAWS at
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Information reviewed by staff such as impervious cover, acreage, floodplain, and significant features. Based on Ordinance criteria, buffering may be required. Site visit is conducted.

Letter of approval/denial sent to applicant

Average 30 days from day of project logging

Based on information provided, AqPP approval/denial is made by the Director of Resource Protection & Compliance Dept.