

Surface-Water Science

- Acoustic Discharge Measurements
- Annual Peak Discharge
- Basin Characteristics
- Flood Frequency Estimation
- Flood Warning Networks
- Flow Duration Analysis
- Gain-Loss Surveys
- Watershed Modeling
- Hydraulic Analysis
- Geographic Information System (GIS) Applications
- Precipitation Gages
- Real-Time Stream Gages
- Evaporation and Evapotranspiration (ET) Gages
- Time-of-Travel Studies
- High-Water Marks and Indirect Measurements of Peak Discharge



Measuring stream discharge during flood using tethered acoustic Doppler current profiler



Staff gage



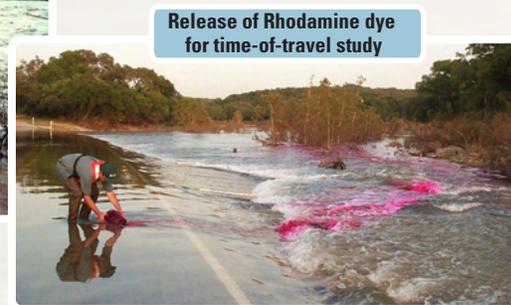
Acoustic Doppler current profiler



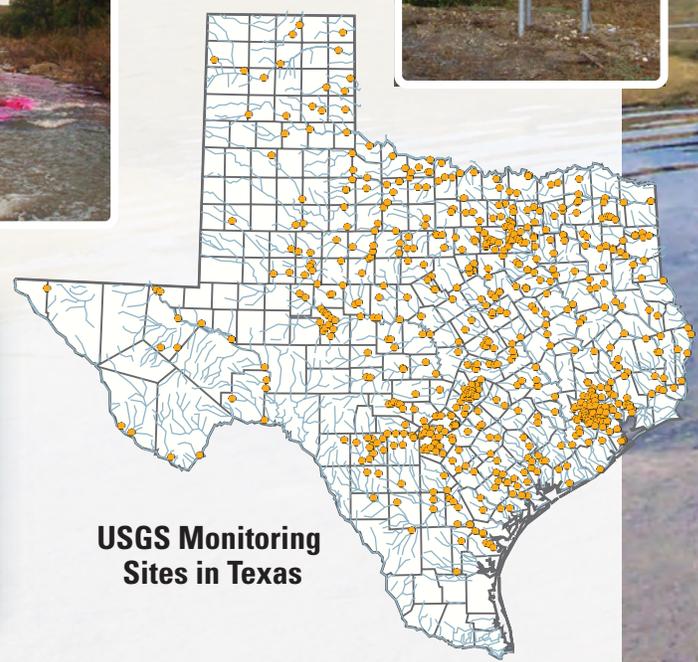
Gage house



Flood event



Release of Rhodamine dye for time-of-travel study



USGS Monitoring Sites in Texas

MISSION: To provide reliable, impartial, timely information that is needed to understand the Nation's water resources.

The Water Resources Discipline actively promotes the use of this information by decision makers to

- Minimize the loss of life and property as a result of water-related natural hazards, such as floods, droughts, and land movement
- Effectively manage groundwater and surface-water resources for domestic, agriculture, commercial, industrial, recreational, and ecological uses
- Protect and enhance water resources for human health, aquatic health, and environmental quality
- Contribute to wise physical and economic development of the Nation's resources for the benefit of present and future generations

The U.S. Geological Survey has been collecting water data in Texas since 1889. The first office was established in 1915 in Austin with a network of 18 streamflow-gaging stations. Today (2009), the Texas Water Science Center collects data at more than 500 stations.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Texas Water Science Center works in cooperation with approximately 100 municipalities, river authorities, groundwater districts, and State and Federal agencies in Texas to provide reliable, impartial scientific information to resource managers, planners, and other customers. This information is gathered by the USGS Texas Water Science Center to minimize the loss of life and property from natural disasters, to contribute to the conservation and sound economic and physical development of the Nation's natural resources, and to enhance the quality of life by monitoring water, biological, energy, and mineral resources.

If you have any questions or concerns with which we can assist you, contact us or visit our Web site at <http://tx.usgs.gov> or the national Web site at <http://www.usgs.gov>. We look forward to serving you in the near future.

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Texas Water Science Center Locations

