



Energy and Water Management Plan

Section 1: Instructions

[Texas Government Code §447.009](#) requires each state agency and institution of higher education to set and report percentage goals for reducing its usage of water, electricity, transportation fuel, and natural gas. Per [34 Tex. Admin. Code §19.14 \(2016\)](#), these goals must be included in a comprehensive energy and water management plan (EWMP) submitted every fiscal year to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) by **Oct. 31**. This requirement is intended to streamline and standardize the energy reporting requirements of state agencies and institutions of higher education.

Please complete Section 2: Agency Information and Section 3: Providing Agency or Section 4: Tenant Agency, as applicable, for **Fiscal Year 2024**. Save this form as "EWMP-Agency Number-Agency-FY2023.docx" and return this form by email to seco.reporting@cpa.texas.gov no later than **Oct. 31**.

Please visit the [SECO's Energy and Reporting website](#) for more information. For questions about reporting, please contact: seco.reporting@cpa.texas.gov, or call: 844-519-5676.

Section 2: Agency Information

Please provide the name and number (if applicable) of the agency that is submitting an Energy and Water Management Plan.

Agency Name: Texas A&M University

Agency Number: 711

Other Agency's data in the report because of their location on the Texas A&M University campus include the following. This data has been historically reported with the College Station campus:

100% of Texas A&M Health Science Center (709) and parts of Texas A&M AgriLife Research (556), Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (555), Texas A&M Forest Service (576), Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory (557), Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (716), Texas A&M Transportation Institute (727), Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (712), RELLIS.

Please provide the contact information for the person(s) responsible for implementation of the recommendations in the plan and the contact information for the person(s) responsible for reporting and submitting the plan, if different.

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Section 3: Providing Agency

Does your agency occupy or manage a state-owned building and pay the utilities?

Yes No

If NO, please skip to [Section 4: Tenant Agency](#).

If YES, please complete the following:

Have you submitted, or will you be submitting by October 31, FY 2024, energy and water usage data for your agency and properties using the [ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager](#) tool?

Yes No

Progress Report

The Progress Report section must outline the progress of activities related to the implementation of projects from the previous Energy and Water Management Plan (if applicable), including continuation of or new preliminary energy audits, a summary of the results, utility efficiency and cost savings. Agencies should periodically conduct preliminary energy audits to identify new utility savings opportunities.

Texas A&M monitors energy consumption on a routine basis and uses the Source Energy Use Index (EUI) (Total Energy Use/Total GSF) as an indicator of performance along with total energy consumption. The FY02 source EUI for the campus was 364 and for FY24 was 204 or a reduction of 44%. Similar success can be seen in the overall energy consumption as compared to campus size. The total energy consumption in FY02 was 6.74 million mmBtu to serve 18.5 million GSF and for FY24, the total energy consumption was 6.42 million mmBtu to serve a campus that is 31.5 million GSF in size. Even though the campus grew by 70%, the overall energy consumption was reduced by 5%. It is estimated that the avoided cost over this period is in excess of \$360 million. The updated Utilities & Energy Services Master Plan has been initiated and will be completed in FY25.

Texas A&M has seen equally impressive results for water conservation and water use reduction efforts. In FY91, the campus used 3,462 million gallons of water annually with a campus size estimated to be 12.5 million GSF. In FY24, the campus used 1,911 million gallons for a campus size of 31.5 million GSF or a volume reduction of over 45% while the campus grew by 152%. Using the more recent FY02 baseline of 18.5 million GSF, the campus used 1,787 million gallons. In FY24, the campus size grew to 31.5 million GSF and consumed 1,911 million gallons of water for a volume increase of 7% while the campus grew by 70%.

Fleet fuel consumption has risen compared to FY23. A continued an increase in departmental travel, combined with more transit service hours, an increase in transit miles driven, and an aging fleet, have all contributed to the higher fuel usage.

Goals

The Goals section must summarize the future goals for utility conservation. Pursuant to [Texas Government Code §447.009](#), each state agency and institution of higher education shall set percentage goals for reducing the agency's or institution's use of water, electricity, transportation fuels and natural gas. The percentage goal should state a target year and reference the target goal relative to a benchmark year.

The 2018 Texas A&M University Sustainability Master plan calls for an EUI reduction of 192 in FY17 to 174 in FY28. The EUI reduction includes both natural gas and electricity so the target year, benchmark year and percentage goal for both is the same which is 9%. It is important to point out that when compared to the original baseline of FY02, the reduction percentage goal is an outstanding 50% for the 25-year performance period.

Water consumption has been dramatically reduced by 45% since FY91 while the campus grew by 148%. Additional water reduction is not likely with the continued campus growth.

Utility	Target Year	Benchmark Year	Percentage Goal
Water	FY28	FY20	0%
Electricity	FY28	FY18	9%
Transportation Fuels	FY26	FY19	5%
Natural Gas	FY28	FY18	9%

*Texas Government Code Section 388.005(c) and (f). Entities who began energy conservation tracking prior to September 1, 2007 or in attainment areas, may substitute their own electricity benchmark year.

Strategy for Achieving Goals

The Strategy section must describe how the agency or institution plans to prioritize and implement cost effective utility efficiency measures in order to meet the established utility conservation goals.

The previous Utilities & Energy Services Master Plan was completed in 2017, which documented and justified \$47 million in production and major infrastructure capital improvements and replacements. The plan also focused on ensuring that the Building Automation Systems (BAS) in the campus buildings are up to date. There are some buildings on campus in which the BAS panels are older and no longer available which can lead to reliability issues. This project was completed in FY22. The BAS is crucial in maintaining building environmental conditions and energy conservation. In FY23, the updated Utilities & Energy Services Master Plan has been initiated but was on hold in FY24 and will be completed in FY25. This Master Plan will concentrate more on reviewing major infrastructure capital improvements and replacements.

In FY16, the University went operational with a chilled water optimization program. In FY24, this program was disabled due to the migration of Plant operating system and BAS operating system, which made the communication between the two systems unavailable. To still achieve part of the consumption reduction previously achieved, sequences of chiller operation were reviewed and will be implemented in FY25 especially during non-summer months. VFD chillers will be run first to improve the overall chiller efficiency during these months. Also in FY24, two new high efficiency chillers were installed and ready to be used in FY25.

Another approach to be pursued in FY25 is to manage the excessive losses in our production facilities across all systems. Reliability and system maintenance have been the main theme in our production operation in FY24. Equipment and system issues have been identified and worked on. The combination of efficiency oriented operating plan, regular system maintenance, and infrastructure improvements and replacements will reduce the production energy consumption portion.

The Energy Performance Improvement (EPI) program operates in close coordination with departments from select buildings, and was designed to reduce energy consumption and avoid cost. In total, the four buildings in the pilot program combined to reduced utility cost by \$500,000 during the one year program. Based on the success of the pilot program, an expanded EPI Program was implemented in FY19. The EPI Program has two primary objectives: 1) Raise awareness and identify opportunities for improved efficiency and sustainability through engagement with facility occupants and stakeholders, 2) Implement energy system technical solutions, with occupant engagement and participation, to improve facility operating efficiency and reduce energy consumption and cost. As of August 31, 2024, the program included (14) buildings that have avoided over \$10 million in cost, or over \$7 million when program operating cost is deducted. Three more buildings are scheduled to go through EPI program in FY25.

In addition to identifying opportunities to improve operating efficiency of building HVAC, BAS, and lighting systems, UES is evaluating opportunities to more precisely regulate the face velocity associated with over 1,000 fume hoods located on the Texas A&M University campus – to ensure safe operation with improved energy efficiency.

The University uses the EnergyCAP program to track all utility cost by building, by utility, and by customer across the College Station campus. In addition, the campus uses the Schneider PME system to make data from all meters across the campus available in real-time to provide feedback to technicians when making efficiency improvements.

To reduce fuel consumption, the Fleet continues to "rightsize" the fleet by collaborating with departments to replace older vehicles and helping them find replacements that better meet their needs while improving fuel efficiency. The fleet continues to recommend electric and hybrid vehicles whenever possible. Even though we put 34 new buses and three electric buses in operation in FY22, UES still has older diesel buses in operation. Transit continues to work on their bus replacement plan. In FY24, Transit was also awarded a grant to purchase 4 to 5 new electric buses but these buses may not be in operation until FY26.

Implementation Schedule

The Implementation Schedule section must outline a proposed timeline for implementing utility cost reduction measures and a strategy for monitoring utility savings of the installed utility measures.

Texas A&M University has installed meters on all buildings over 5,000 GSF in size and monitors and records the energy and water consumed in these buildings. On a monthly basis, this consumption is compared to modeled consumption to find any deviations from the baseline. Furthermore, all campus consumption is billed to the E&G, auxiliary, or agency function housed in the space to ensure not only proper cost recovery but also to raise awareness of the cost to operate the facility and allow for needed tuning and adjustment.

Fleet replacement continues and more electric vehicle options are becoming more available.

Finance Strategy

The Finance Strategy section must describe how the agency or institution plans to obtain funding for the recommended utility cost reduction measures. This section should show the estimated cost of all projects and the funding sources to be used.

Texas A&M has leveraged the SECO loan program to implement many of the energy efficiency results in the buildings. To date, the University has leveraged five loans that total over \$29 million since January 2012. In addition, the University invests in production and distribution upgrades that are capitalized and recovered through utility rates that are charged to all campus agencies, auxiliaries and E&G functions.

For fleet purchases, the campus continues to utilize cooperative purchasing contracts and the TxSmartbuy to purchase vehicles. Outreach is also made to pursue grant opportunities to assist in the purchase of electric vehicles.

Transportation Fuel Consumption (if applicable)

If your agency maintains one or more state-owned vehicles and **does not** report fuel usage via the [Texas Fleet System](#), document the total gallons of transportation fuel used by your facility and fleet vehicles below.

Does your agency maintain one or more state-owned vehicles? Yes No

Does your agency report its fuel usage via the [Texas Fleet System](#)? Yes No No Vehicles

Transportation Fuel Type	Amount
Unleaded Gasoline*	325.97 kgal
Diesel	545.03 kgal
Bio-Diesel	0.00
E85 (Flex Fuel)	0.00
Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)	0.00
Unleaded for Gas Hybrids	0.492 kgal
Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG)	0.00
Ethanol	0.00

*Do not include unleaded gasoline for gasoline hybrids

Employee Awareness Plan

The Employee Awareness Plan section must outline how the agency will make employees aware of utility cost reduction measures, both directly (affecting change in behavior) and indirectly (not designed to affect behavior).

Texas A&M University has one program that focus on Employee Awareness and Engagement, the Energy Performance Improvement (EPI) program. Working in close coordination with departments from select buildings, the pilot program was designed to reduce energy consumption and avoid cost. In total, the four buildings in the pilot program combined to reduced utility cost by \$500,000 during the one year program. Based on the success of

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Section 4: Tenant Agency

Progress Report

The Progress Report section must outline the progress of the implementation of projects from the previous Energy and Water Management Plan or Resource Efficiency Plan (if applicable), including a summary of the results of the projects in terms of utility efficiency and cost savings.

Does not apply

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Diesel	click to enter use in kgal
Bio-Diesel	click to enter use in kgal
E85 (Flex Fuel)	click to enter use in kgal
Compressed Natural Gas (CNG)	click to enter use in kgal
Unleaded for Gas Hybrids	click to enter use in kgal
Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG)	click to enter use in kgal
Ethanol	click to enter use in kgal

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The Employee Awareness Plan section must outline how the agency will make employees aware of direct utility consumption. Plans might include employee training, signage or recognition programs.

click to enter your agency's Employee Awareness Plan