



## **Produced Water Statement of Support**

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TAGD supports efforts to reuse and recycle produced water for beneficial use within the oil and gas industry as an alternative to disposal through underground injection. Produced water may offer future opportunities for beneficial use outside the industry to meet water demands as long as the produced water is treated to meet all water quality and groundwater protection standards applicable under current law and agency rules prior to use. TAGD supports continued development and refinement of appropriate standards and technology to treat produced water. TAGD further supports continued research and analysis into possible risks to health and the environment to ensure appropriate safeguards are put in place to protect public health and source waters within the state prior to potential reuse of produced water outside the oil and gas industry. This statement of support is not intended to express any position with respect to issues regarding the ownership of produced water, surface water discharges of treated produced water, or potable reuse of produced water.