

**SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM  
RESOURCE PROTECTION AND COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT  
2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North, San Antonio, TX 78212**

**CATEGORY REQUESTS & AQUIFER PROTECTION PLAN REQUESTS**

**Contact Person:** Gregory James, SAWS, (210) 233-3520, (210) 233-3056  
**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) 233-3516.  
**Category Determination:** Request should be made prior to Water Pollution Abatement Plans (WPAP), platting and building permit approvals.  
**SAWS web site:** [http://www.saws.org/our\\_water/ResourceProtComp/Aquifer\\_Protection/](http://www.saws.org/our_water/ResourceProtComp/Aquifer_Protection/)

**Designates Projects as:**

<b>Category 1:</b>	• Grandfathered - 100 % impervious cover
<b>Category 2:</b>	• 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
<b>Category 3:</b>	• 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

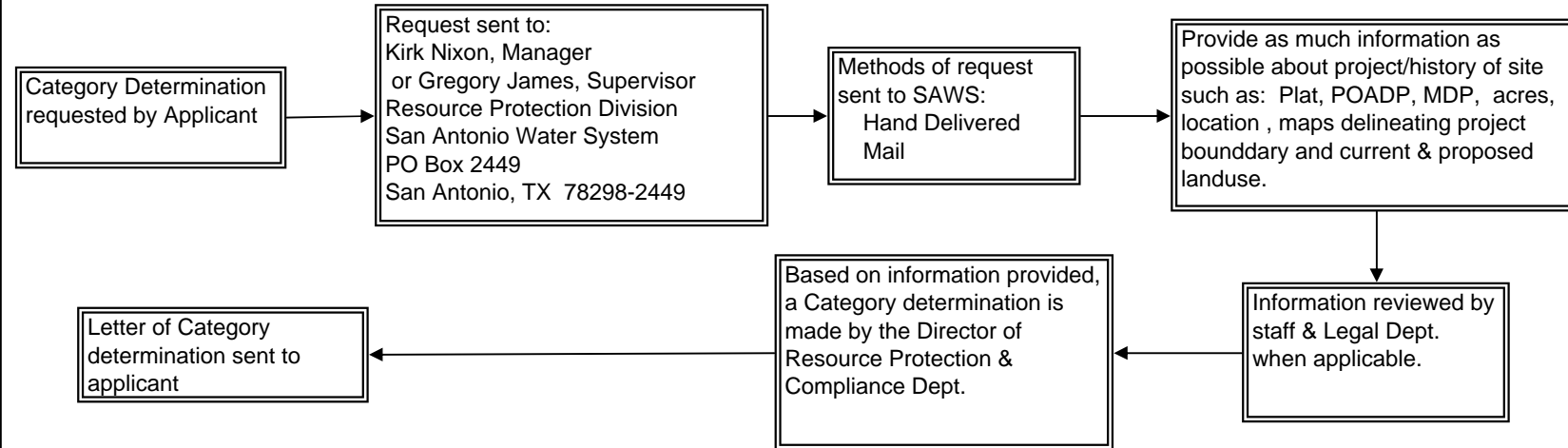
**Buffering required:** See Aquifer Protection Ordinance # 81491 for requirements  
 May Include:  
 Caves (Recharge Zone), Floodplains (Recharge Zone & Contributing Zone)  
 • Projects located within the Contributing Zone in Bexar County  
 • Projects located within the ETJ of the City of San Antonio  
 • 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

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**AQUIFER PROTECTION PLAN (AqPP) REQUESTS**

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