

Drinking Water Advisory Council Meeting Minutes January 19, 2016

In attendance: Paulette Akers (DEP-DCA); Rob Campbell (ACEC), Justin Carey (DPH-PHPS), John Dix (WCWD), Annette DuPont Ewing (KMUA), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Gary Larimore (KRWA), Donna McNeil (KRWA), David Moore (PPC-DP), Kimberly Padgett (RCAP), Julie Roney (FPB-KWVOA), Kay Sanborn (KYTNA), Larry Taylor (DEP-DCA), Jack Wang (LWC)

Division of Water (DOW): Peter Goodmann, Director; Tom Gabbard, Asst. Director; Jory Becker, Carole Catalfo, Brian Chitti, Sarah Gaddis

The meeting came to order at 1:15 p.m.

Introductions

The group shared introductions and by consensus agreed to amend the agenda as needed.

Announcements

Paulette Akers informed the group that the Division of Compliance Assistance is offering trainings on March 6 in Frankfort and March 17 in Princeton. More information will be distributed to the DWAC by email.

Review Agenda

By consensus, the DWAC agreed to amend the agenda to include discussions regarding Water Quality Monitoring, HABs, and the Flint, Michigan lead issue in today's meeting.

November 2015 draft meeting minutes

Kim Padgett's name needs to be removed from the list of attendees at the November meeting.

Subcommittees and membership

Kay Sanborn distributed an organizational chart of DWAC and its committees. The group agreed that it should be entitled "Drinking Water Advisory Council" (rather than Committee), and form Committees and Workgroups (rather than Subcommittees and Workgroups). Workgroups will work on specific issues designated by each Committee.

Not every constituent needs to have a representative on every committee, however, at least one DWAC member should serve on every committee to act as a liaison between the committees and DWAC. Each Agenda should have Committee reports as a topic.

The group agreed that the Education/Workforce Development committees and HAB committees of DWAC and WWAC should be combined. Paulette Akers will chair the Education & Workforce Development Committee.

Source Water Committee – Julie Roney will serve as Chair; Rob Blair will be the DOW representative. Emerging Issues will become a Workgroup within the SW Committee.

Infrastructure Sustainability will become a new committee. Adam Scott (in absentia) was nominated as chair, with Jory Becker serving as the DOW liaison. The IS Committee will revive the Capacity & Development workgroup.

Compliance/Regulation Committee – Kim Padgett discussed the work that the Committee did in 2014 and 2015, and the potential for an RTCR Level I and II Assessment SOP. She will email the CCR template and checklist. Water Quality Management will become a Workgroup within the C/R Committee.

Committee Chairs will recruit Committee members and need to have their membership rosters to Kay Sanborn by February 1.

Positive Train Control Status

Carole will email the status of this issue to the Council.

Terroristic Threats To Water Supplies and Cybersecurity Issues

The group briefly discussed the use of an online simulator game and the potential use of drones that could pose threats to security. Donna McNeil will provide the group with information regarding a Webinar about data breaches to be held on January 21.

Water Quality Monitoring

Peter Goodman explained that the Division is considering asking facilities for assistance in monitoring source water. This information could be used in decision-making as the Division develops numeric Nutrient criteria. The group was asked to consider providing the information and where data use would be most beneficial. There will be further discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

Flint, Michigan Lead Issue

The group discussed how the Flint issue arose, the amount of time needed to convert sources, the federal Lead & Copper Rule requirements, sampling, and Kentucky's excellent compliance rate. The group wants to make sure protocols are appropriate, measures are in place to deal with any issues, but agreed that the biggest risk is an emergency interconnection. The group discussed developing an FAQ.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.