

Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup Meeting - Minutes

May 9, 2022 2:00 pm

Virtual GoTo Meeting

Workgroup Member Attendance:

Alicia Jacobs, Kentucky Division of Water (DOW), Co-Chair
Amy Stoffer, NKWD/KY-TN AWWA, Co-Chair
Greg Heitzman, Bluewater Kentucky
Jennifer Burt, Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH)
Mike Gardner, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities (BGMU)
Sarah Jon Gaddis, DOW
Justin Sensabaugh, Kentucky American Water Company
Brad Montgomery, CDM Smith
Tom Rockaway, University of Louisville

Absent Workgroup Members:

Obe Cox, Carroll County Water District
Jacob Northington, Paducah Water Works
Emily Fritz, Louisville Water Co. (LWC)

Other Attendees:

Brian Claar, City of Nicholasville
London Utility Commission (Phone-in)
April Reed-Warriner, Paducah Water
Joe Watson, Glasgow Water Company
Autumn Gibson, LWC
Ross Guffey
Sandy Williams, Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
Arianna Lageman, KRWA
Chris Bobay, LWC
Spencer Bruce, LWC
Peter Goodmann, LWC
Josh Callihan, Barbourville Utility Commission
Bob Amato, Nicholasville Utilities
Annette DuPont-Ewing
Georgetown Municipal Water and Sewer
James Noel, Princeton Water
Chris Pesut, Mt. Sterling Water and Sewer
Kim Padgett, RCAP
Cheyton Pendley, Green River ADD
Jenny Moss, HWEA
Ameerah Palacios, HDR
Samantha Vogeler, DOW
Jeremy Wood, GMWSS
Christy Twyman, BGMU
Doug Kimbler, BGMU
Ron Lovan, NKWD
Amber Agee, DPH
Maggie Mahan, RCAP
Russell Neal, DOW
Nicholasville Utilities (Phone call-in)
John Lyons, EEC
James Bates, LWC
Gabe Tanner, DOW
Johnathan Moor, NKWD
Kay Sanborn, KY-TN AWWA
Mary Carol Wagner, NKWD
Daryl Mulder, GMWSS
Lindsey Rehtin, NKWD
Daren Thompson, Lebanon Water
Donna McNeil, KY Water Resources Research Institute
Jory Becker, DOW
Robin Kinney, KY Department of Education
Julia Harrod, DOW
Scot Treece, LaGrange Utilities Commission
Sharmista Dutta, Frankfort Plant Board

Minutes from 10 January, 2022 approved as-is.

DW SRF updates (Russell Neal)

Infrastructure Sustainability Committee met in March to discuss guidance for prioritization for LSLI and LSLR funds

KIA and DOW are figuring out how to look at disadvantaged communities and also how to allocate additional funds for DWSRF.

Looking at possibly using tiered points system for projects:

For potential tiered system, points provided for:

- Having a completed LSLI
- LSL replacements
- Lead testing
- POU filters
- Being a disadvantaged community
- If system is under AO for lead levels
- Asset inventory
- Capital improvement plans
- Strategic plan

Tiered approach for population level possible as well

Next call for projects for BIL funding, at very least beginning in September 2022

There is not a minimum level of points for funding necessarily

A lot of points will be given for having an inventory, doing replacements, disadvantaged communities

Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI) and Replacement sub-group (Chris Bobay)

LSLI committee developed an inventory template - contains required sections, and optional sections for systems to fill in to help narrow down their documents.

Waiting on EPA guidance.

Next meeting on June 21st at 10:30am.

This sub-group will be tackling LSLR plan going forward.

Discussion

Up to 49% of funds available as forgivable loans

Will the basis for forgivable loans be viewed on statewide basis or project basis?

Need to determine which method would be best for the state.

If replacing lead lines, it's required to replace private side at the same time as the utility-owned side.

How are we dealing with customers who are not open to having contractors on their property? If a

system wants to use SRF funds for only public side of the line, that may not be eligible.

Might need to look into other funding sources when it comes to private side.

Definition of disadvantaged community?

[Explore the map - Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(geoplatform.gov\)](https://geoplatform.gov)

Screening tool for climate and economic justice. Discussed whether this could be used to understand 'disadvantaged community' (no resolution during discussion).

What documentation does the state (DOW, KIA) need to show effort to get customer to cooperate.

Could some of the funds be used to develop Best Management Practices for statewide use?

Scheduling of future workgroup meetings

Small System Workgroup – meet before June 27 meeting

Sampling - Jul/Aug

Procedures - Jul/Aug

Schools/Childcare - Jul/Aug

Corrosion Control Treatment subgroup chair is Brad Montgomery.