

**Drinking Water Advisory Council
Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup
Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2016**

In attendance: Greg Heitzman, Chair (BWK), Jennifer Burt (DPH), Obe Cox (CCW), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Gary Larimore (KRWA), Ron Lovan (NKYW), Brad Montgomery (ACEC), Bill Robertson (PWWKY), Thomas Rockaway (UofL), Kay Sanborn (KYTN-AWWA), Rengao Song (LWC), Brian Thomas (MWD)

Division of Water (DOW): Peter Goodmann, Director; Tom Gabbard, Asst. Director; Carole Catalfo, Internal Policy Analyst

The meeting began at 4:00 p.m. EST via conference call.

1. Introductions

Peter Goodmann led the group introductions and roll call.

2. Background & group establishment

Peter Goodmann explained the reasons for forming the workgroup, including the recent publicity and issues surrounding lead in drinking water prompted by the Flint, Sebring, and Jackson events. The Division wanted a coordinated effort by a diverse panel to examine where Kentucky currently stands, where future action might need to be taken, and eventually develop recommendations if appropriate. He noted that it appears Kentucky is in better shape than most states and that the Division wants to take a proactive approach, but also encouraged the panel not to be reluctant to offer criticism where it is warranted.

3. Workgroup Scope and Timeline

Greg Heitzman reviewed the scope of the workgroup to include issues such as making sure the group has the most recent health information regarding lead, sources of lead in drinking water, understanding water and treatment chemistry, defining partial vs. total lead service line (LSL) replacement, and consensus regarding public lines, which are the responsibility of the system, vs. private lines, which are the responsibility of the property owner. He indicated that much of the information is already available but will need to be collected and consolidated into a useful format. The group agreed that developing inventories will be challenging. The group identified other resources and issues to address, including local ordinances and PDA offices, financing (which is being placed under Resources), operator education regarding treatment, corrosion control, and sampling, and the role of other utility workers, such as electricians. Additionally, members should review the EPA letter to Commissioner Scott in which the EPA encourages taking near-term action in five areas, and add them to the workgroup scope.

4. Deliverables

The group envisions developing a report and recommendations, based on Division of Water data and other resources, that will be delivered to Peter Goodmann. The AWWA and RWA will be resources for information collection and distribution.

5. Timeline

The group reached consensus that each meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. EST, until approximately July or August 2016. An Outlook invitation will be sent and minutes will be in summary form. Members should designate a substitute if a member will be unavailable for an extended period of time. Tom Gabbard will provide technical assistance, and Whitley Brown and Carole Catalfo will provide administrative support. Any outside inquiries regarding the workgroup should be directed to Peter Goodmann and Greg Heitzman.

6. Resources

The group discussed areas in which outside expertise may be needed as the workgroup addresses identified issues.

7. Workgroup Member Input

The Chair facilitated a round-robin of specific areas of interest of each group member. Members complimented the Division of Water for convening the group and being proactive with the issue of lead in drinking water. Peter Goodmann indicated that the intention is to work with the EPA to prevent an overcorrection regarding its Lead and Copper Rule. The Chair requested that Jennifer Burt of DPH talk to the group about current health information, when and how lead reports are submitted to the health departments, and educational resources available through the DPH at the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Next Meeting

April 6, 2016 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.