

**Drinking Water Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016**

In attendance: Paulette Akers (DEP-DCA), Angela Billings (DPH), Rob Campbell (ACEC), Annette DuPont Ewing (KMUA), Mike Gardner (BGMU), David Goodrum (Proxy; KWWOA), Gary Larimore (KRWA), Kim Padgett (RCAP), Roger Recktenwald (KACO), Kay Sanborn (KYTNAWWA), Rengao Song (LWC), David Spenard (PSC)

Division of Water (DOW): Jory Becker, Rob Blair, Chloe Brantley, Tom Gabbard (Asst. Director), Sarah Gaddis, Peter Goodman (Director), Shawn Hokanson, Samantha Kaiser, Joe Uliasz

Public Attendees: Jeff Cummins (DENF), Ed Fortner (BMU), Greg Heitzman (BWK), Anthony Hollingsworth (RD), Amy Kramer (NKWD), Donna McNeil (KRWA), Vince Monks (LWC), Jason Pennell (PSC), Brian Rice (PSC), Russ Romine (ACEC), Jessica Wilhoite (DCA), Mike West (EEC/OGC)

Introductions

Peter Goodmann welcomed everyone and lead introductions.

Announcements

Samantha Kaiser discussed the new DWAC website (<http://water.ky.gov/DrinkingWater/Pages/dwac.aspx>) where all meeting documents and final meeting minutes will be posted.

Review Agenda

The committee reviewed the agenda. Mr. Goodmann will assign projects to each subcommittee.

September 2016 Meeting Minutes

The committee approved the September 2016 meeting minutes by consensus.

Submetering (Peter Goodmann)

Mr. Goodmann discussed determining whether an apartment complex should be consider a Public Water Supply (PWS) if it submetered units. Utilities currently do not go on the private side of main meters, so there are significant concerns with the unknowns of infrastructure, cross connections, etc. There will be pressure from the administration to make a decision. EPA's policy towards apartments and condos is short and there is no information for connections after the master meter.

The committee discussed the concerns with mobile home parks and agreed that apartment complexes and office structures would be considered different issues than mobile home parks.

WIFA Rules (Kay Sanborn)

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act is scheduled to be signed today. The bill includes the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) which includes twenty million dollars to be appropriated for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects. Mr. Goodman will distribute a summary of the WIIN Act to the committee once it is signed.

Drinking Water Action Plan (Tom Gabbard and Jory Becker)

Tom Gabbard, Jory Becker, and Commissioner Aaron Keatley have been working together to develop a Drinking Water Action Plan. They are currently identifying data sources and developing an infrastructure matrix. The Plan is expected to be developed by April 30, 2017.

Subgroups Report Out Assignments

Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup (Greg Heitzman)

The Lead in Drinking Water (LIDW) Workgroup is a sub-group of the DWAC with a diverse group of individuals organized into eight subgroups. The LIDW has met several times and discussed public health, regulatory/legislative, treatment/corrosion control, distribution/piping, and will include financing at its next meeting. Kentucky is currently in complete compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule. The LIDW is expected to continue meeting monthly until June 2017, when it will report back to DWAC with a water treatment draft. The hope is to have a high level endorsement from the DWAC group. The LIDW workgroup has been discussing the difference in compliance samples and special samples.

Other states have been sending letters to utilities for inventories of infrastructure. Kentucky has not sent letters, but is expecting pressure from the administration to gather information. The DWAC committee should discuss this at its next meeting.

Mr. Goodman gave a presentation at the Natural Resources Committee on the DWAC and LIDW workgroup. This presentation will be shared with the committee.

Compliance/Regulation (Kim Padgett)

The subcommittee met twice since the last meeting. The subcommittee is working on stage 2 DPBs issues with six-hour training sessions for small systems in March 2017. The training session agenda will include training, distribution, break-out sessions, case studies, and more. Speakers and participants are currently being recruited. The subcommittee needs to submit a request to the DCA for CEUs to be approved.

Sarah Gaddis discussed Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), monitoring, and reporting violations. DOW is working with systems to decrease the number of violations. Once systems receive eleven points they are referred to enforcement. When laboratories have submittal errors they are referred to the Laboratory Certification Section and then receive a Laboratory Accountability letter. The laboratory must submit a corrective action plan (CAP), which outlines why the error occurred and what steps will be taken to prevent this error from happening again. DOW reviews the CAP and approves or denies the response. The laboratory must submit a revised report and then the violation can be rescinded by the rule manager. Shawn Hokanson discussed the changes that will be coming once SDWIS Prime is launched. The systems will know immediately if information is kicked out and will be notified immediately if additional sampling is required. There is currently no date for launch.

Infrastructure Sustainability (Donna McNeil)

The subcommittee added more members, but has not met. The subcommittee should discuss the small systems initiative and how small systems will be sustainable in a modern era, and should define a small system. This subcommittee should have a joint effort with the Wastewater Advisory Council.

Source Water Protection

The subcommittee has not met yet.

Rob Blair discussed DOW's Source Water Protection Program. DOW is evaluating the programs, well heads, and surface waters; identifying partners within the Division and re-establishing partnership with other agencies, and private individuals; and involving and receiving feedback from other programs and the public.

The Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission's (ORSANCO) Source Water Protection is refocusing efforts into a bigger role. The committee would like to discuss the UCMR3 and UCMR4 at the next DWAC meeting. The cost for some contaminants can cost more than \$15,000, which is very expensive for systems that are on the EPA's list with populations greater than 10,000 people as of December 31, 2015. DOW should look into updating systems populations that could have a sustainability problem with this increased cost.

Join Committee with WWAC: Education/Workforce (Paulette Akers)

The Education & Apprenticeship subcommittee met in October. It is developing a brochure on how to recruit new operators. The subcommittee is determining how to educate elected officials on the importance of operator succession planning and recruiting new operators, and discussed developing short training videos/tutorials for operators.

Capacity Development Strategy (Peter Goodmann)

DOW is revisiting the Capacity Development Strategy, which is one of the topics that developed the DWAC. Russell Neal and Donna McNeil met to discuss the Capacity Development Strategy. The committee should discuss this at the next DWAC meeting.

Next Meeting March 14, 2017, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm ET, Training Room C