Drinking Water Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2016

In attendance: Paulette Akers (DEP-DCA), Angela Billings (DPH), Lloyd R. Cress, Jr. (Dinsmore), Lisa Detherage (KWWOA), Annette DuPont Ewing (KMU), Jennifer Fell (PSC), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Jocelyn Gross (KIA), Aaron Keatley (EEC Commissioner) Ryan Leisey (Proxy; WCWD), Donna McNeil (Proxy; KRWA), Kim Padgett (RCAP), Roger Recktenwald (KAG), Kay Sanborn (KYNAWVA), Justin Sensabaugh (KAW), Rengao Song (Proxy; LWC)

Division of Water (DOW): Jory Becker, Chloe Brantley, Tom Gabbard, Asst. Director, Sarah Gaddis, Samantha Kaiser

Public Attendees: Jarrod Bell (DAQ), Gregory T. Dutton (Goldberg Simpson), Ed Fortner (BMU), Emily Ohde (DCA), Adam Scott (Cann Tech), Betty Whitaker (KYMHI)

Introductions

Tom Gabbard welcomed everyone to the new 300 Sower Blvd building and reminded everyone to sign in. Everyone introduced themselves.

Announcements

Samantha Kaiser was introduced as the new recorder, replacing Carole Catalfo. The Division of Water has had some employee changes, Joe Uliasz is the new Compliance and Technical Assistance Supervisory and Russel Neal is the new supervisor of Capacity Development. Bruce Scott is the new Deputy Secretary of EEC and Aaron Keatley is now the Commissioner of EEC. A short tour of building after the meeting was offered.

Jory Becker discussed the ongoing issue of wastewater treatment plant abandonment and will give a presentation at a future meeting to discuss how the Division is dealing with this issue. The Water Infrastructure Branch is in the process of making final documents available on the e-search portal. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to Jory Becker.

The Division of Water is currently reviewing, consolidating, and removing regulations as part of the Red Tape Reduction Initiative.

Open Meeting Rules

All DWAC meetings will now be open to the public. Minutes from each meeting will be available once they have been approved. An open meeting notice will be posted 24 hours before meetings by EEC

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

March 2016 Meeting Minutes

The March 2016 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.
**Review Sub-groups Assignments and Schedule**

Sarah Gaddis discussed the Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) sub-group updates. DBPs violations have been increasing each year. The sub-group will be scheduling a meeting.

The Capacity Development sub-group did not have anything to report. The council wanted to discuss the history of capacity development. The council was formed because 20% of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) forms strategy needed to be revised. The council revised the three year strategy but the draft was never submitted to the EPA. There have been many discussions since then, but no implementation. This discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

**PFOA, PFOS, and Health Advisory**

Rengao Song discussed the EPAs new health advisory perchlorate number as of May 2016, which are lower than previous numbers, PFO is 0.4 ppb and PFOA is 0.2 ppb. There have not been historical problems with Kentucky systems or with the river levels. Louisville Water has been monitoring the PFOs and PFOAs and will continue to monitor the levels.

There is currently little data on PFOS and PFOAS. Previously PFOS and PFOAS presented no issues, but items that need to be addressed are, how health advisories would be issued, how data will be collected, and which systems should be monitoring more often or whether all systems need to monitor.

**EPA’s Inspector General Report – March 2016**

Samantha Kaiser sent the EPA’s IG investigation from earlier this spring to the members. The EPA identified issues with drinking water monitoring data and as a result the EPA is evaluating how SDWA primacy states monitor and report drinking water sampling results.

**RICE Rule and Registration for Generators**

Jarrod Bell discussed the Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) Rule issued by the EPA. This rule applies to stationary engines only and establishes various requirements depending on the age, size, horsepower, etc. There are a few exemptions to this rule. Not many wastewater plants have registered their engines and generators, which can be registered with DAQ. The EPA has a flowchart that can be found at [www.epa.gov/region1/RICE](http://www.epa.gov/region1/RICE) to help distinguish if your device needs to be registered or a permitted. Emily Ohde explained that DCA has a program to help facilities register engines and apply for permits, if needed. Contact envhelp@ky.gov for more information about that program.

**Next Meeting**

The DWAC need to meet at least quarterly. DWAC meetings will return to the regularly scheduled date, the second Tuesday of the last month of each quarter. The next meeting will be Tuesday December 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. EST at 300 Sower Blvd, Training Room C.