

PFAS Subcommittee Meeting Notes

6/23/26, 10:00 AM

Attendees:

Logsdon, Jackie (EEC)
Booth, Dale M (EEC)
Osterman, Stefanie C (EEC)
Heather King (Unverified)
Caywood, Sarah (EEC)
Stewart, Kevin R (EEC)
James Noel
Thompson, Josh
Jason Petersen
Traylor, Madeline E (EEC)
James's Notetaker (Otter.ai) (Unverified)
Givan, Ethan (EEC)
Arnold, Melanie (EEC)
Matt Thompson
Maggie M. Neal (Guest)
Bryant, Shannon M (EEC)
Cress, Rusty
Roberts, Kevin (Guest)
Dowling, Elizabeth F (EEC)
Daymond Talley
Arianna Lageman (KRWA) (Unverified)
Montgomery, Brad
read.ai meeting notes (Unverified)
Dutta, Sharmista
Gordon, Garrett
Caleb Lowry
Doug Kimbler
Marshall Carrier
Neal, Russell S (KIA)
Alicia M Jacobs (Guest)

Agenda and Minutes:

1. Proposed PFAS Rules Presentation – Jackie Logsdon
2. Questions/Discussion on Proposed Revisions

Maggie Neal: With additional control measures are they going to start putting out more SRF money? Because a lot of this is going to come down to funding.

Jackie Logsdon: Yes, a lot will come down to funding. They have not announced any additional funding.

Maggie Neal: will that be considered if that do not have the funds?

Jackie Logsdon: I don't know. But in Kentucky, only a few water systems with a result above 12 ppt.

Maggie Neal: If a system doesn't get everything corrected and they apply for the exemption, and they have to supply filters, what about their consecutive systems?

Jackie Logsdon: With the criteria they've listed and the requirement to include consecutive systems, I don't know if that is being considered. We need more clarification.

Maggie Neal: KY is unique because it heavily consolidated, and they must do a PN if their producing system applies for the exemption.

Jackie Logsdon: This is not detailed in the proposed rule, but in the existing Safe Drinking Water Act, the system is required to have a public hearing that must be scheduled by the time the request for exemption is made.

Ariana Lageman: Systems in KY who were granted an extension on compliance with stage two DBPs, also had to go through the same process.

Maggie Neal: Is there any state PFAS regulations, just drinking water?

Ariana Lageman: A legislator in the state was trying to encourage the state to make an official database of anybody who is potentially using PFAS chemicals to identify potential point sources, that is not limited to drinking water. This is not finalized. There was a meeting in Frankfort about two weeks ago.

Rusty Cress: I testified on behalf of industry at the committee meeting, and it applies to almost everything. It is very much the same as the one proposed five years ago. I don't know what kind of legs it's got but puts all the study obligations on the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and just use EEC as a resource. The feds are already doing the work with background research.

Maggie Neal: Is there a feeling if they're going to do both proposed rules or pick a specific one?

Jackie Logsdon: We are hoping for both. Maybe they were separated due to the litigation. But since they are proposed only, there will be a public comment period and likely final revisions. This took a year for the 2024 PFAS rule. EPA said they are aiming for the end of this year, but that seems optimistic

Maggie Neal: Any more discussion about wastewater?

Melanie Arnold: They had mentioned again making an effluent limit guideline for the chemical manufacturing industry. I haven't heard any updates. We haven't heard

any updates on the human health criteria for surface water, still in draft form. On the wastewater side, the ELG for the one set, and then they mentioned more guidance on biosolids and destruction of PFAS.

Maggie Neal: is there any discussion with or within the Cabinet between divisions like waste management? I am preparing to do solid waste stuff, which is also a hot topic in the industry.

Melanie Arnold: We have a voluntary support program for biosolids and wastewater sampling. There was a joint resolution that encouraged us to provide support for wastewater discharges. There are no federal regulations so it's hard to give solid advice about anything. They can reach out to water@ky.gov if interested.

Rusty Cress: We were having an issue with PFAS in leachate, which was impetus behind Senate Joint Resolution 149 from two years ago.

3. PFAS OUT—EPA's PFAS OUTreach Initiative

4. Discussion on Subgroups (Bench/Pilot Studies, Funding, Communications)

Jackie Logsdon: Do we still need subgroup meetings? What do the water systems need?

Maggie Neal: Since PNs and CCRs start next year, a website like the lead website would be good. Maybe meet once a year?

Ariana Lageman: I don't think a communication subgroup is necessary. Maybe materials for systems during exemptions could help, but it would be overkill.

Maggie Neal: Are you presenting at WPC about where PFAS stands right now?

Jackie Logsdon: No, we are on the agenda for the Kentucky Rural Water conference.

Maggie Neal: I haven't looked at the state page in a while. Is there a site like the lead website?

Jackie Logsdon: We have information about the PFAS rule on the compliance page, the DEP PFAS page, the EC-SDC website, and the PFAS Explorer that are recently updated.

Ariana Lageman: Does this subcommittee want to provide public comment period for the proposed rules? I don't know if the state intends to make any comments, but do we want to put something together as a group or are we already over it?

Alicia Jacobs: Already over it, but I like the engagement of the subgroups.

Jackie Logsdon: I don't think this group will create a list of comments, but we can come back together before July 20th for a discussion. Send me an email if anyone is interested.

Maggie Neal: I think adding information to the consumer page could help.

Jackie Logsdon: We can take a look at it. If I do get any additional information that is beneficial, I will reach out to the group to schedule a call.

5. Determine next meeting date & time:

Waiting for proposed rule updates to schedule next meeting. Jackie Logsdon will send notice before scheduling the next meeting.