

Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup Meeting - Minutes

April 29, 2024 1:00 pm EST

Hybrid format- In person at 300 Sower Blvd. and Zoom virtual meeting

Recording of meeting:

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

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Workgroup Member Attendance:

Alicia Jacobs, KY DOW

Elizabeth Dowling, KY DOW

Amy Stoffer, NKWD

Mary Carol Wagner, NKWD

Jennifer Burt, KDE

Jacob Northington, PWW

Brad Montgomery, American Engineers, Inc. (AEI)

Doug Kimbler, BGMU

Tom Rockaway, U of L

Emily Fritz, LWC

William Davis, Carrollton Utilities

Maggie Neal, RCAP

Absent Workgroup Members:

Sarah Gaddis, KY DOW

Greg Heitzman, Blue Water KY

Justin Sensabaugh, KY American Water

Other Attendees:

Ethan Givan

Eileen Miller

Cortni Edwards

Julia Harrod

Tekoyia Brown

Scott Young

Tyler Gaylon

Cheyne McCoy

Michael Caulley

Roy Gray

Kay Sanborn

Kelley Dearing Smith

Steve Cole

Chase Azevedo

Bob Money

Carole C.

Arianna Lageman

Elizabeth Gafford

Chris Bobay

Donna McNeil

Jim Tackett

Cheryl Harris

Sara Sgantas

Joey Bentley

Kem Blerd

Shelley Lowe

James Noel

Emily Fritz

Lindsey Rehtin

Todd Ritter

Channa Newman

Christy T.

John Moor

Amber Agee

Motion to approve the minutes from 01/29/24 postponed until next meeting to give everyone time to review minutes.

Summaries of Comments on LCRI:

Subgroups met numerous times to help provide valuable insight and information to compile comments for LCRI. DOW did not submit any comments, but many PWSs and others used these comments to help draft their own comments to submit to the EPA prior to the closure of the comment period. The full document of comments from the workgroup can be found on DOW Compliance page or through this [link](#).

Subgroup Survey Feedback:

- Subgroups need better/more specific guidance from DOW/Committee to provide direction of specific outputs that are needed from each workgroup
 - Response: DOW/Workgroup Committee will provide specific tasks for each subgroup and then the subgroup can expand from there as needed/they see fit
- There is a lot of overlap between subgroups (a lot of this may come from the small system subgroup being involved in every group)
 - Re-organize the sub-groups into 5 new subgroups
 - Suggested to re-visit the new subgroup assignments after LCRI is officially published- although no major changes are anticipated this would allow us to ensure our subgroups line up with the largest needs
- Need better descriptions of program and quantities available (assume this is referring to funding subgroup)
 - Response: Will continue to work cost estimates and sources of funding available in new subgroups
- Suggestion to share education materials created
 - DOW has shared Check Your Pipes KY materials on the website, through list serve, and mailed to PWSs as examples. If this is referring to PWSs sharing their examples to the subgroup/committee, we are looking at how to set up a common place for sharing resources (share drive, teams page, etc.)

5 New Subgroups, Leaders, and Initial Tasks:

- Sampling and find and fix (including schools, childcare centers, and tap sampling)
 - Lead: Emily Fritz, Louisville Water Company, efritz@louisvillewater.com
 - Tasks: develop guidance document(s) for water systems that want to begin tap sampling and sampling in schools/childcare centers before the new LCRI compliance deadlines (i.e., 2025-2027)
- Service line inventories
 - Lead: Cortni Edwards, DOW, Cortni.edwards@ky.gov
 - Tasks: work with KRWA to develop a webinar about documents required to be submitted to DOW for those using the Statistical Method for Completing a Service Line Inventory (webinar should be conducted by end of May)

- Lead/GRR Service Line Replacements and Financing
 - Lead: Chris Bobay, Louisville Water Company, cbobay@louisvillewater.com
 - Tasks: develop guidance on completing a service line replacement plan (note: this will not begin before August)

- Communications and Outreach
 - Lead: Eileen Miller, DOW, Eileen.miller@ky.gov
 - Tasks: establish a share folder (on DOW Teams or elsewhere) and collect communications materials from other water systems

- Corrosion Control Treatment
 - Lead: Brad Montgomery, American Engineers, Inc., bmontgomery@aei.cc
 - Tasks: collaborate with DOW CCT Program lead(s); begin overview of initial needs

- Small Systems will be included in each subgroup since small systems are a component of each group. Need to have a small system representative at each subgroup meeting. Suggest having a due out from each subgroup meeting to say “how it affects small systems” for all items discussed.

- If you were not a part of one of the specific work groups in the past and would like to be a part of one of the new five workgroups- please contact the subgroup lead.
- Individuals who were in the inventory and replacement subgroup will be contacted and asked if they prefer to be in the replacement/finance subgroup or the inventory subgroup.
- Subgroups should invite Elizabeth Dowling and Mary Carol Wagner to all meetings.
- All leads for the previous subgroups should send Elizabeth Dowling an updated list of who was in their subgroup.

SRF Project Updates:

- 25 lead replacement/inventory related projects were put to board of KIA, all but 8 have been approved so far.
 - Working with facilities/individuals to see what information/ milestones need submitted to KIA/DOW to begin projects.

EPA Updates: None at this time.

Primacy Updates:

- All new rules require an updated primacy agreement.
- DOW put in an extension request in NOV 2023 that was approved in MAR 24 for primacy.
- DOW only has interim primacy for LCRR requirements due in October.
 - Can issue violations as usual but must report unresolved violations to EPA within 60 days.
 - Formal enforcement must go through EPA and not the state (so if inventories are not complete in October- system will be dealing with EPA directly not the state)

General Comments/Discussion:

- Comment of concern on if there is enough lab capacity in KY for new sampling requirements. With new subgroup framework- where will this get addressed? Suggested for Tap sampling / Testing in Schools and Childcare facilities subgroup to investigate this. Work with Kevin Stewart (DOW) to communicate with labs. Create communications for lab that clearly explain the gravity of reporting errors that will cause tier 1 violation and strict 3-day reporting requirements which put extra stress on PWS when receiving results late in the week.
- Submit draft public notification letters for LSL with inventory and certification letter. PWSs can always submit notifications to DOW early for review before sending something out to ensure compliance.

Next meeting: **July 31, 2024 at 10:00 am EST**. It will be a hybrid meeting (in-person at 300 Sower in Frankfort and virtual via Zoom).