

## Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup Meeting

May 3, 2021 2:00 pm

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### **Workgroup Member Attendance:**

Greg Heitzman, Bluewater Kentucky, Chair  
Jennifer Burt, Kentucky Department of Health  
Emily Fritz, LWC  
Mike Gardner, Bowling Green Municipal Utilities  
Alicia Jacobs, Manager, Drinking Water Branch Kentucky Division of Water (DOW)  
Ron Lovan, Northern Kentucky Water  
Tom Rockaway, PhD, University of Louisville  
Sarah Gaddis, DOW  
Amy Stoffer, NKWD/KY-TN AWWA

### **Absent Workgroup Members:**

Obe Cox, Carroll County Water District  
Justin Sensabaugh, Kentucky American Water Company  
Brad Montgomery, CBM (need new contact info)  
Bill Robertson, Paducah Water Works  
Rengao Song, LWC (retired)

### **Other Attendees:**

Elizabeth Danks - DOW	Kirsten Delamarter
Chris Bobay – Louisville Water	Benjamin Hamm, DOW
Spencer Bruce – Louisville Water	Arianna Lageman, KRWA
Todd Ritter, KRWA	Amanda LeFevre, DOW
Ashley Morgan, Henderson	Gary Larimore, KRWA
Ameerah Palacios, HDR Inc.	Corinne Boyer
Paul Miller, DOW	Kay Sanborn – KY-TN AWWA
Carey Johnson, DEP	Henderson Sewer Utilities (by phone; name not noted)
Ross Guffey, HDR Inc.	Joe Burns, KRWA
Autumn Young, Louisville Water	Pete Goodmann, Louisville Water
Carole Catalfo, DOW	

1. **Call to order:** The meeting of the Kentucky Lead in Drinking Water Workgroup was called to order at 2:01 pm by current chair Greg Heitzman. The Agenda for the meeting was presented to the group and the Minutes of the two past meetings (Jan. 9, 2020 and Jan. 21, 2021) were presented to the group. A roll call was conducted.
2. **Introductions:** Members were asked to introduce themselves and state the organization they were representing at the meeting. No one was present from the general public.
3. **Minutes.** The minutes from Jan. 9, 2020 were approved by Mike Gardner (second by Ron Lovan) with no comments or modifications. The minutes from the Jan. 21, 2021 meeting were approved by Ron Lovan (second by Mike Gardner) with no comments or modifications.
4. **Membership and chairs:** It was suggested that there be co-chairs during this session of the workgroup. A motion by Mike Gardner and seconded by Emily Fritz was passed unanimously confirming Amy Stoffer (AWWA) and Alicia Jacobs (DOW) as co-chairs. Membership was confirmed from the original (attending) members: Jennifer Burt, Obie Cox (confirmed by phone), Emily Fritz,

Tom Rockaway. Sarah Gaddis was approved as an additional member. Two former members, Brad Montgomery (changed positions) and Rengao Song (retired) were not present; G. H. will reach out to them, as well as former members Bill Robertson and Justin Sensabaugh. Other membership suggested included representative(s) from Kentucky Department of Education; A. Jacobs to inquire.

5. **Report from DOW on current status of LCRR:** Alicia Jacobs summarized the two EPA actions regarding changes to the LCRR, as reported here: <https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/lead-and-copper-rule-long-term-revisions>. The actions are:

- a. Extend the effective date for the revised LCR from March 16, 2021 until June 17, 2021.
- b. Extend the effective date until December 16, 2021, with a proposed corresponding extension of the revised LCR's compliance deadline to September 16, 2024.

Alicia invited S. Gaddis and P. Miller to add any new information, to which they responded there was none they were aware of.

6. **Other discussion of LCRR:** S. Gaddis mentioned there has been discussion about customer concerns over funding LSL or lead fixture replacements.

G. Heitzman mentioned some water systems would have difficulty complying with any action level < 10 ppb or other more stringent regulations,

G.H. stated there is still not a clear enough definition of what is considered an LSL or lead fixture.

Spencer Bruce wondered what would be considered a significant enough change to LCRR that might trigger a revisit of the whole rule.

Carole Catalfo reiterated that because of the DOW involvement in this workgroup and it's diverse group of members, the group could not submit comments to the Federal Register as a workgroup, but that individuals or stakeholders within the group would be welcome to under their own names. The DOW does want to be part of the collaborative process with the stakeholders on discussing and implementing the LCRR, however.

7. **Workgroup expectations and deliverables:**

- a. Provide further information for stakeholders on how to respond to LCRR amendments
- b. Summarize new additions to "final" LCRR that weren't in the original version available for comment
- c. Provide guidance on how the LCRR can be implemented
  - i. May need to establish sub-committees
- d. Provide summary of the 5 areas of LCRR the EPA is seeking comments on, so members can make informed comments and decisions about LCRR.
  - i. G. Heitzman, A. Jacobs, and Amy Stoffer will try to pool some guidance documents and send them to members.

8. **Next meeting:** May 24, 2:00 pm.

- a. Goal: identify changes to LCRR, 5 areas of focus, or issues with LCRR with a goal of providing stakeholders information so they can best decide how to comment.

9. **Request for further comment and adjournment:** no other participants had comments; meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.