# Drinking Water Advisory Council Lead in Drinking Water (LIDW) Work Group Draft Meeting Minutes May 18, 2016

In attendance: Jennifer Burt (DPH), Obe Cox (CCW), Tom Gabbard (DOW), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Ron Lovan (NKYW), Brad Montgomery (ACEC), Bill Robertson (PWWKY), Thomas Rockaway (UofL), Kay Sanborn (KYTN-AWWA), Rengao Song (LWC), Brian Thomas (MWD) Absent: Greg Heitzman, Chair (BWK), Gary Larimore (KRWA)

<u>Division of Water (DOW)</u>: Peter Goodmann, Director; Carole Catalfo, Sarah Gaddis, Shawn Hokanson, Todd Ritter

Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP): Larry Taylor

<u>Liaison and Public Attendees</u> – Amber Agee (DPH), Lane Boldman (KCC), Kent Chandler (KY OAG), Annette Dupont Ewing (KMUA), Michael Flynn (Winchester Municipal), Julie Roney (FPB)

The meeting began at 1:35 p.m.

# Call Meeting to Order and Roll Call of Membership

Chair Greg Heitzman had an urgent personal issue at the last moment, and asked Peter T. Goodmann to lead the meeting. Peter Goodmann briefly discussed the upcoming Cabinet move to the new building at 300 Sower Blvd., and that the next meeting may be held at an alternate location. Work group members introduced themselves.

#### **Introduce Guests**

Guests introduced themselves and were reminded to sign in.

## Approve Minutes of April 20, 2016

The work group approved the April Meeting Minutes by consensus.

#### Approve Ground Rules and Open Meeting Rules

The work group reviewed draft ground rules. The following changes are needed:

Title: Change "Draft Ground Rules" to "Ground Rules and Open Meeting Rules"

- 1.f. Change "Environmental Protection Cabinet" to "Energy and Environment Cabinet" or "EEC"
- 1.g. Add " and Kentucky Open Records Act" after "Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)"
- 1.k. Add "Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection" after "Bruce Scott", and change "Environmental Protection Cabinet" to "Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC)"
- 4. Remove extra parentheses from after "presenters"
- 4d. and 5. Change font to match remainder of document

Peter Goodmann noted the absence of proxies, which the Chair has discouraged in order to keep the workgroup at a manageable size. If gathering a quorum or voting becomes an issue in the future, the workgroup can change the position on proxies.

Motion to Approve Draft Ground Rules with the above changes made by Bill Robinson. Motion seconded by Brad Montgomery. Motion carried.

## Presentation on EPA Lead and Copper Rule Compliance in Kentucky

The presentation began with an overview of the Division of Water organizational chart. Peter Goodmann addressed challenges with personnel, available resources, and water. He stated that the EPA would be issuing a health advisory for perfluurinated chemicals (PFCs) in drinking water, particularly perfluoroctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluoroctane sulfonate (PFOS), and that his inclination is to educate the public. The group briefly discussed risk communications with constituencies.

Tom Gabbard, Assist. Director of the Division of Water, continued the presentation with discussions regarding infrastructure, resilience, sustainability, capacity development, health impacts, the Lead and Copper Rule, and Kentucky public water system compliance data.

The work group discussed action levels versus sampling frequency/density and sampling by special request. The Division of Water encourages peer-to-peer collaboration, proactive approaches to correcting issues, and offers assistance for compliance. The work group also addressed difficulties with the definition and determination of what constitutes an "inventory", and infrastructure versus corrosion control.

The issue of lead service line replacement was raised by a guest. The group discussed service line ownership to the curb versus the meter, and the competing interests of Public Service Commission regulation and individual property rights. Though only about 6% of homes have lead lines, they tend to be in low income neighborhoods with few resources for replacement; noted that Louisville Water Company offers stipends from its Foundation for those purposes. All agreed that lead service line replacement, which is often a simple connection piece between the home and water main, is an enormous undertaking with few funding resources.

The work group also discussed the impetus that the crisis in Flint created with legislators, and the need to educate the public and elected officials about corrosion control versus lead service line replacement, and the complexity of water chemistry.

## Review Subgroup Assignments and Schedule

Peter Goodmann reminded the Subgroup leaders of their responsibility to initiate conversations and prepare for scheduled presentations.

#### Review Report Template

The work group reviewed the "Kentucky Lead Report Focus Area – Public Health & Lead" template and no changes were made.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.