

PFAS Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Date: May 21, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM CDT/10:00 AM EDT

Attendees:

Logsdon, Jackie (EEC)
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Jacobs, Alicia (EEC)
Stoffer, Amy
Neal, Maggie
Petersen, Jason
Traylor, Madeline E (EEC)
Bevins, James (EEC)
Niemeyer, Liam - KY Lantern
King, Heather
Hancock, Nancy S (EEC)
Roberts, Kevin
Givan, Ethan (EEC)
Osterman, Stefanie C (EEC)
Kimbler, Doug
Chamberlain, Todd
Goodmann, Peter
Hall, Kate
Gaddis, Sarah J (EEC)
Daren Thompson (Unverified)
Cooper, Ashley

Booth, Dale M (EEC)
Alex Conn
Marshall Carrier
Dutta, Sharmista

Final PFAS Drinking Water Rule Presentation

- Presented by Jackie Logsdon
 - Peter Goodman: HI MCL is a problematic precedent.
 - Doug Kimbler: Trigger levels - Reporting zero to ratepayers but reporting different numbers to DOW could be difficult to communicate to customers.
 - Amy Stoffer:
 - i. If there are challenges to the regulation, entities have 45 days to file petitions with the DC circuit court by June 7th.
 - ii. Systems will need to begin installing treatment before 2029 deadline.
 - Doug Kimbler: Does the CERCLA designation apply to biosolids disposal at water recovery facilities?
 - i. Peter Goodman: CERCLA applies to all rules.
 - ii. Jackie Logsdon: We plan to develop a separate workgroup to address this.

Discussion on Subcommittee Goals

- Arianna Lageman: Open the floor to establish the goals of this subcommittee.
- Peter Goodman: Utilities need help with communication risks. I like the risk cup model.
- Ariana Lageman: Have a small group of people that work together to review those communication materials.
- Jason Petersen: Heard of issues getting GAC pilot test rigs from Calgon. We have one, but Calgon doesn't anymore. Lack of availability to resources for utilities to get the data they need. No current numbers on GAC pilot test rig wait time. Also have capacity concerns about DOW permit review and expect a logjam in about two years.
 - Sarah Gaddis: We are actively working on improving the current back log. We are hiring an engineer to look at the these permits specifically.
- Jamie Young: UofL Assistant Professor: Communicating to the state on the whole for all ages. Partnering with UofL may be beneficial on this aspect as a part of this work group.
- Amy Stoffer: Wasn't aware that systems are having trouble getting pilot test rigs. They aren't that hard to build and there are other alternatives to build their own rigs. Could use RSCT data instead of doing extensive pilots. Funding: Was KY given a higher proportion of funding out of BIL because we may have more systems out of compliance? Is there an opportunity to increase this like with lead and copper?
 - Ariana Lageman: We could establish a group within this subcommittee to develop a test rig alternative.
 - Russ: The lead funding increase was a onetime thing. No plan for an increase for PFAS.
- Ariana Lageman: Have we taken a recent look at more recent UCMR5 to determine monitoring frequency and compliance standing?
 - Melanie Arnold: We could do more to look at the data. Last looked at data before final rule was less than 10% of the water treatment plants overall were having at least one exceedance of the MCL over time.
 - Amy Stoffer: Chemours may have been violating their discharge permit before last year in the Ohio river. That may be why the results are less grim now than previously.

- Melanie Arnold: We have been working with EC-SDC funds. We will keep communicating to the EPA that we need more money.
- Jackie: UCMR 5 data is below reporting levels. So, we don't have complete picture of compliance. I encourage large systems to ask their labs for raw data for initial monitoring determination.
- Amy Stoffer: Request for Jackie's presentation.
 - Jackie Logsdon: Shared presentation with the subcommittee following the meeting.
- Jackie Logsdon also shared her email for signing up for the subgroups.

Talking Points:

- Communication materials
- Other needs
 - Three goals and subgroups:
 1. Pilot studies: lead by Amy Stoffer
 2. Communications: Pete Goodman to pick someone from Louisville Water to lead.
 3. Funding: Lead by Russell Neal- develop FAQ sheet.

Determine the next meeting date:

- June 20th AT 10am.
- Subgroups to meet before the next subcommittee meeting.