

Wastewater Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2016
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In Attendance: Paulette Akers (DEP/DCA); Angela Billings (DPH); Brian Bingham (MSD); Ed Fortner (BMU); Mike Gardner (BGMU); Gary Larimore (KRWA); Valerie Lucas (Ky-TN WEA); David Peterson (CEA); Roger Recktenwald (KACO); Russ Romine (ACEC); Mark Sneve (Strand); Robin Strader (KWWOA)

Lisa Detherage (KWWOA), Annette Dupont Ewing (KMUA), Brad Montgomery (DRW), Alex Novak (MSD), Roger Recktenwald (KACO), Mark Wurschmidt (SD1)

Division of Water: Tom Gabbard, Assistant Director, Sara Beard, Jory Becker, Lynne Brosius, Sarah Gaddis, Samantha Kaiser, Nick Lester, Russell Neal, Abigail Rains

Public Attendees: Daniel Cleveland (EEC/OGC); Jeffrey Cummins (DENF); Jason Pennell (PSC); Brian Rice (PSC); Jessica Wilhoite (DCA);

Jarrod Bell (DAQ), Jocylyn Gross (KIA), Emily Ohde (DCA)

Introductions

Tom Gabbard welcomed everyone to the new 300 Sower Blvd building and reminded everyone to sign in. Everyone introduced themselves.

Announcements

Samantha Kaiser was introduced as the new recorder, replacing Carole Catalfo. Bruce Scott is the new Deputy Secretary of EEC and Aaron Keatley is now the Commissioner of EEC. A short tour of building after the meeting was offered.

Jory Becker discussed the ongoing issue of wastewater treatment plant abandonment and will give a presentation at a future meeting to discuss how the Division is dealing with this issue. The Water Infrastructure Branch is in the process of making final documents available on the e-search portal. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to Jory Becker.

The Division of Water is currently reviewing, consolidating, and removing regulations as part of the Red Tape Reduction Initiative.

Open Meeting Rules

All WWAC meetings will now be open to the public. Minutes from each meeting will be available once they have been approved. An open meeting notice will be posted 24 hours before meetings by EEC.

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

March 2016 Meeting Minutes

The March 2016 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

Subcommittee Updates and Reports

Any changes to committee membership should be sent to Samantha Kaiser. It was noted that the state invitees list keeps growing. All sub-committee meetings will be closed meetings, and sub-committee can have members that are not a part of this workgroup.

There were no committee updates or meetings scheduled. The group agreed that MS4 and HABs groups are not sub-committees, but should still meet and report back to the WWAC members. The Nutrients sub-group extended an offer to Nick Lester to become a member. A Division representative needs to be assigned to Compliance sub-committee.

Update on Energy Pilot Project

Paulette Akers updated the council on the energy pilot project, which has received no grant funding. Three facilities have been audited. The EPA and UK Industrial Center performed the audits. These facilities have been asked to apply the findings of the audit and report back the results. An additional three to five facilities may have a chance to participate in this pilot project next year.

RICE Rules and Registration for Generators

Jarrold Bell discussed the Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE) Rule issued by the EPA. This rule applies to stationary engines only and establishes various requirements depending on the age, size, horsepower, etc. There are a few exemptions to this rule. Not many wastewater plants have registered their engines and generators, which can be registered with DAQ. The EPA has a flowchart that can be found at www.epa.gov/region1/RICE to help distinguish if your device needs to be registered or a permitted. Emily Ohde explained that DCA has a program to help facilities register engines and apply for permits, if needed. Contact envhelp@ky.gov for more information about that program.

Next Meeting

The WWAC needs to meet at least quarterly. Members agreed to go back to regularly scheduled meetings, the second Tuesday of the last month of each quarter. The next meeting will be Tuesday December 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. EST at 300 Sower Blvd, Training Room C.