

Wastewater Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2016
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In Attendance: Paulette Akers (DEP/DCA), Brian Bingham (MSD), Jennifer Carey (LFUCG), Annette Dupont Ewing (KMUA), Ed Fortner (BMU), Mike Gardner (BGMU), Derek Guthrie (ACEC-Ky), Gary Larimore (KRWA), Valerie Lucas (Ky-TN WEA), Charlie Martin (LFUCG), Donna McNeil (KRWA), Brad Montgomery (DRW), David Peterson (CEA), Jackie Quarles (EEC/OGC), Roger Recktenwald (KACO), Adam Scott (KIA), Mark Sneve (Strand), Jessica Wilhoite (DEP/DCA), Mark Wurschmidt (SD1)

Division of Water: Peter Goodmann, Director; Tom Gabbard, Assistant Director; Sara Beard, Jory Becker, Sarah Gaddis, Wendy Higgins

Welcome and Introductions

Peter Goodmann made welcoming remarks. Members introduced themselves and agreed to modify the agenda as needed to facilitate the meeting.

January 2016 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

Announcements

Peter Goodmann stated that there have been no further significant personnel decisions at this point, and organizational structure is currently being worked out.

Review Agenda

The group discussed membership and what each member and each committee is tasked with. There were several suggestions regarding other potential stakeholder representatives, consultants, and issues, such as MS4s, that might be included or addressed.

Operators

Jessica Wilhoite of DEP/DCA presented the Certification & Licensing Branch FY15 Operator Overview. The information included license administration, drinking and wastewater applications, examination pass rates, and new, upgraded, and active licensing trends.

Subcommittee Updates

There were no committee updates or meetings scheduled. Tom Gabbard suggested that committees meet every six weeks by conference call or web-based set up for convenience. The group agreed that committee Chairs should be primary WWAC members rather than proxies.

Water Quality Monitoring

This issue was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Generation Compliance

Peter Goodmann gave an overview of this EPA program, which was crafted after a NYT article criticized states' management of NPDES and other programs. One line item of the resulting CWA Action Plan was expanded into Next Generation Compliance. The program tries to decrease violations through innovative enforcement, advanced monitoring with real-time data, and emphasizes transparency. The biggest current piece of NextGen is eReporting which is already underway in Kentucky.

Next Meeting

June 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. **(need location if different than DOW)**