

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 2, 2007
Department of Natural Resources Conference Room G09
101 South Webster, Madison

Present: Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Dan Duchniak, Andrew Graham, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Lawrie Kobza, Keith Meyers, Bob Nauta, David Holdener, Mike Carter, Valerie Dantoin, Jill Jonas for Todd Ambs

1. Co-Chair McCartney called the meeting to order at 9:37.
2. The [July 10 meeting minutes](#) were approved as written.
3. Jonas introduced the DNR staff presentation, noting limitations. George Mickelson explained how DNR staff [tested the “decision tree” method](#) for reviewing high capacity well applications which was presented at the July meeting. Following discussion of the presentation, the committee requested that staff re-apply the review method but limit its consideration to springs and waters currently covered in Act 310. The committee requested that staff report back at the next meeting presenting the results along with an estimate of information and resources needed to implement such a screening method. The committee also asked that staff summarize the screening method and their current review process, identify any overlaps with the “decision tree” method, and develop an estimate of information and resources needed. This information is to be shared with the work groups before the September meeting.
4. George Meyer, Wisconsin Wildlife Federation (WWF), presented a [Wisconsin Spring Flow Analysis](#). Meyer and Nauta provided handouts including the [flow rate analysis](#) and a [memo](#) explaining how the WWF estimated the number of springs that would be protected if the definition of protected spring flow was reduced from 1 CFS to 0.25 CFS. Task Group A presented [options for modifying the definition](#) of a spring. Following discussion to eliminate the duration portion of the definition, the GAC decided to vote at its next meeting whether or not to change the definition of a spring by eliminating the phrase “at least 80% of the time”.
5. Items for the September meeting:
 - First draft of background sections of the 2007 Report to the Legislature.
 - DNR staff report on using the “decision tree” to review high capacity well applications near ORW, ERW, trout streams, and springs.
 - Reports from Task group A (springs) on the proposed consensus item, Task group C on Significant environmental impacts, and Task group D (gaps and opportunities) on the topic of conservation.
6. Because of a lengthy fire alarm recess, the GAC was unable to address the agenda items on either significant environmental impact or conservation. The meeting adjourned at 1:39.

Next meeting – Tuesday September 11, 2007 in Conference Room G09, GEF 2, Madison