

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 7, 2007
Department of Natural Resources Conference Room G09
101 South Webster, Madison

Present: Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Todd Ambs, Mike Carter, Valerie Dantoin, Andrew Graham, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Doug Hahn, David Holdener, Lawrie Kobza, Keith Meyers, Bob Nauta

1. Co-Chair Kuehn welcomed everyone and indicated that Dan Duchniak has limited availability due to jury duty.
2. The [May 3 meeting minutes](#) were approved as written.
3. Jonas provided a review and [updated information](#) on Act 310. Ambs clarified that if a well is proposed within a groundwater protection area, wetlands would be included in the review.
4. Ambs reported that the Task E (Funding – Prioritization of Resources) work group met May 29th to begin prioritizing funds for existing and proposed uses. Proposed uses and the need for additional funding sources will depend on future GAC decisions.
5. Tim Asplund of the DNR Lakes and Wetlands Section reported on [Wisconsin Lakes and Lake Levels](#).
6. Task Group A (Springs) met June 5th and agreed on a new consensus item. The GAC agreed to table a decision on the following proposed consensus item presented by Nauta for Group A:
“All spring sites compiled in the *Wisconsin Springs Inventory* (Wisconsin Wildlife Federation) and in *Assessing the Ecological Status and Vulnerability of Springs in Wisconsin* (Swanson, S.K., Bradbury, K.R., and Hart, D.J.) will be included in the spring GPA category. This will be done provided that high capacity well approval applicants will have the right to construct and operate a well at a reasonable distance and depth, with respect to their intended use of that well. In this process, both the water supply needs of the applicant and the dependency of groundwater discharge on the local environment will be considered to determine the location, depth and acceptable pumping rate of the well.
7. Habush-Sinykin explained two possible tracks for addressing item D2. The two tracks are 1) eliminate the distance requirement and develop a screening tool with triggers for statewide use or 2) expand Act 310 protections to specific resources. Task Group D (Gaps and Opportunities) met May 21st and May 31st to discuss possible screening tools and will meet again on Thursday, June 21 for a preliminary presentation of a screening tool developed by Ken Bradbury and Jake Macholl.
8. DNR attorney Chuck Hammer noted that Wisconsin hasn’t adopted a characterization of “significant”, instead deciding on a case-by-case basis or through the EIS process. Work Group C (significant environmental impact) will schedule another call to continue discussion.
9. The GAC will meet from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm in the future. Items for the July meeting:
 - DNR will prepare a map showing locations of springs (including those that do not meet the Act 310 definition) and Groundwater Protection Areas.
 - DNR will talk about provisions in the Great Lakes Compact that might include a significant adverse environmental impact requirement for wells in the Lake Michigan Basin.
10. The meeting adjourned at 1:55.
Next meeting – Tuesday July 10, 2007 in Conference Room G09, GEF 2, Madison