

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC)
Meeting Minutes: September 28, 2006 10:00 – 1:00
Teleconference from DNR GEF 2 Room 511
101 South Webster, Madison

Committee members in attendance: Ron Kuehn, Andy Graham, Todd Ambs, Lawrie Kobza, Bob Nauta, Doug Hahn, Jodi Habush Sinykin.

Welcome: Chair Kuehn welcomed everyone and reminded them of the October 5 meeting. That agenda will emphasize milestones so the DNR staff can write the report to the legislature for timely submittal.

August 31, 2006 meeting [Minutes](#): The minutes were approved with clarification that the NR 820.12 definitions were not intended to be final but are deferred for discussion at a later date.

Discussion of [revised draft Ch NR 820](#): Implementation is planned for early 2007 if the NR Board approves the draft rule and authorizes hearings at its October meeting. Ambs noted that the hearings are an opportunity for the public to comment on the rule and added that if the rule is silent on certain issues it is unlikely that we would receive comments related to those concepts. If placeholder language to address a specific concept were added to the draft rule, it could be highlighted for attention and there would be a better chance that relevant comments will be generated. On completion of the hearings and comment period, the rule would come back to the GAC for review of responses to comments and then go back to the NR Board for adoption.

The GAC made no changes to the following sections: NR820.11, NR820.20, NR820.32, NR820.33.

NR820.11

After discussion, the GAC concurred with addressing the applicability to private wells owners for groundwater management plans at a later date.

NR820.12

It was decided to add the following definition of “Significant Adverse Environmental Impact” as a placeholder and flag it for later comments:

- Alteration of groundwater levels, groundwater discharge, surface water levels, surface water discharge, groundwater temperature, surface water temperature, groundwater chemistry, surface water chemistry or other factors to the extent such alteration causes significant degradation of environmental quality.

NR820.30

There was consensus to modify the opening paragraph by eliminating the first sentence and the clause regarding feasibility of construction outside the protected area from the second sentence.

There was consensus to add an exemption for temporary dewatering wells in 820.30(2)(d).

NR 820.31

There was consensus to make this section consistent with NR820.30 by eliminating the first sentence of the first paragraph and eliminating the reference to feasibility in the second paragraph.

General

The 2006 report to the legislature should include a recommendation for a process to amend the rule with regard to groundwater management plans.

Next Steps:

Lynch will modify the draft rule and finalize the green sheet package for submittal to the Natural Resources Board for consideration in October. GAC members were encouraged to attend the Board meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:20.