Meeting Minutes
Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group Meeting
July 18, 2018 9:30 a.m.
Natural Resources Building - GEF 2 Room G09 - 101 S Webster St, Madison

Attendees:

Chris Groh – Wisconsin Rural Water Association *
David Webb – Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene *
Jeff Kramer – Wisconsin Water Well Association *
Lawrie Kobza – Municipal Environmental Group *
Paul Junio – Northern Lake Service (Waukesha) *
Rick Wietersen – WAHLDB *
Susan Hedman – Clean Wisconsin *
Roy Irving – Department of Health Services*
John Richmond – Marshfield Utilities
Sarah Yang – Department of Health Services
Mike Sullivan – Oak Creek Water
Christina Anderson – WI Land and Water
Kelly Guibbeau

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The agenda and presentation can be found on the DGSG website

Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Welcome and introductions led by Drinking Water and Groundwater Field Operations Director Kyle Burton

Evaluating the process for handling nitrate exceedances at Transient Non-Community Drinking Water Systems

- After a presentation by DeWeese, Yang & Finzer, members had a discussion on ways to reduce the number of TN systems that are on continuing operation.
- Discussed ways to lower nitrate levels (i.e. drilling a new well, changing the land use, treatment, etc.)
- Members also talked about financial hurdles associated with nitrates, stake holder input, public comment opportunities, involving the agricultural organizations.

Lead Drinking Water Testing in Rock County Schools

- Rock County Health Department received a grant through Department of Health Services.
- Rock County Health Department’s effort was picked up by local newspaper and the data was distributed to schools that didn’t participate in the testing.

NR 140 Standard Process

- Coliform is on DNR’s list because they want it to be aligned with the Drinking Water Standards.
- NR 140 Standards are not regulated as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) in public water systems unless the standard is also listed in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.
Member roundtable

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards

- Wietersen would like a presentation on arsenic in water wells at a future meeting.

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

- Webb mentioned that WSLH is experiencing a number of retirements.
- WSLH is also creating new tools and hiring scientists that will study the aging of lead and water.

Wisconsin Rural Water Association

- Groh, no updates at this time.

Wisconsin Water Well Association

- Kramer thanked DNR for having this group and making an effort to listen to private industries. He also mentioned having difficulties getting continuing education content approved by DNR.

Clean Wisconsin

- Hedman shared that for the first time, Clean Wisconsin and the Farm Bureau issued a joint statement following DNR’s updates to NR 151. She hopes that Clean Wisconsin, the ag community and DNR can continue to work together.

Northern Lake Service

- Junio asked when NR 812 is going to the Natural Resource Board and emphasized how important it is to keep the lab certification program in the loop.

Municipal Environmental Group

- Kobza mentioned that since legislation was adopted to allow municipalities to have lead service line replacement programs. Kenosha is currently going through the approval process with PSC to create a program that will assist with replacement of private homeowner lead lines.
- Kobza also asked for clarification on potential funds being available for private portion lead service line replacement. Wunderlich with give an update at the October 16 meeting.
- Kobza also briefly touched on the different roles the PSC and DNR have in construction approvals. Wunderlich will be giving a presentation on this topic at the October 16 meeting.

Department of Health Services

- Irving mentioned DHS is creating resources for homeowners with questions about lead in their homes.
- Irving also talked about illnesses related to Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) being a new reportable condition in Wisconsin. Reporting of HABs-related illnesses in this manner will help ensure timely public health investigation, which is essential for preventing additional exposures and illnesses.
• Yang mentioned DHS has recently developed outreach resources for local health agencies that receive well questions from homeowners.

**Department of Natural Resources**

• Rheineck talked about the Groundwater Coordinating Council Partnership and Outreach sub-committee. State agencies are working together to agree on a consistent format on outreach materials.
• DeWeese mentioned that the preliminary monitoring schedules for municipals will be sent out in early August, final schedules will go out in January.
• Burton mentioned DNR is in its third year of a Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) monitoring study on Lake Winnebago.

The [agenda and presentation can be found on the DGSG website](#) - Meeting minutes recorded by Carlyn Brown, DNR