

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 *	Charles Nettesheim
David Webb – Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene *	Sadie Derouin – DNR
Jeff Kramer – Wisconsin Water Well Association *	Kyle Burton – DNR
Lawrie Kobza – Municipal Environmental Group *	Adam DeWeese – DNR
Paul Junio – Northern Lake Service (Waukesha) *	Cathy Wunderlich - DNR
Rick Wietersen – WAHLDAB *	Bruce Rheineck – DNR
Susan Hedman – Clean Wisconsin *	Beth Finzer – DNR
Roy Irving – Department of Health Services*	Brian Austin – DNR
John Richmond – Marshfield Utilities	Peggy Norris – DNR
Sarah Yang – Department of Health Services	Tony Knipfer - DNR
Mike Sullivan – Oak Creek Water	Carlyn Brown – DNR
Christina Anderson – WI Land and Water	
Kelly Guilbeau	

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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 will 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.

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