

Meeting Minutes  
Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group Meeting  
April 4, 2019  
Natural Resources Building - GEF 2 Room G09 - 101 S Webster St, Madison

Attendees:

David Webb – Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene*	Frank Kastelic – Presidio Systems
Lawrie Kobza – Municipal Environmental Group*	Ben Verburg – Arcadis
John Steinbrink – AWWA – Wisconsin Chapter*	Paige Scobee – Hamilton Consulting
Paul Junio – Northern Lake Service*	Renee Exum – Michael Best
Rick Wietersen – WALDAB*	Steve Geis – DNR Lab Certification Program
Sarah Yang – DHS*	Mike Sullivan – Oak Creek Water
Susan Hedman – Clean Wisconsin*	Joe Grande – Madison Water
Jeff Kramer - Wisconsin Water Well Association *	Laura Olah – CSWAB
RT Krueger – Northern Lake Service	Steve Elmore - DNR
Jocelyn Hemming – WSLH	Kyle Burton – DNR
Chan Zhang – WSLH	Cathy Wunderlich - DNR
Erin Mani – WSLH	Bruce Rheineck – DNR
Tony Steffen – City of Fond du Lac	Carlyn Brown – DNR

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## Welcome

Environmental Management Division Administrator Darsi Foss welcomed the members and guests to the meeting.

Foss highlighted the PFAS efforts around the state.

- PFAS Technical Advisory Group - <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Contaminants/PFASGroup.html>
- Water Quality Task Force hearings <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2019/committees/assembly/STF-WQ/>

## Overview of the 2018 summer floods emergency response efforts

DHS, DNR and Dane County Health learned a lot from the summer floods. Lessons learned will help all units of government be better prepared for future emergency events.

- Flushing the well before testing - Recommend homeowners hire a licensed well driller because they have the proper equipment to flush the well.
- Time is of the essence when collecting samples.
- Work on messaging, especially messaging about disinfection and testing.

Member Junio noted that commercial labs also sent out kits and information about disinfection to homeowners after the flooding.

Elmore mentioned DNR, DHS and county health departments will be working together to develop a better statewide system on how to respond to future emergency events.

## **PFAS Update**

The [current NR 140 list](#) is being reviewed which includes Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS).

Are there any co-contaminants that might be a concern when testing? Currently testing is only done within a class.

Would the short chain have a half-life? There are not a lot of studies out there on this.

## **DNR Updates**

Elmore went over the Governor's budget proposals in relation to the Year of Clean Drinking Water.

Member of the audience asked: Will the proposed legislation to expand the well construction grant program include funding for treatment?

- Treatment will likely not be allowed.

## **American Water Infrastructure Act of 2018**

What is UCMR? UCMR stands for Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. Learn more about [UCMR on EPA's website](#).

- Where is the funding coming from for additional testing? DNR does not know yet.

What changes are coming to the CCR?

- At this time, DNR does not know the specific details except that the CCR will have to be delivered to customers twice a year.

## **After the Fact Approvals and Notices of Noncompliance for Public Water Systems**

Updates are being made to the DNR Plan Review website.

## **Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Training Requirements for Governing Bodies**

Member Kobza asked how DNR plans on enforcing the training?

- In the draft Intended Use Plan it says in order for municipalities to receive funding, they must complete the training. The IUP will be going out for public comment within the next two months.

Kobza noted there may be push back from municipalities if it's not in law.

## **DNR internal updates**

Will the template include water supply service area planning if a population is shrinking and the system is oversized?

- Water supply service area planning for shrinking populations is not part of this piece, but it is a part of work that DNR already does.

## **Member roundtable**

### **Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards**

- Wieterson, no updates at this time.

### **Wisconsin Water Well Association**

- Kramer, no updates at this time.

### **Northern Lake Service**

- Junio, no updates at this time.

### **Clean Wisconsin**

- Hedman briefed members on the Water Quality Task Force hearings. The Wednesday, April 3, 2019 Clean Wisconsin testimony can be viewed on WisconsinEye <https://wiseye.org/player/?clientID=2789595964&eventID=2019041005> (Use Chrome Browser to view)
- Hedman asked what DNR's role will be with the task force.
  - Elmore responded DNR will be attending the hearings around the state.

### **Municipal Environmental Group**

- Member Kobza shared MEG is currently providing comments to proposed PSC guidance in cases when PSC goes beyond what they are allowed to enforce by law. Kobza mentioned DNR might receive similar comments on the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program Training Requirements for Governing Bodies.

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