

Meeting Minutes
Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group Meeting
July 12, 2017 9 a.m.
Room G09, GEF 2, 101 S. Webster St. Madison WI

Attendees

Susan Hedman - Clean Wisconsin *	Jeff Beiriger – WWWA
Paul Junio - Northern Lake Service *	Don Haumes – Sierra Club of Wisconsin
Lawrie Kobza - MEG *	Laura Herrick – Southeastern WI Regional Planning
Jeff Kramer - Wisconsin Water Well Association*	Nathan Houdeh – Michael Best Strategies
Dave Lawrence - WRWA *	Mike Sullivan – Oak Creek Water and Sewer Utility
Paula Mugan - WAHLDAB *	Lisa Ashenbrenner Hunt – DNR
John Steinbrink - AWWA *	Carlyn Brown – DNR
Lucas Vebber - WMC *	Kyle Burton – DNR
David Webb – Wis. State Laboratory of Hygiene *	Steve Elmore – DNR
Rick Wietersen - WAHLDAB *	Adam Freihoefer – DNR
<i>*Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group member (DGSG)</i>	Liesa Lehmann – DNR
	Bruce Rheineck – DNR
	Cathy Wunderlich – DNR

9 a.m. the meeting was called to order

Welcome and introductions

Welcome and opening remarks were given by Environmental Management Division Administrator Pat Stevens. Stevens expressed his appreciation to the stakeholder members for participating on the Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group (DGSG.) Stevens encouraged members to bring ideas and issues forward because DNR is committed improving how the agency does business.

Drinking Water and Groundwater program director Steve Elmore led the introductions and the review of the charter.

- *The agenda, presentation and charter can be found on the [DGSG website](#).*

Program updates

Water Use Section Chief Adam Freihoefer gave members an overview of the Water Use section and presented on the recent changes to high capacity well legislation.

Hedman asked how long the Act 10 Central Sands study was going to take. Freihoefer responded that DNR will have four years to complete the study. One year to prep and three years to do the modeling and evaluate the hydrogeology. Vebber asked when the guidance is going out. Freihoefer responded that the goal is to have it out in two months. Lawrence asked if there are plans to streamline the high capacity application system. Freihoefer responded it is on the list of streamlining priorities.

Private Water Section Chief Liesa Lehmann presented an overview of the scope of NR 812 rule revisions, stating that DNR is early in the rule making process. She emphasized that stakeholder involvement and input are important throughout the process.

Public Water Engineering Section Chief Cathy Wunderlich presented on the required water quality parameter testing for *large* public water systems, specifically during lead and copper monitoring periods.

Webb asked if there are different approaches to how other states are implementing the water quality parameter testing in public water systems. Wunderlich responded that requirements within the Lead and Copper Rule haven't been implemented to the full extent on a national level. Junio asked for clarification on the revised sampling guidance with regards to pre-stagnation flushing. Wunderlich explained that the guidance discourages pre-stagnation flushing prior to a six hour stagnation period before testing so that sample results are representative of normal water use. Wunderlich emphasized the importance of not waiting until the end of a monitoring period to sample and/or make changes to monitoring site plans and to communicate with your local DNR contact to make any changes. Junio asked what causes a compliance sample to be rejected. Wunderlich indicated that the Site ID must be an active site on the monitoring site plan. Hedman asked what the criteria were to request a new monitoring site. Wunderlich said water systems can come up with as many proposed sites as they wish that meet the code tier criteria, but there is a limit for how many sites can be active at one time. Lawrence asked if the results of the water quality parameter testing would continue to be tracked on monthly operating reports for systems exceeding the action levels. Wunderlich confirmed that DNR will require reporting via the electronic reporting system EMOR. Kobza asked why DNR's funding for private lead service line replacement is ending in two years. Wunderlich noted that this funding is a one-time allotment from EPA.

Elmore presented on alignment and permit streamlining initiatives. Elmore noted that there will be plenty of opportunities for our customers to provide input on the streamlining projects.

12:10 the meeting was adjourned

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Meeting minutes recorded by Carlyn Brown, DNR