

Meeting Minutes
Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group Meeting
January 30, 2020
Natural Resources Building – GEF 2 Room G27 – 101 S Webster St, Madison

Attendees:

David Webb – Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene*	Kayley Janseen - WSLH
Lawrie Kobza – Municipal Environmental Group*	Mike Sullivan – Oak Creek Water
David Kelter – AWWA – Wisconsin Chapter*	John Richmond – Marshfield Utilities
Paul Junio – Northern Lake Service*	Brent Ribble – DNR
Rick Wietersen – WALDAB*	James Wedekind - TRC
Roy Irving – DHS*	Kyle Burton – DNR
Scott Laeser – Clean Wisconsin*	Cathy Wunderlich – DNR
Chris Groh – Wisconsin Rural Water Association*	Jennifer Filbert – DNR
Jeff Kramer - Wisconsin Water Well Association *	Ann Hirekatur – DNR
Jocelyn Hemming – WSLH	Carlyn Marty – DNR
Tracy Hanke – WSLH	

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2020 LCR Monitoring Site Initiative

- Last December, all municipal systems received a request from their field rep to provide materials information for active lead and copper compliance monitoring sites. The goal of this effort is to use materials information to determine if MSP changes are required and provide EPA with documentation that tier criteria are met in Wisconsin
- The information that we are requesting for active lead and copper monitoring sites is
 - Building type and year constructed
 - Public and private service line material
 - Interior premise plumbing materials
 - Presence of softener or filters
- This request is continuation of efforts ongoing since 2016
- This effort implements the current rule under current rule authority, specifically NR 809.119 and 809.547.
- Having this information now will also be advantageous when the revised lead and copper rule takes effect.

America's Water Infrastructure Act deadline in March 2020 for the largest municipal systems

- The Safe Drinking Water loan program is being modified to financially help smaller systems.
- EPA will be holding monthly webinars.
- The last vulnerability assessment did not include natural disasters.
- Depending on the size of the system, some AWIA studies are either being conducted internally or by consultants.
- VSAP is a free Excel software that will walk the system through the assessment.

Member Roundtable

- Jeff Kramer, Wisconsin Water Well Association – Member appreciates DNR presenting on issues that are being recommended by members.
- Chris Groh, Wisconsin Rural Water Association – WRWA has been working on PFAS for the last 6-8 months.
- David Kelter, American Water Works Association (AWWA) - Wisconsin Chapter –Lead service lines and PFAS are two major topic areas among AWWA members.
- Rick Wietersen, Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards – No updates at this time.
- David Webb, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene – A PFAS workshop is being planned for April.
- Paul Junio, Northern Lake Service – Member recommends that the drinking water testing method should be used when conducting drinking water analysis for PFAS.
- Roy Irving, Department of Health Services – DHS is working on Cycle 11 recommendations. The goal is to have the recommendations for the high priority compounds out by fall of 2020. DHS is gearing up to implement the \$912,000 WINN grant. The grant will be used to test childcare centers for lead.
- Scott Laeser, Clean Wisconsin – Clean Water’s legislative team is working on water quality task force bills.
- Lawrie Kobza, Municipal Environmental Group – Member expressed challenges utilities are having with PFAS detects. It is difficult for utilities to prioritize PFAs detects from lead and copper. Municipals want to make financial investments that provide the biggest health impact to customers. The focus is on PFAS detects in drinking water but there is limited discussion on other PFAS contributors. MEG is exploring the variance that EPA recently granted to Denver. The variance would allow lead service lines to be removed without adding orthophosphates.

DG Program IT Update

- DNR has a desire to input sampling data from other lab, but exchanging data is complicated.
- As data improves, a goal is to identify areas of the state where data is not being entered.

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