

Groundwater Advisory Committee (GAC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 3, 2007
Department of Natural Resources Conference Room G09
101 South Webster, Madison

Present: Ron Kuehn, Carol McCartney, Mike Carter, Valerie Dantoin, Dan Duchniak, Andrew Graham, Jodi Habush-Sinykin, Doug Hahn, Jill Jonas for Todd Ambs, Lawrie Kobza, Keith Meyers, Bob Nauta

1. Co-Chair Kuehn welcomed everyone and brought to their attention a new Calumet County [draft ordinance](#) related to groundwater protection that establishes [performance standards](#) for agriculture and includes a [map of "groundwater protection areas"](#).
2. The [April 4 meeting minutes](#) were approved as written.
3. The GAC agreed that the Task groups will provide focus through recommendations and supporting documentation for GAC discussions and consensus building. Consensus among the GAC members of the task groups is not necessary but each group must provide a record of the voting for each consensus item brought before the GAC.
4. Mary Ellen Vollbrecht, chief of DNR's Waterway Protection Section, presented information about [Designated Waters](#).
5. Discussion of "significant adverse environmental impact" began with a reminder that the definition in NR820 was a place holder to allow future changes. The addition of "biological and ecological aspects of the affected water resource" in the NR820.12(19) definition addressed comments received at the public hearings. The GAC tabled a motion to revise the definition and agreed that a decision on this issue should be postponed until Task Group C has a chance to meet to provide further focus to:
 - definition of the words "impact" and "degradation" and
 - whether or not the addition of ecology and biology was appropriate.
6. The GAC tabled a motion to change the definition of a spring and agreed that further information is needed about how the definition might be modified. Task Group A will meet and provide alternatives for the definition at the June meeting.
7. Ken Bradbury presented information about the scientific [inadequacy of a 1200 foot radius](#) criterion for well siting.
8. George Kraft presented information about [pumping impacts](#) using the Little Plover River as an example, emphasizing that impacts to surface waters can occur even if the well is located much greater than 1,200 feet from the surface water body.
9. Jeff Helmuth asked the GAC to provide input for future research projects by reviewing the joint solicitation process used by the Groundwater Coordinating Council. Jeff will provide reference materials and asked that GAC members respond to Barb Hennings with suggestions by May 24.
10. Additional meetings were scheduled for Tuesday July 10 and Tuesday September 11.
11. The meeting adjourned at 2:10.
Next meeting – Thursday June 7, 2007 in Conference Room G09, GEF 2, Madison