



**Director's Water Well Advisory Committee
(WWAC)**

CH-2S-WILLIAM FORD Conference Room

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

October 13, 2016

MINUTES APPROVED BY COMMITTEE: 1-26-2017

Members present: Chad Brewer
Steve Buer
Tom Fountain
John Schmitt
Buddy Sebastian
Bob Webb
Jim Welser
Laura Dowd

Members absent: Erik Kleiman
Dan Milan

Others present: Bryce Feighner
James (Matt) Gamble
Anita Ladouceur
Dave DeYoung
Dana DeBruyn
Mike Frederick
Dave Schulenberg
Richard Layman
Nicole Kiebler

A. Call to Order at 1:10 p.m. – attendance taken

B. Introduction of Guests

1. Dave Schulenberg, MGWA Executive Director, introduced himself.
2. Mike Frederick, MGWA Lobbyist, introduced himself.
3. Richard Layman, well driller, introduced himself.

C. Approval of Agenda – Items were added to the agenda.

D. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Approved as written.

E. DEQ Update – Bryce Feighner

1. Restructuring

- a. Bryce Feighner is the new Chief of Office of Drinking Water & Municipal Assistance.
- b. The Well Construction Program has moved to the newly created Source Water Unit, along with the Contamination Investigation Program and the Source Water Program.
- c. Dave DeYoung is now the well construction Specialist.

2. Lead Copper

- a. Proposing a new lead copper rule in Michigan with the following concepts:
 - Lowering the Action Level Exceedance from 15 ppb to 10 ppb
 - No reduced monitoring
 - Community advisory committees for larger systems
 - Statewide commission for smaller systems
 - Implement a household action level
 - Inventory of all service line materials
- b. The EPA is also proposing a new lead copper rule with similar concepts.
- c. The ongoing elevated lead results from Flint water samples are from individual fixtures not the public supply.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Status of Michigan Ground Water Association (MGWA) discussions

- Signatory Clause Resolution
 - Paper water well and pump records are in stock, and have been mailed to contractors who request them.
- NSF 61 Steel well casing availability
 - DEQ was contacted by a UP driller regarding the lack of NSF 61 certified 8 inch diameter steel pipe.
 - DEQ shared a draft memo granting a reprieve from having to use NSF 61 certified 8 inch steel pipe.
 - WWAC suggested adding language to the memo regarding to include 10-inch and larger diameter, since it has never been available.
 - DEQ will modify the memo and email it to WWAC members for review.
- Well Driller's Advisory Board (WDAB) reinstatement
 - There was a lengthy discussion on the history of the WDAB.
 - WWAC discussed some reasons for reinstating the board.
 - DEQ will need to have WWAC submit a written request for reinstatement.

2. Auger Drilling Guidance Document

- There was a brief discussion on the history and evolution of the guidance document.
- DEQ is going to make a few minor modifications to the document, and then they will forward it to Chad Brewer for his review.

3. Grouting Secondary Casing

- Richard Layman requested that the DEQ change the definition of “liner pipe” in the well code. He feels that it is better to install a liner pipe at the time of initial construction, rather than later.
- The geologic area of concern is primarily east of M33 and north of M32. This encompasses all of Presque Isle County, the north half of Alpena County, and the northeast corner of Montmorency County.

4. Draft Geothermal Statute - TABLED

G. New Business

1. Lead and copper - TABLED
2. Sampling on well repairs at Noncommunity public water supplies - TABLED

H. Other Business or Comments - NONE

I. New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

1. Screen size on well caps
2. Sampling on well repairs at Noncommunity public water supplies
3. Lead and copper

J. Next Meeting Date – January 26, 2016 from 1-4pm

K. Meeting Adjourned at 3:15 p.m.