



## **Report on Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Activities - February 2021**

### **Council Update**

The online meeting of February 16 was held as scheduled. A link to the Project Teams meeting was emailed to the Water Supply Councils and we had close to 20 members of the public attend. We are very pleased with the level of participation. The SDWAC welcomed the newest member of the council, Dan Coss from the City of DeWitt. He was appointed to the Local Government Administrator position. The 2021 meeting schedule was approved and all meetings are posted on the SDWAC website which can be found through the EGLE Lead and Copper in Drinking Water web page. The council elected the following slate of officers for 2021:

Keith McCormack, Chair, retired engineer from Hubbell, Roth & Clark, Member of the Public at Large  
Wayne Jernberg, Vice Chair, Water System Manager with the City of Grand Rapids, Representing a Community Water Supply  
Charlotte Jameson, Legislative Program Director, Michigan Environmental Council, Representing an Environmental Advocacy Group

Sam Smalley, Tiffany Jones, and Bryan Peckinpaugh from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) gave an excellent presentation on their lead service line replacement program and information campaign vital to its success. Thanks to them and DWSD for their participation.

### **SDWAC Preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP)**

EGLE received funding, that with the assistance of the SDWAC, can be used to hire a consultant to assist with creating a comprehensive public information and outreach program, about lead in drinking water, to serve the needs of the Water Supply Councils, water supplies and the general public. We formed a Task Force that created a scope of work (SOW) for the consultant to perform. The Task Force delivered the SOW to EGLE staff at the end of January. The EGLE procurement staff will incorporate the SOW into a standard RFP and contract document which we hope will be issued this spring.

### **Water Ambassadors**

Wayne Jernberg reported that Ninah Sasy gave a presentation to the City of Grand Rapids about the Water Ambassador Program that was very well received. He encouraged others to take advantage of this resource.

### **Webinars in 2021**

Plans were discussed to hold our first webinar in 2021 on lead Action Level Exceedances; what do they mean to our residents and how to respond.

### **2021 SDWAC Initiatives**

We hope to get an updated list of Water Supply Council members this year. We are also exploring the potential for financial support for communities and their own outreach programs and public information/education programs.

### **Reminders**

The DWSRF Project Plans for FY2022 are July 1, 2021. More information can be found at the [DWSRF](https://www.dwsrf.org/) website or by calling 517-284-5433.



Please note that all Lead Service Line Replacement Programs should have begun January 2021.

### **Recent and Upcoming Key State Lead and Copper Rule Milestone Deadlines**

Lead service line replacements initiated - January 2021

Lead action level goes from 15 ppb to 12 ppb - January 2025

Complete DSMI due to EGLE - January 2025

Go to [www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](http://www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe) and click on “Regulatory Information” to find data from the preliminary DSMI as well as other information.

All SDWAC meetings are open to the public. Future meeting dates of the SDWAC are published on our website at: [www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](http://www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe), select “Drinking Water”, then select “Drinking Water Advisory Council”

### **Questions and Feedback for the SDWAC**

The SDWAC can be reached through the email address [EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov)

Updated information about the SWDAC can be found at the following web sites:

Mi Lead Safe: [www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](http://www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe)

EGLE web site: [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313\\_3675\\_76638-490466--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html)

Other Resources:

Full Lead Service Line Replacement Guidance Webcast: Sign-up here: [Full Lead Service Line Replacement Guidance Webcast - 1424090 \(webcasts.com\)](#)