



Report on Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Activities April 2021

Council Update

The online meeting of April 6 was held as scheduled. A link to the Project Teams meeting was emailed to the Water Supply Councils and we had over 10 visitors to the meeting. Ninah Sasy, who has supported the SDWAC as Clean Water Public Advocate, has accepted the position of Executive Director with the Michigan Infrastructure Council (MIC). We wish her all the success in her new venture.

Martin Flynn, Water/Wastewater Supervisor at the City of Petoskey, shared some of the city's experiences under Michigan's new Lead and Copper Rule. So far, sampling has not shown any Action Level Exceedances and not many properties have lead or galvanized service lines. There are a number of summer/vacation homes that are dormant for long periods so the city reminds people of the need to flush their water after such times. Mr. Flynn has personally visited many local homes to explain safe practices which has been well received.

EGLE Updates

Eric Oswald reported that significant funding for water infrastructure is being considered in President Biden's infrastructure initiative and EGLE is following developments. In addition, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) provides significant funding to the state and to Michigan municipalities for infrastructure. Mr. McCormack noted that Michigan Chapter of the American Water Works Association (MI-AWWA) and the Michigan Water Environment Association (MWEA), among others, has authored a letter to state senators and representatives encouraging our legislators to dedicate these monies to water infrastructure.

Kris Philip reported that new guidance on conducting a full Distribution Systems Materials Inventory (DSMI) was published and she explained some of the guidance recommendations. EGLE conducted a webinar on April 13, 2021 and another one is scheduled for April 27, 2021. Mr. McCormack suggested that the webinar be recorded and we would include a link to the recording through our SDWAC web site. The Council may want to consider holding another webinar on the topic.

Ariel Zoldan reported that the SDWAC web site is undergoing some revisions to accommodate all of the information being produced.

Request for Proposals (RFP) and Mini-grants Program

The RFP, including the statement of work, is being reviewed internally in EGLE and we are hopeful for a spring release.

Some of the funds for the consultant are being reserved for a small grant program to support public education and outreach by the 36 Water Supply Councils serving 50,000 or more customers in the state. A preliminary brainstorming meeting was held April 19 to discuss what activities could qualify for funding through this program. We discussed supporting in-person and neighborhood sessions, webinars, web site development, printed materials such as door hangers, and various other concepts. We hope to have a program in place when the public outreach consultant is selected.



Reminders

The DWSRF Project Plans for FY2022 are July 1, 2021. More information can be found at the [DWSRF](#) 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

Preliminary Distribution Systems Material Inventory (DSMI) due to EGLE	January 2020
Complete standard sampling pool	January 2020
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 and click on Drinking Water 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 current Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) web site at: https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html.

Our next meeting is scheduled for TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021, beginning at 9:30 AM.

Questions and Feedback for the SDWAC

The SDWAC can be reached through the email address EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov

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

Mi Lead Safe: <https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/0,9490,7-392-92796--,00.html>

EGLE web site: https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html