



## **Report on Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Activities October 2020**

### **Council Update**

The online meeting scheduled for October 8 was converted to a workgroup due to a lack of quorum. The next scheduled meeting of the SDWAC is scheduled for December 10, 2020 at 1:00 PM. It will be an online meeting and it is open to the public. A link to the meeting is as follows: <https://bit.ly/32NJ47I>  
A few of the items discussed at the October 8, 2020 workgroup are summarized below:

### **Governor's Announces \$500 Million of Infrastructure Funding**

On October 1, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced an historic new funding program for drinking water and clean water systems. A webinar explaining the new program was held on October 14. A summary of the funding levels and items eligible for funding are shown below:

A \$207.1 million investment in drinking water quality, including:

- Lead Service Line Replacement in Disadvantaged Communities Program - \$102 million
- Lead and Copper – Drinking Water Asset Management Grants - \$37.5 million
- PFAS and Emerging Contaminants - Contamination and Consolidation Grants - \$25 million
- Non-Lead Drinking Water Infrastructure Grants - \$35 million
- Affordability and Planning Grants - \$7.5 million

A \$293 million investment in wastewater protection, including:

- Clean Water Infrastructure Grants (eliminating sanitary sewer overflows; correcting combined sewer overflows; increasing green infrastructure) - \$235 million
- Substantial Public Health Risk Grants (removing direct and continuous discharges of raw sewage from surface or ground water) - \$20 million
- Failing Septic System Elimination Program - \$35 million
- Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater Grants - \$3 million

### **SDWAC Preparing a Request for Proposals**

The SDWAC has received funding to hire a consultant to create a public information and outreach program to serve the needs of the Water Supply Councils, water suppliers and the general public. We formed a Task Force to begin developing a scope of work for the consultant and hope to have a Request for Proposals ready early in 2021.

### **Future Webinars**

The workgroup discussed hosting 2-3 webinars in 2021 including topics that may be of value to more of a broad audience (all water suppliers and the general public). Plan to brainstorm at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting potential topics. If you have a suggestion, please email the council at [EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov).



## 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](http://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](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html).

## 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: <http://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe>, then select “Drinking Water”, then click on “Drinking Water Advisory Councils”