



Report on Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Activities March 2020

Council Update

Since our last update to the Water Supply Advisory Councils (Municipal Councils), the Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council (SDWAC) convened on November 6, 2019 and March 4, 2020. Both meetings included discussions of outreach and projects the SDWAC will undertake, and which are described in more detail below.

The SDWAC welcomes Wayne Jernberg. Mr. Jernberg works for the City of Grand Rapids and served the remaining portion of Jim Moreau's 2019 term as the Community Water Supply (CWS) Representative and will serve on the Council through 2022 in this position. Two positions remain open on the Council representing the public at large and local government administrator. These positions were held respectively in 2019 by Tom Traciak of Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, and Eric DeLong, City of Grand Rapids. We thank them for their service.

The Governor has appointed Ninah Sasy, Clean Water Public Advocate, and Regina Strong, Environmental Justice Public Advocate to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). Both will assist the SDWAC as special advisors in their capacities.

At the March 4, 2020 meeting, the following were elected to leadership roles on the SDWAC:

Chair: Keith McCormack, representing a Member of the Public at Large

Vice Chair: Wayne Jernberg, representing a Community Water Supply

Secretary: Charlotte Jameson, representing an Environmental or Public Health Advocacy group

All SDWAC meetings are open to the public. Future meeting dates of the SDWAC are published on our current EGLE web site at: https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html.

Draft Federal Lead and Copper Rules

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a proposed update to the Lead and Copper Rule which was open for public comment until February 12, 2020. Michigan EGLE commented on the rules. The draft federal rule and all comments provided to the EPA can be accessed from the EPA website at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/proposed-revisions-lead-and-copper-rule>.

Informational Webinar

The SDWAC held an informational webinar hosted by the SDWAC prior to the November 6, 2019 meeting as an outreach to the Community Water Supply Councils.

The webinar can be viewed at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/recording/3082474654101696259>.

Ongoing Projects

Reviewing existing information and resources

There are a wide range of existing documents, flyers, pamphlets and web sources on the topic of lead in drinking water that have been developed by many agencies and technical groups. The SDWAC intends to compile a centralized list referencing some of the more relevant resources that the CWS Councils and general public can access.

Public Education and Outreach

A funding source has been identified by EGLE to assist the SDWAC to develop resources for a public awareness campaign.

Future Webinars

We intend to hold two (2) more informational webinars on topics to be determined.

Meeting with the Community Water Supply Councils

We intend to hold an informational meeting this year to which all of the CWS Councils will be invited. Agenda and topics to be determined.

Action Level Exceedance Template

We are developing a concise set of recommended steps a community can take to educate the public in the event of an Action Level Exceedance.

Regulatory Updates and Compliance Alerts

The SWDAC will continue to work with EGLE and monitor critical developments in the Lead and Copper Rule to provide reminders and alerts for the CWS Councils.

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.

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

Remember, our SDWAC meetings are open to the public so anyone is welcome to attend.