



Report on Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Activities December 2020

Council Update

The online meeting of December 10 was held as scheduled. A link to the Project Teams meeting was emailed to the Water Supply Councils and we had close to 20 representatives attending. We are very pleased with the level of participation. The agenda covered a wide range of topics:

- An update from EGLE and a presentation from Holly Gohlke on an ongoing school lead sampling program administered through EGLE
- A discussion of potential topics for webinars in 2021
- An update on the Request for Proposals to solicit public outreach services

A brief overview of some of the items discussed follows:

Webinars in 2021

The SDWAC feels that one of our most effective outreach tools is an online webinar. Our first two, one each in 2019 and 2020, focused on serving the needs of the WS Councils and the challenges facing these newly formed bodies. We want to continue that service but want to expand our audience to include all water suppliers and the public at large. The Council agreed to set a goal of at least three webinars in 2021. Some of the potential topics we discussed were:

- School outreach efforts and the challenges connecting
- A review of MDHHS' efforts to reach out to water users through key community leaders
- A Spanish language webinar
- A review of all sources of lead
- Responding to incidents of Action Level Exceedances
- A detailed look at lead service line replacement programs

Connecting with Water Supply Councils

As mentioned above, the SDWAC Project Teams meeting link was emailed to members of the WS Councils that we have on file. We were encouraged by the response at our December 10 meeting and intend to continue this direct notification for all future online meetings. We would like to also highlight the experiences of individual WS Councils. If you would like an opportunity to share your story, please contact us at EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov.

In order to be effective in connecting with the WS Councils, we need to have current and accurate contact information for all of your members. If the members of your Council have changed, please notify us the new contact information at EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@michigan.gov.

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.

Reminders

800-662-9278

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The SRF Notice of Intent form is due January 31, 2021 for projects for which you plan to submit a Project Plan in 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 are to begin 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 requirement 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 select “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: www.michigan.gov/MILeadSafe, select “Drinking Water”, scroll down and select “Drinking Water Advisory Councils”.

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>, select “Drinking Water”, scroll down and select “Drinking Water Advisory Councils”