



**DIRECTOR'S
WATER WELL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WWAC)**

Teams Meeting
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
September 24, 2020

Members Present: Matt Bolang
James (Matt) Gamble
Buddy Sebastian
Tony Drautz
Laura Doud
Steve Buer
Jim Welser
Chad Brewer
Dan Milan

Members Absent: John Schmitt
Bob Webb
Erik Kleiman

Others Present: Eric Oswald
George Krisztian
Dave DeYoung
Anita Ladouceur
Kathy Gardner
Carolyn Kreiger
Elizabeth Kalnins

A. Call to Order at 1:04 p.m.

B. Introduction of Guests – None

C. Approval of Agenda – Approved as written.

D. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Approved as written.

E. EGLE Update – James (Matt) Gamble & Kathy Gardner

1. EGLE staff still working from home since mid-March and will continue to for the foreseeable future.
2. Private and Type III LHD evaluations did not take place this year (FY2020). However, those LHDs who had issues last year are being followed up on. Type II LHD evaluations will occur this year.
3. Exam was held on August 18th and 19th at Valley Farms Supply in Lansing. It went very well, and there will be another exam October 2nd.
4. MGWA board meeting is November 7th.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Ant infestation through well cap vent – Dan
 - a. Difficult to get cap manufacturers to invest in redesigning their caps to change the vents.

- b. Previous discussions had indicated that the Baker pitless with mushroom style cap had not shown ant infestation issues. Since the last WWAC meeting, one of these caps on a school well was shown to be full of ants. The contractor was called to the school because of bad samples.
 - c. Buddy will contact Wells to discuss the situation.
 - d. Venting requirement changes need to be addressed via rule change.
2. Development of a Contractor Technical Advisory Group – Buddy
 - a. Abandoned well group – Tabled until the next meeting.
 - b. PFAS group – Dave Schulenberg, Steve Simmons, Mike Wahlfield, Buddy Sebastian, Steve Buer. Dave DeYoung and Matt Gamble also recommended for the group. This group will help other contractors when drilling in PFAS areas.
 3. Contractor buried pressure tank and associated pumping equipment installation guidance – Matt/Tony
 - a. No comments from MALEHA. Good to go.
 - b. Matt G will send out the guidance to LHDs and contractors.
 4. Part 127 Statute/Rule revision – Buddy
 - a. Tabled until MGWA November meeting.
 - b. Buddy will provide written comments back to EGLE.
 5. MGWA Education Conference – Buddy
 - a. Last conference was well attended and it went very well.
 - b. 2021 conference has been postponed.
 - c. MGWA will get with EGLE to organize some virtual training.
 6. Zilmet Buried Pressure Tank Product Approval – Dave
 - a. Zilmet submitted their metal tanks for approval for burial and did not meet the thickness criteria for buried tanks in EGLE evaluation policy/procedure.
 - b. Other tanks on our approved list also do not meet the thickness requirement (3/16th inch).
 - c. EGLE is keeping the 3/16th inch requirement and contacted those manufacturers with metal tanks currently in production on the approved list to provide evidence of compliance. Manufacturers need to respond by tomorrow (September 25th). The list of approved buried tanks will be updated and certain tanks removed. EGLE will send the revised list to the LHDs and contractors.

G. New Business

1. PFAS/PFOS drill cuttings (handling & disposal) – Chad
 - a. Uncertain what needs to be done with drill cuttings in PFAS areas.
 - b. EGLE recommendation is that the cuttings can be left on-site.

H. Other Business or Comments

1. Ottawa County asked to help develop a document for how to review well records. Anita will work on drafting an outline to share with WWAC.
2. Well drilling video – this is still intended to be done and will help in the education process. EGLE staff is awaiting the submittal of stakeholder forms.
3. Initial registration application review question and Policy/Procedure for exam application review.
 - a. MGWA Board agrees with P/P.

I. Next Meeting Date – Thursday, January 14, 2021 (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

J. New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

K. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.