Meeting called to order at 9:33 a.m.

Welcome and introductions led by Drinking Water and Groundwater Field Operations Director Kyle Burton

**Evaluating the process for handling nitrate exceedances at Transient Non-Community Drinking Water Systems**

- After a presentation by DeWeese, Yang & Finzer, members had a discussion on ways to reduce the number of TN systems that are on continuing operation.
- Discussed ways to lower nitrate levels (i.e. drilling a new well, changing the land use, treatment, etc.)
- Members also talked about financial hurdles associated with nitrates, stake holder input, public comment opportunities, involving the agricultural organizations.

**Lead Drinking Water Testing in Rock County Schools**

- Rock County Health Department received a grant through Department of Health Services.
- Rock County Health Department’s effort was picked up by local newspaper and the data was distributed to schools that didn’t participate in the testing.

**NR 140 Standard Process**

- Coliform is on DNR’s list because they want it to be aligned with the Drinking Water Standards.
- NR 140 Standards are not regulated as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) in public water systems unless the standard is also listed in the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards

- Wietersen would like a presentation on arsenic in water wells at a future meeting.

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

- Webb mentioned that WSLH is experiencing a number of retirements.
- WSLH is also creating new tools and hiring scientists that will study the aging of lead and water.

Wisconsin Rural Water Association

- Groh, no updates at this time.

Wisconsin Water Well Association

- Kramer thanked DNR for having this group and making an effort to listen to private industries. He also mentioned having difficulties getting continuing education content approved by DNR.

Clean Wisconsin

- Hedman shared that for the first time, Clean Wisconsin and the Farm Bureau issued a joint statement following DNR’s updates to NR 151. She hopes that Clean Wisconsin, the ag community and DNR can continue to work together.

Northern Lake Service

- Junio asked when NR 812 is going to the Natural Resource Board and emphasized how important it is to keep the lab certification program in the loop.

Municipal Environmental Group

- Kobza mentioned that since legislation was adopted to allow municipalities to have lead service line replacement programs. Kenosha is currently going through the approval process with PSC to create a program that will assist with replacement of private homeowner lead lines.
- Kobza also asked for clarification on potential funds being available for private portion lead service line replacement. Wunderlich with give an update at the October 16 meeting.
- Kobza also briefly touched on the different roles the PSC and DNR have in construction approvals. Wunderlich will be giving a presentation on this topic at the October 16 meeting.

Department of Health Services

- Irving mentioned DHS is creating resources for homeowners with questions about lead in their homes.
- Irving also talked about illnesses related to Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) being a new reportable condition in Wisconsin. Reporting of HABs-related illnesses in this manner will help ensure timely public health investigation, which is essential for preventing additional exposures and illnesses.
- Yang mentioned DHS has recently developed outreach resources for local health agencies that receive well questions from homeowners.

**Department of Natural Resources**

- Rheineck talked about the Groundwater Coordinating Council Partnership and Outreach sub-committee. State agencies are working together to agree on a consistent format on outreach materials.
- DeWeese mentioned that the preliminary monitoring schedules for municipals will be sent out in early August, final schedules will go out in January.
- Burton mentioned DNR is in its third year of a Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) monitoring study on Lake Winnebago.

The [agenda and presentation can be found on the DGSG website](#) - Meeting minutes recorded by Carlyn Brown, DNR