

Meeting Minutes
Drinking Water and Groundwater Study Group Meeting
August 20, 2019
Natural Resources Building - GEF 2 Room G09 - 101 S Webster St, Madison

David Webb – Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene*
Lawrie Kobza – Municipal Environmental Group*
Paul Junio – Northern Lake Service*
Rick Wietersen – WALDAB*
Roy Irving – DHS*
Susan Hedman – Clean Wisconsin*
Jeff Kramer - Wisconsin Water Well Association *
Jocelyn Hemming – WSLH
Tony Steffen – City of Fond du Lac
James Wedekind - TRC

Mike Sullivan – Oak Creek Water
Mark Borchardt – USDA – ARS
Marty Collins - WSLH
Maddy Salo – GZA
Jim Drought - GZA
Ken Bradbury - WGNHS
Eric Uram – Headwater LLC
Sadie Derouin - DNR
Steve Elmore - DNR
Kyle Burton – DNR
Liesa Lehmann – DNR
Carlyn Marty – DNR

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SWIGG Study - There was a 25 percent homeowner participation in the study. Results were analyzed by UW Steven Point and reported to homeowner. Samples that were collected in August are being analyzed.

Questions from the audience:

- Is there any information if the homeowner disinfected?
 - No data has been collected.
- Will the study be looking at septic system data?
 - The more septic systems there are surrounding a well, the greater the chance of fecal evidence. This data will be given to the counties.
- What has been the behavioral response from homeowners?
 - The responses from homeowners have varied from, “I haven’t been sick so I’m not concerned,” to “I don’t have the money to fix the problem.”

Property Transfer Private Well Inspections

- Members agreed that the key to making homebuyers and sellers aware of property transfer private well inspections is by educating realtors.

What is happening nationally with Manganese results above EPAs Health Advisory Level from the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)

Questions from the audience:

- If manganese is detected and the well is taken offline, what can be done for treatment?
 - Softening or filtering are effective treatments but are not necessarily fast acting.

Member roundtable

Clean Wisconsin member Susan Hedman noted that CW has been tracking the legislative process for numerous lead bills and PFAS/PFOS developments.

The Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene member David Webb reported that the lab is providing analytic assistance on PFAS/PFOS. WSLH has also been certified by EPA as an accessor radionuclide chemistry lab.

Municipal Environmental Group member Lawrie Kobza shared MEG is tracking DNR's 12 large systems initiative.

Northern Lake Service member Paul Junio recommended DNR updates their letter template that is used when a new well is drilled for a municipal to not include radionuclides and to include an approved list of laboratories.

Wisconsin Water Well Association member Jeff Kramer shared his appreciation for the diversity of presenters at each study group meeting.

Department of Health Services member Roy Irving reported that work has begun on the Cycle 11 list of Groundwater Standards from DNR. DHS is also working on EPAs WINN application that will provide funding for lead water testing for childcare centers in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards member Rick Wietersen asked for an update on the Gov's budget item on the well compensation program.

- There was an increase in funding but no change in eligibility.

Chris Groh – Wisconsin Rural Water Association – not present

John Steinbrink - American Water Works Association (AWWA) - Wisconsin Chapter – not present

Lane Ruhland, Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce – not present

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