

WDNR Short Term Solutions in Relation to contaminated Well Water in Kewaunee County Workgroup

AGENDA

NOTES

Monday September 28th, 2015, 12:30-4:30pm
Kewaunee County Fairgrounds Expo Hall, 625 Third St.
Luxemburg, Wisconsin 54217

Time	Item
12:30-12:45	<p>Convene Meeting, Welcome and Introductions <i>Workgroup members: (present) John Pagel, Dick Swanson, Jodi Parins, Cindy Kinnard, Davina Bonness, Lynn Utesch, Sara Greers, Ron Heuer, Dale Konkol, Marty Nessman, Russ Rasmussen, Kyle Burton (absent) Andy Wallander, Tom Davenport</i> <i>Others Present: State Representative Joel Kitchens, JaNelle Merry</i> Agenda Repair/additions/NOTES from August meeting</p>
12:45-1:15	<p>Focus on Scope <i>Discussion “What does short term solution mean to you?”</i> NOTES: Group agreed or had no additions to short term solutions being defined as actions taken in the time period beginning after well contamination is confirmed and until a long term solution is decided upon or put in place.</p>
1:15-2:30	<p>Items from last meeting for additional discussion: DNR presentations: <i>“Summary of DNR response to contamination event”</i> <i>See attached</i> Presented by JaNelle Merry – DNR Private Water Supply Specialist <i>“Draft well treatment fact sheet”</i> <i>See attached</i> Initial comments given: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider more appropriate title 2. Clarify if contaminated wells were required to be remedied or abandoned. 3. Identify when DNR should be contacted? 4. Clarify DSPS = Department of Safety and Professional Services 5. Increased focus on potential funding assistance. <p>Group was invited to offer any additional comments after further review to Kyle Burton.</p> </p>

	<p>Kewaunee County citizens:</p> <p><i>“How many people believe they have contaminated wells?”</i> NOTES: Survey made available to all Kewaunee Co. Citizens regarding the purchase of drinking water. Results to be reviewed at next meeting.</p> <p><i>“How can we reach them?”</i> NOTES: Letter being developed by DNR and Kewaunee County Health to be sent to all Kewaunee County Citizens or those in the most susceptible areas.</p> <p><i>“How can we help provide them an interim safe source of drinking water until a more permanent solution is determined?”</i> NOTES: Discussion centered on the potential for “fill up” stations at various local municipalities. Algoma school board had already discussed the possibility and tentatively approved it. Kewaunee County citizens will look into it and report back at next meeting.</p>
<p>2:30-3:00</p>	<p>Public Comment Session</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dave Mindak spoke about the details and outcomes of his well contamination situation. 2. Sandy Winnemueller stated she has had off and on contamination as well as brown water during the spring but no longer samples because of cost. 3. Lynda Cochart spoke of DNR’s unresponsiveness in regards several spill reports, communication from the DNR could be more comforting, well compensation program is difficult to navigate, and the need for a Long Term Solutions Workgroup. 4. Bill Iwen spoke on addition of animal units, bonding for future costs, offsite monitoring, virus sampling, impaired rivers, and instituting additional Hi-Cap well fees. 5. Charles Bensinger spoke about available low cost testing kits that could potentially be used by the public as indicators of contamination.
<p>3:00-3:15</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>3:15-4:30</p>	<p>Items for additional discussion</p> <p>Jodi Parins provided a potential list of actions in the form of a flow chart that detailed actions that would be taken by Kewaunee County and DNR in response to confirmed contamination of a private well by offsite animal waste. Steps included drinking water funded by the “Public Health Department” and county, and monthly sampling funded by the DNR for up to 14 months. The group discussed funding issues and potential sources. Will revisit at next meeting.</p>

	<p>Next steps / Recommendations Group discussed moving to begin formulating final recommendations as described in the group charter / purpose statement.</p> <p>Next meeting OCTOBER 21 8:30am-12:00pm –Kewaunee Expo Center</p> <p>Adjourn</p>
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