

PRIVATE WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Notes – April 7, 2016

Council Member Attendees: Liesa Lehmann (DNR), Bill Batten, Gary Kuhn, Bill Hanser, Eric Schuette, Michael Hanten, Alan Hoyer, David Haupt, Jeff Kramer, Terry Marshall, Rob Spence, Bruce Walker.

Other Attendees: Marty Nessman (DNR), WGNHS staff

Private Water Supply Program Updates

1. NR 812 - future revisions

Lehmann provided summary of process from last meeting. 27 months is the minimum timeframe required, which does not include any stakeholder or technical advisory group meetings that may occur. Before rule language can be written, a Scope Statement identifying areas of the code to be revised must be approved by the Governor and Natural Resources Board. DNR identified four general goals for revising NR 812:

- corrections (ex: separation distances)
- clarifications (ex: definitions)
- streamlining (ex. reducing drill cutting submittal to WGNHS)
- modernizing (ex. update well construction code sections)

WWWA and WGA distributed a list of proposed areas of the code to be considered for including in the Scope Statement. Additional discussion included:

- Subchapter II chapter needs revision, only some parts of Subchapter III
- Emphasize need to update well/drillhole construction and reporting
- Update diagrams, and move diagrams so they are near applicable text
- Update/revise treatment approval requirements
- Address definition of hydraulic fracturing re: water wells
- Clarify cap/seal requirements for side-discharge flowing wells

Lehmann indicated DNR would like to finalize Scope Statement (SS) in next few months so we can begin the rulemaking process. Council members asked to see SS before it's submitted to the Governor.

2. Continuing Education

Lehmann outlined the approach starting in 2017:

- DNR will establish the criteria for approving continuing education credit hours for each license type, review requests from training providers, issue course approvals, and publish approved courses on the internet.
- DNR will continue to maintain a system to track course approvals and each individual's credits, and notify individual license holders who don't have sufficient continuing education hours to renew.
- Any training provider can request DNR approval for continuing education hours.
- Various methods of training – including electronic or in-person training - will be considered for course approval.
- Training provider is responsible to verify each individual's attendance at each course, and submit attendance results to DNR.

DNR will provide a speaker for the annual Water Well Association conference and the annual Wisconsin Geothermal Association conference.

Wisconsin Geologic and Natural History Survey – staff presentations

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 6, 2016 – central Wisconsin