

**Part 127 Groundwater Protection and Water Wells
Stakeholder Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2013**

Present:

Michelle Crook
Ed Everett
Dan Cameron
George Carr
Gerry Neubecker
Richard Layman
Casey Elliott
Liane Shekter Smith
Butch Henry
Adam Wygant
Majed Ghussaini
Dave Lusch
Greg DeWind & Adam

Tony Drautz (for Leon Moore)

Not Present:

Dan Milan
Leon Moore
Glen Jandernoa
Joel Annable
Cynthia Maher

Other DEQ Staff Present:

Carolyn Hobbs Kreiger
Dana DeBruyn
Anita Ladouceur

I. Agenda Review

No new items were added to the agenda.

II. Review Minutes from Previous Meeting

Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were made.

III. Summary of Actions Items

- The goal is to review the statute first and the rules will follow.
- DEQ contacted DeWind Wells and Dewatering to join the group as a stakeholder.
- DEQ is still trying to get a plumbing board representative to join the group.

IV. Meeting Format

- DEQ looked into changing the location, and it was determined that Lansing was the most convenient for the majority and therefore looked at facility that was more accessible.
- It is important for all participants to be able to voice their opinions and concerns.
- We will attach handouts to the agenda and post on the website.
- We will not meet in August.
- We may have the October meeting the day before the MGWA board meeting.

V. Review Well Construction Website (www.michigan.gov/deqwaterwellconstruction)

- DEQ reviewed the 2013 revision workgroup link.
- Stakeholders are encouraged to let DEQ know if they would like to see any modifications.
- DEQ described the clean-up of advisory documents, policy procedures, etc.

VI. Summary of Other States' Statute Regulations

- DEQ looked at 5 other surrounding states and developed a summary handout.
- Uncertain on original date of other states' well codes or if the state is required to review the regulations periodically.

- NGWA has a database of information from when they survey various states. State convention and NGWA convention are where most contractors get their CECs. 21 states use the NGWA testing (19 modules) to obtain CECs. The roster of testing components would be good for us to review.

VII. Discussion Items

a. Licensing vs. Registration

- DEQ gave a summary of information they received from LARA regarding licensing. It is still unclear whether or not LARA would take control, however, they don't want to implement the well code; other DEQ programs (mobile home parks) that have shifted to LARA have created some confusion with enforcement of the program. DEQ needs a clear understanding how LARA's involvement will look before licensing can be pursued.
- MGWA is in favor of licensing.
- Licensed professions administered by LARA have an established board that creates regulations for becoming licensed and unlicensed. The licensing board is partly made up of those professionals being licensed. Enforcement actions could be run through that board.
- DEQ currently collects \$40,000 annually via registration fees and the actual cost of the program is approximately \$800,000.
- It isn't possible to fund the program solely by registration fees. Would a portion of license fee go to LARA and a portion go to DEQ? Could permit fees be adjusted so a portion of the local health department fee goes to DEQ?

b. Continuing Education

- MGWA is in favor of continuing education.
- Rig operators could be certified or registered and also require continuing education. Since direct onsite supervision can be logistically difficult, rig operator certification could help improve the professionalism and quality of the work.
- Need a clear definition of supervision.
- There are different models – self-administered with audits vs. DEQ administered.

c. Well Records

- The pros and cons of electronic submittal of well records were discussed.
- Changing the submittal deadline from 60 days to 30 days was discussed.
- The definition of "date of completion" will need to be modified to include specific language when submitting the drilling record if the pump won't be installed within 60 days (or 30 days) of the drilling.

VIII. Items to add to concern/issues for Rules discussion

- NSF product certification
- Statute of limitations on well code violations

IX. Action Items:

- G. Carr will send example licensing language to DEQ.
- P. Humes will share NGWA testing modules.
- J. McEwan will get further details on licensing in other states.
- MGWA will provide a definition of "supervision".
- G. Carr will check into an October meeting date to coincide with MGWA meeting.

X. Next Meeting Date and Location

Friday, July 26, 2013 9:30-3:00
State Secondary Complex

XI. Discussion Items for Next Meeting

- Definitions
- Bonding
- Owner installed wells