



**DIRECTOR'S
WATER WELL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (WWAC)**

Teams Meeting
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
January 14, 2021

Members Present: Matt Bolang
Chad Brewer
Steve Buer
Tony Drautz
Dan Milan
John Schmitt
Jim Welser
Buddy Sebastian
James (Matt) Gamble
Laura Doud

Members Absent: Erik Kleiman
Bob Webb

Others Present: Mike Frederick
Jacob Sauter
Stef Wellstein
Eric Oswald
Dana DeBruyn
Dave DeYoung
Kathy Gardner
Carolyn Kreiger
Anita Ladouceur
Rob Wolfe
Elizabeth Kalnins

A. Call to Order at 1:06 pm.

B. Introduction of Guests – Stef Wellstein

C. Approval of Agenda – Approved as written.

D. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Approved as written.

E. EGLE Update – James (Matt) Gamble

1. EGLE staff continue to work from home until at least March 1st.
2. There is Well Construction training in February for new Sanitarians at LHDs.
3. NCWS PFAS rules - some NCWS have asked water sampling questions of the drillers.

F. Unfinished Business

1. Ant infestation through well cap vent – Buddy & Stef
 - a. This item was first introduced to the committee on January 26, 2017, and discussed at the last 10 WWAC meetings. Items not previously discussed and

documented in previous minutes are listed in the bullets below.

- b. Stef Wellstein gave a history on the screen requirements and the current open areas depending on the mesh size and screen diameter.
 - c. The use of a screen finer than 30 mesh is not allowed under the Well Code. Tony Drautz noted that the health department could potentially issue a deviation allowing a 40 mesh screen to be used under certain circumstances. EGLE believes Part 113 of the Well Code which covers the issuance of deviations does not cover this item.
 - d. Matt G to do some research to determine if EGLE can approve the use of the 40 mesh screens on a limited basis.
 - e. If EGLE approval is given, Stef will provide Chad two caps: one with 1-40 mesh screen and one with 2-40 mesh screens to use on a trial basis.
 - f. Approved caps with a second vent added would not require a rule change.
2. Development of a Contractor Technical Advisory Group – Buddy
 - a. Abandoned Well Advisory Group – Chad Brewer, Doug Brewer, Gerry & Eric Neubecker, Erik Kleiman, Richard Layman.
 3. Part 127 Statute/Rule revision – Buddy
 - a. Buddy to provide the written comments regarding EGLE's Top 10 to EGLE.
 - b. If a Statute/Rule revision is considered, input from other stakeholders must occur before the official process begins.
 4. Zilmet Buried Pressure Tank Product Approval – Dave
 - a. Zilmet pressure tanks remain unapproved for buried use.
 - b. Removal of all A.O. Smith pressure tanks will occur when the next version of the Approved Water Well Equipment Approved List is posted on the EGLE website. Additional communication to local health departments and registered contractors will occur before the new version is published.
 - c. Amtrol approached EGLE with a process that could potentially keep their UG Series pressure tanks on the List. Amtrol plans to test the UG Series tanks in an aggressive soil condition against currently approved materials for corrosion. If the results are favorable, Amtrol will report the results to EGLE for evaluation. A change to the current Policy/Procedure would be required for EGLE to use these results to allow the Amtrol UG Series to remain on the List.
 5. Well Record Review Document – Anita
 - a. Anita discussed well record review issues with Max Bjorkman at Ottawa County where the original inquiry originated from. EGLE provided several presentations and other information for his new sanitarians. If Ottawa County needs additional help, EGLE will provide assistance.

G. New Business

1. Buried Tanks (Kent County) – Anita
 - a. Anita shared the photo from Kent County Health Department showing the upper portion of a buried tank visible through the top of an irrigation box.
 - b. A rule change is needed to address this issue.
 - c. EGLE told Kent County that the installation could not be approved.

H. Other Business or Comments

1. Buddy recommends attending a Water Use Advisory Committee meeting.

I. Next Meeting Date – April 8th Thursday, (1:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

J. New Agenda Items for Next Meeting

K. Meeting Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.