

**Citizen's Advisory Workgroup Meeting Summary
November 13, 2019 (Updated 12/17/19)**

Attendees:

William Barnett	Paula Gardner	Bob Potocki
A. J. Birkbeck	Kenneth Harvey	Randy Rothe
Connie Boris	Theresa Landrum	Ninah Sasy
Daniel Brown	Arnie Leriche	Kevin Sehlmeyer
Bryan Budds	David Lipscomb	Steve Sliver
Daniel Buyze	Deb MacKenzie-Taylor	Tony Spaniola
Chelsea Dickerson	Susan Manente	Shelli Thurston
William Creal	Pam McQueer	Aaron Weed
Jennifer Carney	Penny Minhinnick-Burns	David Winn
Kara Cook	Tammy Newcomb	Sandy Wynn-Stelt
Scott Dean	Gary Pettyjohn	
Jeff Dutton	Kelly Ploehn	

The attached presentation was used to help facilitate the discussion.

Meeting Summary:

The first meeting of the Citizen's Advisory Workgroup (CAWG) was an organizational meeting that also included initial discussions on transparency and information sharing.

Meetings logistics and administration:

- Members support recording the meetings and making those recordings available at least until the next meeting, posted to their website.
- Draft summaries will be prepared for each meeting.
- While the meetings are not subject to the open meetings act, information from them will be made available on the Web.
- Members should use their discretion when sharing the meeting webinar links. All interested residents, especially those from impacted communities, are welcome to join the webinar. The links won't be published.
- Members support having media join the webinars.
- Opportunities for the members to meet in person, like the October 2020 PFAS Treatment Technologies Conference in Lansing, will be explored.

MPART Update:

The update included the current number of MPART sites, proposed drinking water standards or maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), current studies and research, and the collection program for firefighting foam.

Steve Sliver agreed to let the Environmental Rules Review Committee know during their meeting on November 14, 2019, that the CAWG supports the proposed MCL's moving forward.

Members expressed interest in more detailed updates on specific MPART initiatives, like information on the [Industrial Pretreatment Program initiative](#). Subject matter experts from MPART will be invited to provide those updates going forward.

Website Review:

Chelsea Dickerson gave an overview of the PFAS Response website.

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The workgroup would like meeting agendas, presentations, recordings, and the list of members posted to the [Citizen's Advisory Workgroup webpage](#).

Several comments were received regarding whether EGLE is being transparent, how site investigation information is organized on the web, and whether more data can be posted.

Regarding site investigation pages, perception is reality – next steps on the web write-ups are sometimes a couple months old. Web updates need to be clearer as to when action is expected and why so far out.

Future meeting dates and agendas:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019.

Longer term, the intent is to schedule meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Other Discussion:

The lack of information on PFAS being discharged into the atmosphere from waste to energy plants and the work of MPART with other states and the USEPA on developing sampling and analytical methods for air.

The need to update the PFAS Sites List/Map for sites that exceed the proposed MCL levels.

How to deal with polluters evading being classified as PFAS hot spots.

Tony asked the state to provide for the next meeting the official state policy on information sharing and transparency. For example, is there a policy or guideline for when something should be posted on the web, shared directly, or provided through FOIA.

Tony also asked for the state to provide for the next meeting what has been done to notify the supplies, especially schools, that were found to have PFAS contamination in 2018, that we have newer screening levels and health-based values. The initial communications they received were related to the 70 ppt PFOA/PFOS advisory level. The letters need to be updated and communities and schools notified.

Next steps:

- Invite WRD IPP and Biosolids program to future meeting.
- Create a contact list with email and numbers to just be shared with the group but not online. (initial draft attached)
- Explore the potential of issuing state emails to the group - possibly of a group "shared" page but not for the public.
- List of current issues identified by the group that the CAWG is working on or will be working on may be helpful for the public to see on the webpage.
- Find leachate landfill study and get that to the group.
- List of studies underway and post on the web since some of the reports are years out.
- Deliberate approach on getting more information out to the group.

Homework:

- CAWG submit website comments by 12/10/19, especially top 3 priorities for improvement, to Steve Sliver SliverS@Michigan.gov and Kelly Ploehn PloehnK@Michigan.gov
- MPART share description of what information the state has on PFAS site investigations, how it is typically shared, and the challenges, by 12/10/19.