



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

Teams Meeting
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
September 22, 2022

Members Present: Mike Wahlfeld, SW Representative
Chad Brewer, NW Representative
Jim Welser, SE Representative
Buddy Sebastian, Michigan Ground Water Association (MGWA)
Sara Pearson, EGLE
Laura Doud, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
Tony Drautz, Oakland County Health Division
Matt Bolang, Livingston County Health Department

Members Absent: Adam Tippet, NE Representative
John Schmitt, South Representative
Erik Kleiman, Upper Peninsula Representative
Dan Milan, Milan Supply

Others Present: Dave DeYoung, EGLE
Anita Ladouceur, EGLE
Brad Laskosky, EGLE
Elizabeth Kalnins, EGLE
Mike Frederick, MGWA

1. Call to Order at 1:05 p.m.
2. Introduction of Guests – None
3. Approval of Agenda – Approved as written
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting – Approved as written
5. EGLE Update – Sara Pearson
 - A. EGLE is working on a groundwater data warehouse that would house data from the various EGLE divisions all in one location. EGLE will be sending out surveys for feedback. Workgroups will be developed. Data will be submitted electronically.
 - B. The purpose of Executive Directive 2021-9 is to ensure safe drinking water to Michigan citizens. EGLE will be pursuing a Part 127 and administrative rules revision as part of the ED.
 - C. EGLE staff attended the MALEHA conference at the RAM Center. Tony Drautz is the new MALEHA President.
6. Unfinished Business
 - A. ASTM Standard C 150 Portland Cement Issue – Dave DeYoung/Sara Pearson

1. Request for rulemaking was approved by the Environmental Rules Review Committee. Type IL cement, as specified in ASTM specification C595, will be included in Rule 140 of the Well Code as an acceptable water well component.
 2. Draft rules were shared with MGWA.
 3. Request was sent to Executive Division, and one of the next step will be a public meeting.
 4. Enforcement staff have stated that EGLE cannot legally pursue an exemption for Type IL use under the Well Code, and EGLE will not pursue an emergency rule.
 5. EGLE received MGWA's support letter related to this rule change that was sent to their membership.
 6. MGWA will do more research on the availability of other types of cement.
 7. Some changes in cement are being driven by changes in environmental regulations.
- B. Shop Talk Local Health Department Training – Dave DeYoung
1. August 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in Coopersville, Grayling, and Flint at Milan Supply' and Valley Farms' locations.
 2. After the program presentation, LHD Sanitarians could walk around the shops, look at pieces/parts, and ask questions.
 3. The attendance was lower than previous Water Well Construction program training events. Feedback from Health Departments indicated that summer is a busy time and fall/winter events would be better attended by staff.
- C. 2023 MGWA Education Conference – Buddy Sebastian
1. February 9th and 10th at Marriott in Grand Rapids
7. New Business
- A. Marijuana Grow Facilities – Buddy Sebastian
1. Marijuana grow facility operators are familiar with chemical storage isolation distances.
 2. MDARD has not been involved. LARA handles those facilities.
 3. When EGLE well construction staff get questions from LHDs, they direct them to Water Resources Division for a plan review and potential groundwater discharge permit.
 4. MGWA will draft letter to its members making them aware of the requirements.
- B. Underground Storage Tank Isolation Update including Senate Bill No 991 – Sara Pearson
1. LARA's rule revision removed isolation distances from the rules and replaced it with language stating the tanks need to comply with EGLE's rules.
 2. LARA allows for a variance and can request a hydrogeological study.
 3. A Senate Bill was just introduced and references new sites where tanks are installed.
 4. This puts the onus on the owner/operator to have a consultant.
- C. Contractor Examination Information
1. No exam since last meeting
 2. October 7, 2022, next exam
 - a. 8 applicants will be taking the exam
 - b. 3 other applicants with incomplete applications may or may not sit

for the exam

- D. Contractor Enforcement Update – Brad Laskosky
 - 1. No escalated contractor enforcement since last meeting.

- 8. Other Business or Comments
 - A. MGWA received an email from EGLE that USGS wanted to do water level monitoring. Only well drillers or the owner themselves can open the well. EGLE told USGS that they could not open the wells.
 - B. Buddy drilled well for a hydrogeologist from the oil well industry. The well owner questioned the driller's ability to identify lithology.
 - C. Buddy has been selected by NGWA to run for their board.

- 9. New Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 - A. Well Code Revision Update related to Type IL cement
 - B. Marijuana grow facilities
 - C. MGWA Education Conference

- 10. Next Meeting Date – December 15, 2022 @ 1pm

- 11. Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 p.m.