



## **Report on Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council (SDWAC) Activities March 2022**

### **Council Update**

The in-person meeting of February 28 was held as scheduled at Constitution Hall while simultaneously being broadcast via MS Project Teams. A link to the Project Teams meeting was emailed to the Water Supply Councils and we had several visitors. Chair Keith McCormack welcomed a new member to the council, Ms. Kristin Ward, who will be the council representative from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. McCormack also introduced Ms. Heather Brown from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) who will be assisting the council this year.

### **Public Education and Outreach Consultant**

Gud Marketing representatives Ms. Lauren Abbott, Ms. Chelsea Maupin, Ms. Brooke Gieber, and Mr. Zachary Krieger attended the meeting and provided an update on the project. Ms. Geiber talked about a gap analysis of existing educational resources that will assist us with evaluating what information is already available. Gud Marketing began a survey of water suppliers that was distributed through the Michigan Section of the American Water Works Association and through the Rural Water Association. We thank those organizations for their support. The water supplier survey was closed on March 4.

Ms. Maupin then presented a detailed review of the survey results collected in late 2021 of the public's knowledge and perception of their drinking water. Over 1,200 responses were collected from a wide range of demographic parties including urban, suburban, and rural water users. The data was carefully screened and analyzed to provide a balanced and representative picture of all of Michigan's residents. We were encouraged to learn that most people recalled seeing something about their drinking water quality from their supplier or other source. Suburban users had the most confidence in their water quality followed by rural then urban users. The data will be available in a final report to the council.

### **Goals and Objectives of the Council**

Council member Dr. Stuart Batterman suggested that we might want to do a structured analysis of our desired outputs and outcomes. He has had success using the Logic Model with other groups. It can provide a framework for our council activities and guide us in developing the materials in our public education and outreach project. The council spent time reviewing our needs with the ultimate goal of having metrics by which we can measure our success. Details of the discussion can be found in the minutes of the council meeting. The Logic Model will be further explored in future meetings. If anyone from the Water Supply Councils would like to suggest some outputs or outcomes, please email them to us at [EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@Michigan.gov).

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **Reminders**

Please note that all Lead Service Line Replacement Programs should have begun January 2021.

## Recent and Upcoming Key State Lead and Copper Rule Milestone Deadlines

Preliminary Distribution Systems Material Inventory (DSMI) due to EGLE .....	January 2020
Complete standard sampling pool .....	January 2020
Lead service line replacements initiated .....	January 2021
Next round of semi-annual sampling.....	June 30, 2022
Next round of annual/tri-annual sampling .....	September 30, 2022
Lead action level goes from 15 ppb to 12 ppb .....	January 2025
Complete DSMI due to EGLE .....	January 2025

Go to [Michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe](https://www.michigan.gov/MiLeadSafe) and click on Drinking Water to find data from the preliminary DSMI as well as other information.

All SDWAC meetings are open to the public. Future meeting dates of the SDWAC are published on our current EGLE website at: [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313\\_3675\\_76638-490466--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html).

A remote work session is scheduled for WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM. It will be broadcast via MS Project Teams. The next regular meeting is scheduled for THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM. It will be held in person at EGLE offices in Constitution Hall as well as broadcast via MS Project Teams.

### Recent Articles on Lead in Drinking Water

[EPA confirms filters reduce lead in Michigan city's water | AP News](#)

### Questions and Feedback for the SDWAC

The SDWAC can be reached through the email address [EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-DWMAD-DWCouncil@Michigan.gov).

Updated information about the SWDAC can be found at the following websites:

- Mi Lead Safe: <https://www.michigan.gov/mileadsafe/0,9490,7-392-92796---,00.html>
- EGLE website: [https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313\\_3675\\_76638-490466--,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,9429,7-135-3313_3675_76638-490466--,00.html)