

**Citizen's Advisory Workgroup (CAWG) Meeting Summary
March 10, 2020 {Final 4/14/2020}**

ATTENDEES:

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| Jim Ostrowski | Mike Jury | Bob Potocki |
| A. J. Birkbeck | Deb MacKenzie-Taylor | Christina Schroeder |
| Connie Boris | Susan Manente | Steve Sliver |
| Daniel Brown | Lynn McIntosh | Ian Smith |
| Daniel Buyze | Pam McQueer | Tony Spaniola |
| Daniel Burlingame | Gary Pettyjohn | Aaron Weed |
| William Creal | Kelly Ploehn | David Winn |
| Gale Dugan | Bob Potocki | Sandy Wynn-Stelt |
| Kenneth Harvey | | Harold Zweng |

The attached presentation was used to help facilitate the discussion.

Meeting Summary

PFAS RULEMAKING UPDATE:

Provided by Ian Smith, Emerging Contaminants Unit Manager, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD), EGLE

- Ian provided a timeline of events that took place after Governor Whitmer filed a request for EGLE to establish PFAS drinking water standards (March 26, 2019), which included:
 - MPART establishing the Science Advisory Workgroup (SAWG) to provide health-based values (HBVs) for seven PFAS compounds
 - Input from stakeholders (industries, drinking water supplies entities, health departments, environmental advocates) to draft rules
 - Review of draft rules by the Environmental Rules Review Committee (ERRC)
 - Public Hearings/public comment period (12/2019 through 1/2020)
 - Received 3,334 written comments, 82 oral comments at public hearings
 - Comments reviewed/assessed; 26 areas of concern identified (included in Appendix A of report), of which, seven categories of concern were the main focus
 - ERRC approved rules package, as written, in February 2020 with the following changes:
 - The chemical abstracts service (CAS) registry number for PFBS = 375-73-5
 - The CAS registry number for PFHxS = 355-46-4
- Upcoming steps include submitting the rule package to the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (MOAHR) and Legislative Service Bureau for review, MOAHR submitting rule package to Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) for review

Q: Is there any indication that the rules will be finalized by the anticipated deadline of the end of April/early May?

A: The end of April would be the “best case scenario”

Q: What are the seven categories of concern?

A: Did not have the list, but can be found on the MPART/DW page or will be posted

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Q: Were any other problematic compounds found during this process?

A: Still early in the process, but will be assessed in the near future

Q: After the Governor signs off on the rules, how will the public be made known?

A: Combination of e-mail blasts, media/news releases

Q: Who do the rules apply to?

A: Will be part of the DW Act for regulated water supplies (DHHS website explains the difference in public water supplies)

Q: Where will the new rules be found on the MPART website?

A: A link will be on the Drinking Water landing page

Q: Will there be MCL for the impacts on fish or for recreation use?

A: Rules written for DW specifically

A: Not yet, DW MCLs was the main focus

Q: Will water supply entities or the state be responsible for the sampling program?

A: Possibly both, still establishing. Goal for the water supply entities to sample with EGLE training

Q: Who will pay for the testing?

A: Yet to be determined

MPART UPDATE:

Provided by Steve

- Currently 82 confirmed PFAS sites
- Department of Defense authorized \$13.5 million for investigation on Oscoda, will follow-up with DOD (no response from the task force yet)
- Discussion regarding homework (response/comments only received from one member)
- Discussions about townhall meetings, including upcoming meeting calendar, concerns of impacted citizens not knowing the questions to ask, open house before and after presentations for questions/concerns, sensitivity of attending other communities' meetings, enlisting volunteers to provide information to non-English citizens/communities

PRIVATE WELL TESTING:

- MPART currently not testing/sampling private wells outside of investigation areas
- Some impacted areas identified by concerned residents initiating their own testing program
- Discussion on creating a database for citizens to view areas/wells that have been tested, additional funding for private well testing, and agricultural wells

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HOMEWORK:

Review the Citizens Advisory Workgroup Charter (link provided below)

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/pfasresponse/MPART_Citizens_Advisory_Workgroup_Charter_Aproved_09272019_668528_7.pdf

In particular review the section: *How to engage impacted communities* on page 2.

Brainstorm and provide ideas for the following:

f. Identify community expectations as to nature, format, and timing of MPART responses to communities, and

g. Recommend how to improve awareness of the public health risk and the response.

COMMUNITY SHARING ROUND-ROBIN:

- **Updates/Follow-up/Announcements**
 - No comments regarding the February 11, 2020 CAWG Meeting Summary and it will be finalized

FUTURE MEETINGS:

April 14, 2020

May 12, 2020