

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 Meeting  
Small Water Systems Technical Assistance Center (TAC)  
Advisory Board

A regular meeting of the TAC Board was called to order by Chairperson Serena DiMagno at 9:05 AM in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building. The purpose of the meeting was to present information and review the draft General Update and Fees regulation language (Annex A). This was the last meeting of the Board in 2016.

**The following Board members were present:**

Penny McCoy, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA) – *via webinar*  
E. Lee Koch, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)  
Doug Crawshaw, American Water Works Association (AWWA)  
Serena DiMagno, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)  
Mike Sienkiewicz, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA)  
Mary Roland, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)

**The following Alternate members were present:**

Lisa Daniels, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)  
Mike McFadden, American Water Works Association (AWWA)  
Chip Bilger, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)  
Jennifer Case, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)  
Erin Gannon, Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)  
Mike Kelly, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED)  
Christine Caldara Piatos, Center for Rural Pennsylvania (CRP)  
James Steele, Pennsylvania Home Builders Association (PBA)  
Robert Boos, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PIIA) – *via webinar*  
Curt Steffy, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant and Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)

**The following Organizations were not represented:**

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)  
County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)  
RCAP Solutions  
Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD)  
League of Women Voters, Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)  
Rural Utilities Service/Rural Development (RUS)

**The following DEP staff were present:**

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| Jeff Allgyer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water  | Wendy Lloyd, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water    |
| Ed Chescattie, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water | Bill McNamara, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water  |
| Sabrina Haydt, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water | Joanne Nardone, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water |
| Dawn Hissner, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water  | Laura Edinger, DEP Policy Office              |

**Non-Members present at the meeting:**

Frank Medora, Aqua Pennsylvania  
Sharon Fillman, Chester Water Authority  
Scott Sharp, Pennsylvania American Water  
Chris Swailes, Suez Water  
Matt Walborn, Western Berks Water Authority

Kate Guest, Philadelphia Water Department  
Rita Kopansky, Philadelphia Water Department  
Alison Aminto, Philadelphia Water Department  
Dennis O'Connor, Philadelphia Water Department  
Wendy Walter, Williamsport Water Authority

**General Advisory Board business:**

Three items of general business were introduced prior to new business:

- Changes in members:
  - Wes Stefanick, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR), has requested that he be removed from the TAC Board. Currently there is no alternate for PAR.
  - Del Becker has left RUS; Suzanne Gantz is the alternate. A letter will be sent requesting nomination of a new member.
- The list of members posted on the website is outdated. Additionally, the internal list of members/alternates that includes contact information is outdated. Both of these lists will be updated; the internal list will be provided to the members/alternates and the public list will be posted on the TAC website.
- The draft minutes from the March 16, 2016 TAC Board meeting were presented for discussion. Mike Sienkiewicz (PMHA) made a motion to approve the March 16, 2016 minutes as presented; Jim Steele (PBA) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**General Update and Fees Draft Regulatory Language Presentation**

DEP used a PowerPoint presentation, *Chapter 109 General Update and Fees Proposed Rulemaking*, to introduce the proposal to amend the Department's Safe Drinking Water regulations at Chapter 109. There are 3 main purposes to this draft rulemaking package:

- Incorporate the remaining general update provisions that were separated from the proposed Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) as ordered by the EQB
- Establish new annual fees and amend existing permit fees
- Incorporate additional general updates that will:
  - Establish the regulatory basis for issuing general permits.
  - Clarify that NCWSs require a permit or approval from DEP prior to construction or operation.
  - Address concerns related to gaps in monitoring and tracking of back-up water sources and entry points.

The PowerPoint presentation and the draft Annex A regulatory language are available on DEP's TAC website.

Informal discussion followed on these general categories within the proposed regulatory language:

- Filtration & Turbidity Monitoring (CFE & IFE)
- Comprehensive Monitoring Plan
- Permitting
- Alarms/Shut-down Capabilities
- Resiliency
- Source Water Protection
- Reporting Requirements
- System Maps
- Significant Deficiencies
- Fees

### Public Comments

- The terminology used of “adding the zero” to the turbidity levels is not scientifically valid; DEP should be specific that they are adding a significant digit and justification for change needs to be provided.

### Meeting Dates for 2017

- What is the status of the Disinfection Requirements Rule? Why is DEP presenting another regulation before that is final?

*Answer:* The Disinfection Requirements Rule is on hold because DEP conducted a sampling study during July-Sept to obtain additional data. We are now evaluating those results. The draft of the final Disinfection Requirements Rule should be ready to present to TAC in May 2017. The General Update & Fees draft regulation is not contingent on the Disinfection Requirements Rule and is being proposed now because it contains the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of revisions that were presented to the EQB in 2014. We are waiting until the General Update & Fees package is presented to the EQB before we bring the Disinfection Requirements Rule back to TAC.

- The Board preferred that there be no more than 1 meeting/month in 2017 and that the dates (based on room availability) be chosen from these possibilities:

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|--------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Jan 5 or 12  | May 4 or 11       | Aug 17 or 24  | Nov 16      |
| Feb 16 or 23 | June 8 or 29      | Sept 21 or 28 | Dec 7 or 14 |
| Mar 16 or 23 | July 13, 20 or 27 | Oct 19 or 26  |             |

- *Note:* The 2-year term of the current officers is set to expire, so we will need to have a conversation and possibly develop a nominating committee in 2017. Additionally, Dan Standish was one of the sub-committee chairs, so the question was raised whether that means that Doug Crawshaw is now that chair of that committee?
- Penny McCoy made a motion that Serena continue as the chairperson; Mike Sienkiewicz seconded. The motion was then tabled because the Bylaws state the elections are held during the second meeting of the year. So, the officers and committee chairs will be provided to the members and the discussion regarding the elections will be held during the January meeting.

### Adjourn

Jim Steele made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.