



NEW JERSEY CLEAN WATER COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M.

Microsoft Teams meeting

Meeting Highlights

INTRODUCTIONS

Tony McCracken called meeting to order at 10:03

Council Participants: George Bakun, Brianne Callahan, Maria Connolly, MaryAnna Holden, Gerald Reiner, James Cosgrove, Sandra Howland, David Kovach, Tony McCracken, Justin Baker, Harry Wozunk, Russ Furnari

DEP Participants: Janice Brogle, Jen Feltis, John Murray, Pat Brown, Ben Steinberg, Kerri Standowski

APPROVAL OF MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- July 19, 2022 James Cosgrove moved- Maria Connolly Second- Passed

DEP UPDATES

John Murray provided the following DEP Updates:

1. Clean Water Council website: The Clean Water Council website is nearing completion. Next steps for this project will include a meeting with the CWC subcommittee for final input and comment followed by a final review by NJDEP staff. Pending management approval, the revamped CWC website will be activated.
2. Access Database & AEA NJPDES Subcommittee: DWQ staff met with the AEA PFAS Subcommittee and representatives of the 17 Delegated Local Agencies (DLAs) to share information regarding the development of an Access Database where PFAS data collected outside of a permit can be stored, accessed, and utilized. A survey was sent to understand the data willing to be shared as well as the types of reports that may be most useful for data sharing. A council member asked the number of survey responses, to which the Department responded 13. A follow-up meeting will be set to continue the dialog during which survey results will be discussed.
3. Request for Information (PFAS Monitoring): DWQ has issued Request for Information PFAS monitoring letters to the third group of Industrial Discharge to Surface Water and Significant Indirect User facilities permitted by the Department. These 46 facilities will be required to collect 2 samples of effluent at least 30 days apart and analyze for the presence of 15 PFAS analytes in the discharge. The facilities will be required to submit results by February 1, 2023. With the issuance of these latest requests, all industrial dischargers to surface water and SIU

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permittees have been required to collect PFAS samples. The Department has begun modifying permits to include quarterly monitoring.

4. Water Bank / Amended Intended Use Plans (IUPs): On September 1, 2022, the Department proposed amendments to the Final Clean Water and Final Drinking Water Intended Use Plans Federal Fiscal Year 2022/ State Fiscal Year 2023. The proposed revisions to the SFY 2023 programs can be found here: <https://nj.gov/dep/wiip/project-lists.html>. A hearing on the Proposed Amendments to the Final SFY 2023/FFY 2022 Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF IUPs was conducted on September 14, 2022. The comment period for submitting written comments on the proposal closed on October 3, 2022.

Following the updates, council members questioned the level of awareness regarding available funding for IUPs and how the funding is allocated. The Department clarified that municipalities and interested entities should be aware of funding availability based on the stakeholder and public hearing events that have taken place. It was also explained that prioritization for funding is based upon a point system the Department utilizes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. CWC Web Page Updates
 - Close to completion and John will set up a meeting with the subcommittee to review and make final changes before seeking management level approval.
2. 2022 Public Hearing Discussion
 - The Council would like to aim for the January 2023 so that the public hearing will happen prior to Director Janice Brogle's retirement. Will determine the date based on the Commissioner's availability and DWQ will meet with the hearing subcommittee once dates are offered, and speakers are identified.
3. A Council member inquired about when will the Surface Water Quality Standards be formally proposed. DWQ is working with DWMSPC, but ultimately, the proposal is under the purview of DWMSPC.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business was discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Joint meeting with Water Supply Advisory Council to follow this meeting on Managed Aquifer Recharge Program Updates – provided by Kerri Standowski, DWQ.
- Next meeting: December 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn from James Cosgrove and second by Russ Furnari- adjourned 10:39 am.