

New Jersey Clean Water Council  
February 10, 2015

Location:  
NJEIT, 3131 Princeton Pike, Building 4, Suite 216, Lawrenceville, NJ

<b>Members Present:</b>	
George Bakun - NJ Business & Industry Jim Cosgrove – NJ Society of PEs Jessica Sanchez - DRBC Dan Van Abs – General Public Stan Cach – NJDEP, Liaison Ferdows Ali – NJ Dept. of Agriculture James Requa – NJ Dept. of Community Affairs Vincent Monaco – NJ WSAC	Pamela Goodwin – General Public Anthony McCracken – General Public Anthony Valente – NJ Dept. of Labor & Industry Amy Goldsmith – General Public Mary Anna Holden – NJ Bd. of Public Utilities Russ Furnari – NJ Chamber of Commerce Chris Sturm – General Public
<b>Others:</b> Helen Heinrich – NJCWC Advisor Maria Zazzera – NJBPU Clare Billett – Wm. Penn Foundation Jennifer Feltis Cortese – Water Resource Mgmt., Office of Coordination, NJDEP	<b>NJDEP Staff:</b> Julie Krause, Div. of Water Quality Tracy Omrod, Division of Water Quality Jay Springer – Div. of Water Mon. & Stands. Kathleen Hitchner – DWM&S Anne Witt – DWM&S

Meeting began at 10:04 am

The motion to approve the January 13, 2015 meeting highlights was made by Jim Cosgrove and second by Amy Goldsmith and was approved with Pamela Goodwin abstaining.

### **New Business**

Clare Billett, Program Officer, Watershed Protection, William Penn Foundation, gave a power point presentation of the PA and NJ watershed programs currently sponsored by the Wm. Penn Foundation. Her presentation will be posted on the NJCWC's website.

Jennifer Feltis gave an update of the State Water Quality Management Plan. The DEP will be focusing its efforts on the CPP (Continuing Planning Process) and not completing a new SWQMP at this time. There are nine federal requirements for the CPP and the State also has its own requirements that complement the federal requirements. The Office of Water Resources Management Coordination is responsible for updating and organizing the CPP. The OWRMC will be in discussion with Management and the Council regarding its involvement or input with the CPP. The federal and state requirements are an attachment to the meeting highlights.

### **DEP Updates:**

#### **O&M MANUAL**

DWQ is working to finalize O&M Manual guidance and checklist for WWTP.

Framework to assist operators and DEP on what is acceptable O&M manual.

Plenty of existing guidance already from EPA and other states, using that as the starting point.

#### **E-REPORTING**

Submitted comments on the supplemental notice for EPA's NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule.

Comments on this rule are important as its implementation will be costly to both the State and its permittees. In addition to having to modify most of our permits to collect additional data, the rule will also require substantial investments to enhance NJEMS, develop additional services to accept the required information, and develop the services to transfer the information to EPA's database. Further, significant resources will be required to maintain these services. In addition, if the Department is unable to collect and transfer all required data within the specified timeframes, then a burden would be placed on our regulated universe to submit data to both the EPA and the Department.

DEP is concerned with EPA's aggressive 2 year implementation schedule, and DEP estimates that it will cost \$9-\$10 million in IT cost.

#### CSO LISTSERV & SURVEY

The Division, in conjunction with New Jersey Future and USEPA, sponsored a workshop entitled Reinvesting in Urban Water Infrastructure through Combined Sewer Overflow Long Term Control Plans. The goal of the workshop was to inform the State's CSO communities and partners on the new permit requirements and opportunities associated with addressing CSOs. Based on feedback from the workshop, the Division is developing a listserv to better inform and update our CSO stakeholders on the State's CSO program and upcoming CSO events. The Division's email to workshop participants and registrants that will (1) provide a link to the presentations from the workshop, (2) inform them that a listserv has been created and (3) provide them the instructions on registering for the listserv.

In addition, the Division, in coordination with the Department's Constituent Relations group, is in the process of creating a survey to solicit feedback from our CSO stakeholders. The survey will request information from the stakeholders regarding

- (1) the additional education/workshops they require,
- (2) the support needed for the development of the LTCPs, and
- (3) their level of interest in helping the Department organize/present/participate in different presentations, training or workshops.

#### CSO RESPONSE TO COMMENT

DWQ is working hard to finalize ASAP.

#### EPA DENTAL AMALGAM RULE

DWQ submitted comments to EPA on their dental amalgam rule. DWQ's comments included to not track the dentist's license numbers, doing so would require that every time a dentist changed location they would have to submit updated documentation. Since the control device is at the physical location, tracking which dentists are at the office provides no environmental benefit.

#### **Old Business:**

- James Cosgrove is finalizing the Council's public hearing recombination letter for the Council's approval at the March meeting.
- The Chair reported that the response to the CWC Questionnaire was overwhelming to maintain the existing purpose and structure of the Council.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

## Attachment to NJCWC's Meeting Highlights of February 10, 2015

### CONTINUING PLANNING PROCESS

#### Federal and State Requirements

Pursuant to **federal regulations** at 40 CFR 130.5(b), each State CPP must include the following nine minimum components:

- (1) The process for developing effluent limitations and schedules of compliance at least as stringent as those required by sections 301(b) (1) and (2), 306 and 307, and at least as stringent as any requirements contained in applicable water quality standards in effect under authority of section 303 of the Act.
- (2) The process for incorporating elements of any applicable areawide waste treatment plans under section 208, and applicable basin plans under section 209 of the Act.
- (3) The process for developing total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and individual water quality based effluent limitations for pollutants in accordance with section 303(d) of the Act and §130.7(a) of this regulation.
- (4) The process for updating and maintaining Water Quality Management (WQM) plans, including schedules for revision.
- (5) The process for assuring adequate authority for intergovernmental cooperation in the implementation of the State WQM program.
- (6) The process for establishing and assuring adequate implementation of new or revised water quality standards, including schedules of compliance, under section 303(c) of the Act.
- (7) The process for assuring adequate controls over the disposition of all residual waste from any water treatment processing.
- (8) The process for developing an inventory and ranking, in order of priority of needs for construction of waste treatment works required to meet the applicable requirements of sections 301 and 302 of the Act.
- (9) The process for determining the priority of permit issuance.

The **state requirements** complement and expand upon the federal requirements. Pursuant to this statute, "The commissioner shall conduct a continuing planning process which shall:

- a. Integrate and unify the statewide and areawide water quality management planning processes;
- b. Conduct a statewide assessment of water quality and establish water quality goals and water quality standards for the waters of the State;
- c. Develop a statewide implementation strategy to achieve the water quality standards, which shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) the determination of effluent limitations and schedules of compliance at least as stringent as those required by the Federal Act;

(2) the determination of the total maximum daily load for pollutants necessary to meet the water quality standards;

(3) the incorporation of all elements of any areawide waste management plan prepared pursuant to this act;

(4) an inventory and ranking of needs, in order of priority, for the construction of municipal waste treatment works needed to meet the water quality goals and standards;

(5) methods for controlling all residual wastes from any water treatment processing.