

Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Meeting
Public Water System Technical Assistance Center (TAC) Board

A regular meeting of the TAC Board was called to order by Chairperson Serena DiMagno at 9:00 AM. This was the second regularly scheduled meeting of 2023.

The following Board members were present:

Amy Batdorf, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Doug Crawshaw, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Serena DiMagno, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
Roger Hadsall, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
Russell James, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA)
Clint McKinley, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)
Mary Roland, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)
James Steele, Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA)

The following Alternate members were present:

Jeff Bickel, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)
Chip Bilger, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
Jennifer Case, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Lisa Daniels, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
Sharon Fillmann, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Patrick Fromm, USDA
Mary Gaiski, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA)
Joel Jordan, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
Matt Lamb, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC)
David Martin, Center for Rural Pennsylvania (CRP)
Tesra Schlupp, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PIIA)

The following Organizations were not represented:

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Department Community and Economic Development (DCED)
League of Women Voters, Pennsylvania (LWVPa)
National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)
Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)
Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD)
Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)
RCAP Solutions, Inc. (RCAP)

Members/alternates from 12 organizations were present; therefore, a quorum was achieved.

Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) staff attending the meeting:

Scott Alderfer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jeff Allgyer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Angi Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jill Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Lisa Beatty, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
June Black, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Ed Chescattie, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Derik Dressler, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Dave Grube, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Sabrina Haydt, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

Dawn Hissner, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Sheryl Martin, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Bill McNamara, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jason Minnich, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Rodney Nesmith, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Kim Snook, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jay Patel, Bureau of Clean Water
Leda Lacomba, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel
Brian Chalfant, Policy Office

Non-Members attending the meeting:

Nicholas DeMarco, OCA
Emme Reiser, PA Association of Realtors (PAR)
Anita Martin, Chester Water Authority

Frank Medora, Aqua America
Christine Swailes - Suez
Matt Walborn, Western Berks Water Auth. (WBWA)

General Advisory Board business

The draft meeting minutes from October 27, 2022 TAC Board meeting were presented for discussion. There was a correction on Page 3 under lead service Line Inventories, 3rd bullet point to remove the double negative. No other edits to the minutes were noted. James Steele (PBA) made a motion to approve the October 27, 2022 minutes as corrected and amended. Tesra Schlupp (PIIA) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Q&A for LCRR Service Line Inventory Requirements

DEP staff from the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water were available to answer questions. The TAC Board requested clarification on the following items.

- The number of excavations needed to determine the service line is not lead.
DEP outlined possible service line determination methods.
- Updates or additional guidance for water systems that attended the early training sessions.
DEP's LCRR website has updates, the training guide and job aids. An alternative form to DEP's template is available by request.
- Whether a customer's distribution system service lines are to be included in the inventory if the water system sells to a customer that has its own distribution lines (such as a manufactured home community).
EPA's guidance states that the water system does need to include the customer's service lines. DEP is requesting clarification and legal authority information from EPA.
- Request for clarification on the Lead Service Line (LSL) Accelerator project.
Pennsylvania is one of 4 states that EPA has selected to provide technical assistance specific to service line inventories and lead service line replacements to small water systems. DEP has identified approximately 10 systems for this assistance with the expectation that lessons learned case studies will be created to assist all water systems.

PFAS Sampling Fact Sheet

DEP provided an update on the draft PFAS Sample Collection Fact Sheet. The TAC Board had the following comments.

- DEP should clarify how water systems should address potential cross-contamination from the water pipe supplying the sampling tap.
DEP noted that the field blank should detect this type of cross-contamination and that the water system could also collect a source water sample. If the water system chooses to not have the source water result reported to DEP, the sample should be noted as non-reportable, and the water system assumes responsibility for notifying DEP if any results that exceed an MCL value.
- DEP should clarify whether field blank detections or QA/QC issues invalidate a result thereby requiring a replacement sample. DEP noted that there is a process for labs to request to report results with data qualifiers caused by QA/QC failures unless the failure is such that the lab determines the result is invalid.

DEP recommended that water systems review and comment on the proposed EPA PFAS Rule during the public comment period. The deadline to submit comments is May 30, 2023.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

Jay Patel, Bureau of Clean Water presented an overview and outline of the federal funding. The TAC Board requested clarification related to funding for on-lot septic systems. TAC members were advised to contact PENNVEST for assistance on projects.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjourn

Mary Gaiski (PMHA) made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed by a unanimous vote, and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.