

Minutes of the May 23, 2024 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 9:02 AM. This was the second regularly scheduled meeting of 2024.

The following Board members were present:

Amy Batdorf, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Jeff Bickel, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)
John Brady, Rural Utilities Service/Rural Development (RUS)
Doug Crawshaw, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Serena DiMagno, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
Amy Forsha, RCAP Solutions, Inc (RCAP)
Roger Hadsall, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
JT Hand, National Association of Water Companies (NAWC)
Greg Herb, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Russell James, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA)
James Steele, Pennsylvania Builders Association (PBA)

The following Alternate members were present:

Chip Bilger, Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania (WWOAP)
Jennifer Case, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA)
Ed Chescattie, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection - Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Laura Dimino, Center for Rural Pennsylvania (CRP)
Sharon Fillmann, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter (AWWA)
Patrick Fromm, Rural Utilities Service/Rural Development (RUS)
Mary Gaiski, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association (PMHA)
Erin Gannon, Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA)
Joel Jordan, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA)
Matthew Lamb, Public Utility Commission (PUC)
Emme Reiser, Pennsylvania Association of Realtors (PAR)
Mary Roland, State Board for Certification of Sewage Treatment Plant & Waterworks Operators (SBCSTPWWO)
Tesra Schlupp, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority (PIIA)
James Wheeler, Pennsylvania Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS)

The following Organizations were not represented:

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP)
Department Community and Economic Development (DCED)
League of Women Voters, Pennsylvania (LWVPa)
Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc. (PACD)

Members/alternates from 17 organizations were present; therefore, a quorum was achieved.

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

Jeff Allgyer, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Angi Anderson, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Lisa Beatty, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Avery Bischoff, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Melissa Crow, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Derik Dressler, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Dave Grube, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water

Dawn Hissner, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Jason Minnich, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Kim Snook, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water
Brian Chalfant, Policy Office
Leda Lacomba, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel
Lindsay Williamson, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel

Non-Members attending the meeting:

Brandy Braun, PA American Water
Sara Crawshaw, Borough of Carlisle
Chad Heister, PA Rural Water
Erin McKechnie, MJ Reider
Anita Martin, Chester Water/PAAEL
Charles Motley, PA American Water

Linda O'Donnell, Philadelphia Water Department
David Rustay, Essential Water
Christine Swailes, Veolia Water
Matt Walborn, Western Berks Water Authority
Andrew Zerby, OCA
Carl Zetler, PA American Water

General Advisory Board business

The draft meeting minutes from February 14, 2024 TAC Board meeting were presented for discussion. James Steele (PBA) made a motion to approve the February 14, 2024 minutes as presented. Mary Gaiski (PMHA) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons

- Nomination for Chairperson: Serena DiMagno; Nomination for Vice Chairperson: Sharron Fillmann
Motion was made by James Wheeler and 2nd by James Steele to close nominations and approve nominations. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
- Discussion on the purpose of, and need for, sub- committees and additional Vice Chairs.
 - Motion was made to table the discussion until the next meeting August 14th, 2024 by JT Hand and 2nd by Matthew Lamb. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.
 - DEP is tasked with looking up the historical information on sub committees from early TAC formation.

Presentation – Drinking Water Accredited Laboratories

- DEP provided an overview of the Drinking Water Accredited Laboratories
 - There are ~ 7,900 public water systems with 9,200 entry points.
 - There are about ½ the number of labs accredited by PA in 2024 than there were 20 years ago.
- DEP also provided an overview of the process for inspections at drinking water accredited labs by Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW) staff.
 - Starting with commercial labs, BSDW staff will be conducting inspections at laboratories accredited for drinking water testing to educate and evaluate compliance with the provisions of Chapter 109 SDW regulations that apply to laboratories but are not evaluated by DEP's Lab Accreditation Program (e.g. sample collection and data reporting).

- The inspections are to ensure that samples are being collected in accordance with the appropriate sample siting plans regardless of whether a contract lab or water system personnel are collecting the samples.

SDW Informational Session

LCRR: Remember that the SLI must be completed and submitted to DEP by October 16, 2024.

PFAS:

- The Q1 2024 PFOA/PFOS monitoring results were posted to the PFAS MCL Rule webpage. Monitoring was completed as required by 90% of the PWSs required to sample in 2024.
- EPA published the final PFAS Rule on April 26, 2024. The implementation dates are different for monitoring and MCL compliance. PA DEP will have to revise chapter 109 (through a formal rulemaking) to incorporate the federal provisions that are more stringent than the current PFAS MCL Rule.
- Most labs accredited by PA are able to meet the analytical requirements specified in the federal rule. The methods approved by both PA and EPA include all 6 PFAS regulated in the federal rule. Each PWS will have to specifically request that their sample(s) be tested for these 6 PFAS.
- Approximately 14% of the systems that submitted results to date have levels for PFOA, PFOS (or both) that are below the PA MCLs but exceed the EPA MCLs

CCR3: The revised CCR Rule (CCR3) was announced as final on May 15, 2024. *UPDATE: The final rule was published in the Federal Register on May 24, 2024.*

Cybersecurity: One of the most basic protective measures PWS staff can & should take to prevent a cyber intrusion is to change the default password on equipment. Each PWS should also have separate firewalls/networks and check outward facing SCADA alarms.

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 11:05 AM.