



Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Indiana Water Environment Association – Government Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes

Indiana Government Center North 12th Floor – Conference Room E

May 9, 2019

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Martha Clark-Mettler (IDEM), Paul Higginbotham (IDEM), Jason House (IDEM), Camille Meiners (SRF), Brian Neilson (HWC/IWEA), Tim Healy (Greeley-Hansen/IWEA), Sarah Mitchell (Elkhart) and Brady Dyer (CEI/IWEA).

2. IFA-SRF Update
 - a. General Funding Update
 - i. New initiative to close approximately 20 loans per quarter to manage workload of all stakeholders
 - ii. Financial Advisor to initiate intent to close with letter to IFA
 - iii. See attached email for additional details
 - iv. January 1, 2019 represents the “bypass” period whereby projects are funded on a first come, first serve basis
 - v. 2020 Projections:
 1. \$35M for Drinking Water
 2. \$200M to \$300M for Wastewater
 - vi. PERs for FY 2020 due June 14, 2019
 - vii. Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act to provide for drinking water lead testing in schools.

3. Total Nitrogen Monitoring Notification for Major (≥ 1.0 MGD) Municipal Dischargers
 - a. Total Nitrogen = TKN + nitrite + nitrate
 - b. Impacted a few permits thus far in 2019
 - c. More permits to be impacted in 2020



- d. Grab sample (vs. 24-hour composite)
 - e. HACH Total Nitrogen Method using TNT for DR 3900 spectrophotometer not approved by EPA.
4. EPA POTW Secondary Treatment Questionnaire Status
- a. Questionnaire not issued to POTWs as of June 13, 2019.
 - b. EPA removed draft survey from website to avoid confusion.
5. Federal NPDES Rule Update
- a. See link for proposed NPDES Renewal Forms:
<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-application-forms>
 - b. IDEM requested feedback on forms found at link above.
 - c. Implementation may require rule change
 - d. State Form update likely
 - e. State to implement after June 12, 2019
 - f. IDEM coordinating with other states to determine how to meet requirements
 - g. Until notified otherwise, permittees requested to use current state forms
6. Water Quality Criteria for Metals Status
- a. Moving forward, albeit slowly
 - b. Selenium has caused delays – mostly impacts Coal energy dischargers
 - c. Selenium implementation questions remain - dissolved metals (for fish tissue) versus total (for NPDES permits)
 - d. IDEM developing approach to address
7. Ohio River Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) Pollution Control Standards (PCSs) Review
- a. Initial plan to eliminate ORSANCO PCSs decision tabled in October 2018
 - b. Recent divergence from approach due to benefit of state flexibility
 - c. ORSANCO Specific requirements for municipal sanitary permittees – year-round disinfection and Acute Ammonia Criteria
 - d. Revised PCSs issued on June 6, 2019:
<http://www.orsanco.org/programs/pollution-control-standards/>
8. 2012 RWQC Update
- a. IDEM has conducted additional coordination with EPA



- b. EPA has reviewed version of RWQC change for CSOs and has prepared an alternate version
 - c. EPA Headquarters has been involved as well
 - d. Additional discussion on Integrated Planning and Clean Water Act compliance ensued
9. Compliance/Enforcement Updates
- a. Increase compliance issues with semi-public WWTPs.
 - b. Recent Sewer Ban issuance – Town of Frankton
 - c. No updates on SSO compliance
 - d. Compliance Data Section continues to closely monitor NPDES Schedule of Compliance Updates
 - e. IDEM initiative to reduce those permittees deemed to be in Significant Noncompliance
 - f. IDEM staff reminded group of CSO milestone reporting obligations
10. Operator Certification Rule Work Group Update
- a. Draft Rule Revisions sent to IDEM Rules Section for review and processing
 - b. Revisions from Rules Section sent back to OWQ for review
 - c. 1st Public Notice forthcoming
11. MS4 Program Update
- a. General Permit Work Group Activities ongoing
 - b. House Bill 1266 language to be included into Draft MS4 General Permit.
 - c. Implications to be discussed in greater detail and Annual MS4 Meeting on May 14, 2019
 - d. Site Runoff SWPPP review timing discussed as required by HB 1266
12. Construction Site Run-Off General Permit Status
- a. No formal update provided
 - b. To be adopted concurrent with MS4 General Permit
13. 2019 IDEM Initiatives & Legislative Update
- a. Main IDEM Initiative - Assume Section 404 permitting from USACE
 - b. Senate Bill 4: Water and Wastewater Utilities and Runoff
 - i. Study to include stormwater (including agriculture)



- ii. Asset Management Program (AMP) applied to facilities greater than 100,000 gallons per day average design flow
 - iii. IDEM implementation/tracking of AMPs to be determined
 - iv. Water Loss Audit Requirements
- c. House Bill 1278: Various Environmental Matters:
- i. Allows IDEM to increase fees with Environmental Rules Board (ERB) Approval
 - ii. Electronic submittals for Drinking Water Labs
 - iii. Removes Indiana State Department of Health rep from ERB and replaces seat with Construction Representative
 - iv. Modifies septage vehicle designation
 - v. Develops energy Task Force.