



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

Indiana Government Center North 12th Floor – Conference Room E

October 23, 2018

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Agenda:

1. Introductions
 - a. Martha Clark-Mettler (IDEM), Paul Higginbotham (IDEM), Camille Meiners (SRF), Sarah Mitchell (Elkhart/IWEA), Craig Williams (Angola/IWEA), and Brady Dryer (CEI/IWEA)
2. IFA-SRF Update
 - a. Funding Update
 - i. \$13M in Wastewater Project Loans to date for FY 2018
 - ii. \$6M in Water Project Loans to date for FY 2018
 - iii. Pool Financing Period Begins – January 1, 2019
 - b. Senate Enrolled Act 362 – Asset Management Plan Program
 - i. Based on Senate Bill 362
 - ii. Required for IFA SRF borrowers
 - iii. Plans eligible for SRF financing
 - iv. Plans to be completed by last project disbursement
 - v. Borrower certification of completion
 - vi. IFA Guidance to be issued in July
 - vii. Cybersecurity component to be implemented as well.
 - viii. \$25K available for Small Communities to Prepare AMP.
 - ix. Must submit PER and be on Project Priority List.
 - c. Retirements & New Staff
 - i. Jack Fisher (SRF Project Engineer) – Fully retired.
 - ii. Doris Roberson (SRF Bidding/DBE Coordinator) – Fully retired.
 - iii. Staci Orr – Bidding/DBE & Environmental Reviews (taking over for Doris)
3. Water Infrastructure Task Force



- a. General discussion of members, topics, presentations, and goals ensued.
 - b. Additional Information can be found here:
http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2018/committees/water_infrastructure_task_force
4. State Water Quality Standards Review & Public Hearing
 - a. Most comments regarding Selenium Water Quality Standard calculation and mostly from power companies.
 - b. Preliminary Adoption Forthcoming.
 5. Ohio River Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO) Water Quality Standards Review
 - a. Initial Public Review Period January 10, 2018 through February 24, 2018
 - b. 2nd Public Review Period June 26, 2018 through August 10, 2018
 - c. Currently allows for consistency of Ohio River discharger WQSs
 - d. Option to remove ORSANCO WQSs and let state's implement respective state WQSs thought to be most appropriate.
 - e. Impacts 45 Indiana Municipal and Industrial Dischargers
 - f. Anti-Backsliding implications potential concern of EPA & IDEM
 - g. No WQS Vote in October Meeting
 - h. WQS Vote tabled until February 2019.
 6. 2012 RWQC Update
 - a. IDEM internal discussions continue.
 - b. Portland Bacterial Management Plan discussed as compliance tool/option.
 - c. Seeking Wet Weather Limited Use Subcategory under SEA 620 still favored by some at IDEM.
 - d. Communities approved to comply with 10 Year, 1 Hour Design Storm Compliance (NPD Water-16: CSO Treatment Facilities) still seeking protection.
 7. Compliance/Enforcement Updates
 - a. New Early Warning Sewer Ban/Sewer Ban list distributed (See Attached).
 - b. New Ross only new addition to list.
 - c. Drinking Water & Wastewater Noncompliance discussed as presented by Commissioner to Water Infrastructure Task Force (See Attached).
 8. Operator Certification Rule Work Group Update
 - a. Introductory Meeting on May 11, 2018.
 - b. Second Meeting on October 16, 2018.
 - c. Brief summary of proposed changes to rule:
 - i. Failure of exam 3 times, then 8-hour training course must be completed prior to reapplication.



- ii. Minor updates/changes to treatment facility descriptions.
 - iii. Operator in Responsible Charge language.
 - iv. For more information, see draft previously distributed to GAC.
9. MS4 General Permit Update
- a. Introductory Meeting held on August 28, 2018.
 - b. Second Meeting held on October 5, 2018.
 - c. Third Meeting to be held on November 30, 2018.
 - d. MCMs 1 & 2 reviewed/discussed to date.
 - e. Emphasis from majority of work group to provide clear requirements that do not overburden permittees.
 - f. For more information, see draft previously distributed to GAC.
10. Construction Site Runoff General Permit Status
- a. No Update – Anticipated to be adopted simultaneously with MS4 General Permit.
11. 2019 IDEM Legislative Initiatives
- a. Bill to allow electronic submittal of certain documents.
 - b. Bill to eliminate newspaper public notices (available on website)
 - c. SEA 362 Asset Management Program Bill Clean-Up
 - d. Bill to include language to allow IDEM to assume Section 404 Program.