

DWAWG Meeting Summary

March 28, 2000

Welcome and Introductions - Charles Maddox

Item One - SRF Update (TWDB) - Bruce Crawford

- ! FY2001 Priority Ranking at TNRCC, draft IUP by TWDB.
- ! Public Hearing in June or July and then to EPA for approval.
- ! FY2000 Funds: March 31 - Twenty projects with commitments, 8 closings on projects, 9 large communities, 6 disadvantaged communities, 2 large disadvantaged communities, and 4 small disadvantaged communities.

Item 2 - Drought Activities - Charles Maddox

- ! Water Rights Advisory Work Group meets tomorrow, March 29, 2000
- ! Todd Chenoweth is agency lead on drought
- ! Charles Maddox is chair of SWAT Drought Committee
- ! "At Risk" list developed using model analyzing systems for deficiencies in storage, production, interconnections and for being listed on past Drought Watch list. At risk list has 288 systems
- ! Sent Drought Reference Manual to this target group
- ! Regions are reviewing the 288 for completeness and accuracy
- ! Water Information & Resource Development Team developed Outreach Plan for Drought
- ! Water article sent out to water associations March 27, 2000
- ! April 25, tentative press conference
- ! Water Smart Program being developed by Linda Fernandez
- ! Drought Contingency Plans: 557 out of 559 plans are in = 99% compliance
- ! 60-80 attendees at drought workshops

Item 3 - Radon Rule and Comments - Charles Maddox

- ! EPA received 600 comments on proposed rule
- ! Proposed MCL of 300 pCi/l and alternative MCL of 4,000 pCi/l
- ! Use of alternative MCL requires four part multi-media plan:
 - ▶ Public Participation
 - ▶ Quantitative Goals
 - ▶ Implementation Plan
 - ▶ Measure & Reporting Plan
- ! Will require partnership with indoor air program at TDH

- ! Rule expected to be finalized November 2000
- ! EPA will provide guidance document

Item 4 - Lead/Copper Rule - Roy Yantis

- ! Minor revisions; to date 550 waivers to mobile homes
- ! 6300 samples taken in Texas

Item 5 - Surface Water Treatment Rule & Disinfection By-Product Rule Update - Charles Maddox

- ! April 5 Commissioner's Agenda to request proposed rule publication in the Texas Register
- ! Parts of federal Surface Water Rule applied to small systems below 10,000 by 2002 - they can ask for an extension to 2004
- ! Rule will go out as discussed in stakeholder group
- ! There is some concern about rule being more stringent than federal rule for those
- Draft rule on web

Item 6 - Chapter 291 Rules Revision Update - Steve Blackhurst

- ! Replaced Water Rationing with Drought Contingency Plans

Item 7 - Spill Notification Rule Implementation - John Meyer

- ! Wastewater - large sewage spill must give notification
- ! Based vulnerability on existing data sets
- ! Four Criteria Areas
 - ▶ presence of nitrates at 1/2 MCL
 - ▶ well construction
 - ▶ geology of site
 - ▶ groundwater under the influence of surface water
- ! If these criteria fit they were vulnerable and must comply with rule
- ! List of vulnerable sources were mailed to water systems
- ! 100 phone calls received
- ! Some well logs need to be updated
- ! Responsibility is with the water system to give notification
- ! Contact John Meyer with questions regarding this rule at 512/239-6020

Item 8 - TNRCC Staff Guidance & Regulatory Guidance - Charles Maddox

- ! Helps staff help interpret rules
- ! Regulatory Guidance Documents are those like Drought Manual and Rules and Regulations for Public Water Systems
- ! Staff Guidance Document on 291 Rules for rates is in the publication process
- ! DWAWG members want Rates Staff Guidance completed to prevent inconsistency on rate cases
- ! List of Staff and Regulatory Documents for next meeting

Item 9 - CCR Rule - Charles Maddox

- ! Target Texas Register date April 21, 2000
- ! Next CCR to be sent to customer by July 1, 2000 under federal rule

Next Meeting: July 27, 2000

Location: TBA

Topics: Drought

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring

Disinfection By-Product Rule

SWAP

Operation Certification Rule

If you have any questions regarding the summary or need information on the Drinking Water Advisory Workgroup, please contact Ms. Kim Grona at 512/239-2173 or email kgrona@tnrcc.state.tx.us.