

**Drinking Water Advisory Work Group
Meeting Summary
June 12, 2001**

Welcome and Introductions - Jack Schulze

State Revolving Fund Update - Bruce Crawford

- 2002 process has started
- IUP coming out soon
- Contact Tony Bennett if there are questions about ranking
- Contact Bruce Crawford to get a copy of the IUP
- New funds for rural water communities will be easier for small communities to access
- Regions can go back to Legislature next session to request funds

Source Water Assessment and Protection - Dave Terry

- First Stakeholder meeting already held - demonstrated the process and got feedback from stakeholders
- Transition from development to deployment complete in 2003
- Questions will be mailed out within the next few weeks to stakeholders
- Next stakeholder meeting will be held on October 18
- Issues will be whether to deploy the information by regions or all at once, and what is mandated and what is considered privacy

Status of Radon, Arsenic and Groundwater Disinfection Rules - Tony Bennett

- EPA is behind on the time line for SDWA
- May get more up to date info at NDWAC meeting next week
- Arsenic is on a 9 month delay as of May 23
- EPA and National Academy of Science will look at good science to set the level
- Groundwater Disinfection rules not expected out until the fall (October-December)
- Some systems will continue their disinfection as they do now
- TNRCC will determine who has to do the monitoring
- Stakeholder plan for the development of the Drinking Water Radionuclide Rule (Handout #5)
- TNRCC will look at the process and determine how to dispose of waste from these contaminants
- There may be limited disposal options
- Once representatives for stakeholder groups are identified, TNRCC will set up meetings
- Time line for proposed rule is May-June,2002
- TNRCC will wait for EPA's arsenic standards instead of setting their own

Status of Filter Backwash and LT1ESWTR - Jack Schulze

- Filter Backwash rule in Federal Register June 8, 2001
- Lt1 sent back to Management and Budget
- Lt1 and Stage IDBP rule may not come out together from EPA

- Three standards for everyone by June 2003

Interim Enhanced SWTR and TOC rule - Jack Schulze

- Received compliments from EPA and calls from other states about calculations
- TOC MOR form not ready yet
- Feature not in for compliance determination
- TOC rule may have to be contracted out
- Filter Profile Form and Filter Assessment Form-two new forms out in late summer
- Forms on internet by end of summer or early fall
- Pilot test this summer on a 5 page form with pull-down menus
- Need some contacts from water associations to do study and get feedback
- Finalized by December 2001

Chapter 290 Technical Corrections - Alicia Diehl

- Trying to make the July 25 Commissioner's agenda
- If deadline met it might be in the Federal Register August 24
- Chlorine containment-How an operator should deal with operation
- Public notification has changed some time lines
- Typos and plain language change time line
- Separation issues on wastewater lines and drinking water lines
- Some wastewater rules moved to drinking water rules

Drought Activities - Mike Lannen

- Drought Reference Manual revised and made available to everyone
- Critical Facilities Team works with rates, self-help, and financing
- Distributed 2 copies of Drought Planning and Water Supply Systems to every community water system in state
- 15 systems in Houston/Beaumont area on Boil Water Notices

Legislative Update - Doug Holcomb

- SB2 passed and will create new conservation districts
- River Authority Bill did not pass or get out of committee
- Identify water systems that have sole source of supply
- Bill on protection of sole source surface water sources -2 mile radius from CAFOs
- Creation of Texas Water Advisory Council with TNRCC Commissioners and TWDB and TP&WD
- Sunset Commission changed TNRCC to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality effective 2003
- Complaint process with Regions available on internet
- All water fees will be combined together

Sanitary Survey Changes-Elston Johnson (see handout)

- PWS Program Investigation Target and Survey FY2001
- Modified Comprehensive Compliance Investigation- Shortened survey
- If there are multiple minor violations, will review to determine need for full investigation

- Review cross connection programs and chlorine
- Pilot project with Palm Pilots on field investigations-download to the computer at Regional office
- This strategy would be for routine inspections, not emergency inspections

Merger of All Advisory Groups-Barbara Henry

- Suggested that Drinking Water, Water Quality, and Water Rights Advisory Work Groups be combined into one meeting that would last all day
- DWAWG felt that this not leave enough time to cover all drinking water issues

Next Meeting Date/Location/Topics

- Next meeting will be September 11, 9:00-12:00
- Location - TBA
- Topics - Fees