

NR 809 Lead & Copper Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Jan. 30, 2025 | 12:30pm 3:00pm | Hybrid

In-Person: State Natural Resources Building, Madison – GEF 2 – Room G09

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Phone Conference ID: 650 369 825#

I. Opening Remarks

Steve Elmore, DNR Drinking Water & Groundwater Program Director

Bart Sponseller, Environmental Management Division Deputy Division Administrator

- This committee is important as the work done here will impact children and families throughout Wisconsin. The committee members' expertise and perspectives are needed.

II. Introductions

- Committee members shared their reasons for participating in the committee and described the issues of most importance to them, including the following:
 - Urgency to complete rule making.
 - Working with the WDNR, and understanding the state's perspective.
 - Sharing information with the members of their respective organizations
 - Ensuring the rule is feasible and practical
 - Supporting public health outcomes
 - Sharing concerns about private wells.
 - Financing options for those impacted by the rule.
 - Understanding obstacles to implementing the rule.
 - Understanding sampling, analysis and reporting requirements.
 - Testing and resources for families.
 - Creating jobs.
 - Understanding state and utility capacity need.

III. Intention and Purpose of the Lead & Copper Rule Stakeholder Committee

IV. Committee Expectations

Jesse Jensen, Drinking Water & Groundwater Program Field Supervisor

[Link to slides](#)

V. Administrative Rule Process 101

Kristi Minahan, Environmental Management Rules Coordinator

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VI. Lead & Copper Rules: Brief History and Overview of Upcoming Changes

Ann Hirekatur, Drinking Water & Groundwater Program Lead & Copper Section Manager

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VII. Meeting Wrap-Up/Adjourn

Jesse Jensen

- A follow-up survey will be sent to committee members to capture more feedback.
- Meeting concluded by asking committee what they are most interested in focusing on in future meetings. Responses listed below.
 - Vulnerable populations of children; schools and childcare facilities, including what authority the LCRI has to regulate sampling and corrective actions at schools.
 - Learning from gaps in the 1991 Lead and Copper rule and ensuring the Wisconsin rule addresses these.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS

IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

Organization	Name, Title
American Water Works Association, WI Section	Curt Czarnecki, Vice-Chairperson
Clean Wisconsin	Hannah Richerson, Clean Water Manager
Great Lakes Rural Community Assistance Prog	Wesley Hoem, Senior Rural Development Specialist
League of Wisconsin Municipalities	Evan Miller, Government Affairs Specialist
Learning Disabilities Association of Wisconsin	Diane Sixel, President
Midwest Environmental Advocates	Dan Gustafson, Senior Staff Attorney
Municipal Environmental Group – Water Div	Jared Walker Smith, Attorney
Pace Analytical	Paul Junio, Quality Program Manager
Process Research Solutions	Abigail Cantor, President
WI Assoc of Local Health Depts and Boards	Mark Melotik, Environmental Health Manager
Wisconsin Conservation Voters	Peter Burress, Government Affairs Manager
Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Brian Weaver, Lead Poisoning Prevention Policy Advisor
Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce	Adam Jordahl, Director of Environmental Policy
Wisconsin Public Service Commission	Laura Fay, Director, Div of Water Utility Regulation & Analysis

VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

Organization	Name, Title
Am Council of Eng Companies, WI Section	Amrou Atassi, Sr Drinking Water Project Manager
Blue Green Alliance	Richard Diaz, Water Infrastructure Field Manager
City of Marshfield	John Richmond, Water Superintendent
Coalition on Lead Emergency	Shy McElroy, Chairperson
Milwaukee Water Commons	Joe Fitzgerald, Policy Manager
Northern Lake Services	RT Krueger, Sara Bach, Kristin Tienor and Steve Hefter
Wisconsin Department of Children and Families	Jillian Clemens, Head Start Collaboration Director
Wisconsin Department of Health Services	Sarah Yang, Hazard Assessment Section Manager
Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene	Amanda Martin, Inorganic Chemist

WISCONSIN DNR PRESENTERS AND FACILITATORS

- Bart Sponseller, Environmental Management Division Administrator
- Steve Elmore, Drinking Water and Groundwater Program Director
- Jesse Jensen, Drinking Water and Groundwater Program Field Supervisor
- Ann Hirekatur, Lead and Copper Section Manager
- Natalia Hernandez, Drinking Water and Groundwater Communication Specialist
- Kristi Minahan, Environmental Management Division Administrative Rule Coordinator
- Briana Harter, Lead and Copper Rule Coordinator
- Jonathan Fuller, Legal Services Intern