

Stakeholder Meeting – Drinking Water PFAS MCLs

10:00 am – 1:00 pm September 23, 2020

Introduction – Adam DeWeese

Stakeholder Presentations

1. The American Chemistry Council – TBD
2. Clean Water Wisconsin - Carly Michiels (Public Health Impacts)

Carly Michiels is the Government Affairs Director from Clean Wisconsin. She is responsible for strategic advocacy and supporting the mission of Clean Wisconsin through directing policy goals relating to clean water, clean air, and clean energy. Carly is a Northwoods native originally from Marinette. She got her BA from UW-Madison in Political Science and Environmental Studies, and MPA from Indiana University in Environmental Policy and Natural Resource Management. She is passionate about water policy and research based policy-making.

3. AECOM - John Cuthbertson, CPG (Lessons Learned - A Statewide PFAS Assessment of Drinking Water Supplies in Michigan)

Over 2,200 drinking water supplies were sampled during a statewide PFAS sampling Program in Michigan. The results for the entire statewide PFAS program will be presented, including temporal variations for the supplies that were sampled monthly and quarterly, with detection frequencies of all 14 individual PFAS compounds. Interpretation of the data set highlighted a number of key issues which will be discussed: 1) Analytical reliability of different methods by comparing split samples between the isotope dilution method and Method 537; 2) The limitations of the 2013-2015 UCMR3 program; 3) The potential PFAS sources identified during this statewide sampling program; and, 3) Highlighting lessons learned throughout the process.

Mr. Cuthbertson is an Associate Vice President with AECOM and serves as the North America Industrial PFAS Lead. He has over 29 years of environmental consulting experience supporting oil and gas, chemical, and industrial clients. Mr. Cuthbertson is well versed in PFAS regulations across the United States and has acted as the PFAS subject matter expert and managed dozens of projects involving PFAS constituents, applying his depth of experience to the unique challenges associated with PFAS analytical testing and methodologies, environmental fate and transport, assessment and investigation, and remedial technologies.

4. Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger - Laura Olah, Executive Director (regulating PFAS as a class of chemicals)
5. Wisconsin Green Fire – Jim Baumann, Retired DNR Water Manager (PFAS, Environmental and Human Health considerations)
6. Wisconsin Conservation Voters - Jennifer Giegerich (The need for Wisconsin to adopt strong drinking water standards for PFAS to protect public health)

As the Government Affairs Director, Jennifer builds long-term relationships with legislators and staff, tracks all conservation legislation and budget matters, and works with our field team to develop local campaigns that build the case for state-level policy. In addition, she works with our members, conservation partners, and government stakeholders to ensure that conservation policy is implemented at the federal, state, and local levels as necessary. Jennifer has been with the organization since 2007.

Wrap Up and Next Steps – Adam DeWeese