

PRIVATE WATER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Notes – April 4, 2017

2017 Advisory Council Membership (Lehmann)

Roger Lang replacing David Haupt for WWWA-appointed driller
Pete Chase will be replacing Bill Batten for WGNHS

DNR Updates

DNR Staff Changes and Alignment (Lehmann/Nessman)

- Kyle Burton, new Field Operations Director
- All regulatory Bureaus hiring Field Operations Directors, who will supervise and oversee field operations and report directly to Bureau Director. Bureau Director continues to supervise and oversee policy development, and has overall responsibility for program.
- Private Water Field Specialist vacancy will be filled in Fitchburg.

NR 812 Revisions (Lehmann/Nessman)

Nessman is leading an external workgroup focusing on Subchapter 2 well construction standards. Two meetings have been held to-date. DNR staff are drafting initial revisions to other subchapters based on the Scope Statement, and consulting with affected stakeholders throughout the drafting process. An economic impact statement is also required, and will be drafted this summer. DNR has created an [NR 812 revisions web page](#), and will send out a GovDelivery email message to all drillers/installers to announce that revisions are underway. Based on current progress, public hearings are still expected to be held in winter 2017-18, and rule revisions to be effective in early 2019.

Driller/Installer Fact Sheets (Puchalski/Lehmann)

The first NR 812 fact sheet/flow chart has been posted on the DNR driller and pump installer web page. Type “yard hydrants” in the search box at the DNR home page to find it. Five more will be posted in the near future covering pits and alcoves, basement wells, water sample requirements, nonpressurized conduits and casing heights.

Continuing Education (Lehmann/Turpin)

WWWA and WGA have completed their annual training courses and conferences. DNR gave presentations at both organization’s conferences, and DNR private water staff attended all other WWWWA-sponsored sessions. Several training providers have submitted new courses for approval, and DNR updates the online Continuing Education calendar whenever a course is approved for credit. Check the [Continuing Education web page](#) for the most current information. DNR will be working with WGA to identify additional training that can be offered for heat exchange credit this calendar year.

DNR is planning our first annual mid-year meeting for training providers. The agenda will focus on discussing education priorities for the coming year, and also include training on how to apply for credits and submit attendance records. We continue to get requests for online training.

Old Business

Property Transfer Inspection (Lehmann) – Lehmann stated that DNR is developing a new publication to help well owners/buyers understand the Property Transfer Well Inspection process. We will incorporate a lot of the information that was part of the 2014 Draft Form. Dorie Turpin is the lead in drafting the publication, and we will share it with WFWA and Advisory Council for comments before publishing. Lehmann has discussed this with WFWA President Rick Peterson, and Lehmann and Peterson agreed that DNR and WFWA will meet in future to discuss both the draft publication and potential revisions to the Property Transfer Inspection Form.