

Groundwater Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes February 23, 2017

Attendees: Lynda Provencher, Andy Shively - VTrans, Mark Fausel - Endyne, Erik Urch – VHB, Miles Waite – Waite Heindel, Craig Heindel – Waite Heindel, Linda Boccuzo - VAAF, Liz Royer – VRWA, Sille Larsen – VDH, Marjie Gail – VGS, Don Maynard – Johnson Company, Scott Stewart

- 1) Investigation and Remediation of Contaminated Properties Rule – Lynda provided an update: as part of the formal rule making process and staff met with the Interagency Committee on Rulemaking (ICAR). Few comments were received. The rule has been filed with the Secretary of State and the draft rule can be found on the Waste Management website <http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management>. There will be a public meeting on April 5 at National Life to take comments from the public before filing with the Legislative Committee on Rulemaking (LCAR).

Don asked about benzo(a)pyrene, EPA has changed the toxicity value. The cancer slope factor for benzo(a)pyrene, B(a)P, the most toxic of the PAHs, has been changed and consequently BaP is now 7X less cancerous and the BaP equivalent (calculated using other PAHs) will be reduced as well. These changes were provided to Waste Management and Prevention prior to ICAR by VDH.

The attached article by H&A provides a good explanation of the change.

[http://www.haleyaldrich.com/Portals/0/EPA%20releases%20updated%20toxicity%20values%20for%20Benzo\(a\)pyrene.pdf](http://www.haleyaldrich.com/Portals/0/EPA%20releases%20updated%20toxicity%20values%20for%20Benzo(a)pyrene.pdf)

- 2) Groundwater Protection Rule – Scott gave an update on the draft. Diane Sherman and Scott are reviewing, addressing and consolidating the internal DEC comments and getting the forms together to file with ICAR next month, then follow the same process of filing with Secretary of State, public meeting and comment and LCAR.

There was additional discussion around the GW Enforcement Standards, their basis and use, such as the change in trimethyl benzene from 350 ug/L to individual and combined 5.1 ug/L and how that might impact old sites closed at the higher level.

*It was requested of VDH (through Sille) if they could provide the committee with a memo or document that reflects the decision to look at risk alone (vs EPA that looks at risk vs cost) and the 1 per million risk (Note: Sille has provided the attached DWGV derivation memo).*

- 3) Proposed House Bill [268](#) – Discussion of this newly proposed bill, particularly new potable water supply testing requirements for single family homes. VDH David Englander testified at the senate committee in support of water quality testing but not necessarily for mandatory testing. The DWGPD is working on an Agency paper that supports testing but with modifications. This bill is within the Toxics omnibus bill H.595.

Jen Duggan is our contact.

*Action Item: We would like to get copies of the testimony given for these bills and the Toxics Workgroup.*

*Action Items from last meeting: Act 154. Ask Jen Duggan to come to next GWCC meeting to discuss, particularly what the next steps of the group and this report might be.*

- 4) Marjie mentioned the Landslide App available for folks to use if they are in the field and find or want to report a landslide. She also mentioned a VCGI grant available for scanning the 1962 and 1974 aerial photos.
- 5) *Action Item: We would like to get the new Commissioner to come to a meeting.*
- 6) *Action Item, previous meeting: Discuss with IT on how to expand the searchable items within the well completion report database, should also look into the addition of UIC information to the ANR Atlas.*

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Next Meeting: March 23, 1 pm

LOCATION: Note this meeting will be held at the **National Life Building in the Montpelier Room.**

- The Montpelier Room is located in the basement of Davis 1 (the floor below the Waste Management and Prevention Division).
- Be prepared to show identification to get through the security at National Life.
- To save you some time, if you confirm with us that you will be attending, we'll let them know in advanced and they should have a name tag ready for you at the Davis 1 entrance.
- Visitor parking can be tough to find at National Life, a good spot to check is the lowest floor of the parking garage, accessible by driving past the other entrances to the garage and going down the hill (as if to leave campus) around the garage.