

Performance Benchmark & Point Source Working Group

Call Notes

October 18, 2016

Attendees: Antonette Palumbo (Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group), Brenda Carter (Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group), Albert Cox (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago), Cindy Skrukrud (Sierra Club of Illinois), Amy Walkenbach (Illinois EPA), Trevor Sample (Illinois EPA), Brian Miller (Illinois Water Resource Center), Eliana Brown (Illinois Water Resource Center), Ben Wegleitner (Illinois Water Resource Center).

I. Discussion of Point Source Measures spreadsheet

- Illinois EPA sees no problem getting the numbers they are responsible for:
 - Lines 3-11, 16-17 on Point Source Measures DRAFT.xlsx spreadsheet.
- Major and Minor facilities will be included but kept separate.
 - The goal should be to gather as much information as possible with our efforts.
- Line 13 – EPA can get the combined communities.
 - May miss some by doing it this way, but will get combined communities discharging.

II. IAWA Survey

- There is an upcoming technical call on November 11. The plan is for IAWA to send out the survey to its members by end of October and seek feedback regarding at the November 11 meeting.
- IWRC will update language on add “Human” and “Inputs” tabs and incorporate them into the survey to maximize information gathering, especially since IAWA did not get much info from its members on these two metrics that were requested in July for the Jan – June 2015 reporting period.
 - Albert Cox will send IAWA survey spreadsheet to IWRC in preparation for the November 11 meeting.
- Discussion on distribution of the IAWA survey spreadsheet to other utilities
 - Should not come from Illinois EPA (regulator shouldn't send the survey).
 - Cannot come from IWRC (limitations and procedures for human subjects).
 - Fact Sheet to encourage participation in gathering information on IAWA survey spreadsheet?
 - Fact sheet for the Biennial Report can include an appeal for future participation.
 - Could we post survey on IAWA website to link to/reference?
 - No, IAWA decided not a good idea.
 - Potential to put up on IEPA page?
 - Can mention survey during Illinois Water Conference?
 - Yes, during nutrient portions.
- Are we capturing all point sources?

- Look at results from 1st survey for snapshot of what's happening.

III. Priority Watersheds

- a. Should include Chicago/Little Calumet River Watershed, mainly because of water quality and lack of watershed based plans.
- b. Is IEPA looking at industrials?
 - i. Will be separated in the data, but yes.
- c. Raw data will be made available online in the appendices.

Next steps:

- IWRC adds Humans and Inputs tabs; sends survey back to Albert Cox.
- Albert Cox sends IAWA survey to IWRC for additions.

Next meeting: Monday, December 12 1:30 pm