

Performance Benchmark/Point Source Conference Call

Conclusions and Next Steps

December 12, 2016

Attendees: Cindy Skrukud (Sierra Club), Amy Walkenbach (IEPA), Antonette Palumbo (IERG), Albert Cox (MWRD), Eliana Brown (IWRC), Ben Wegleitner (IWRC)

Conclusions

IAWA Survey

1. Per Albert Cox, the survey went out to IAWA members in November. They have only received 6 responses so far. Of these, there have been very few responses for the “Staff and Financial Resources” and “Outreach and Communications” tabs. There may have been possible confusion due to not enough instruction about what to include here. He suggests a short description for how to respond and sample responses.

Purpose of Performance Benchmark/Point Source Committee

2. The group had a discussion of the origin and differences of these groups. Joint meaning of both titles and can be summarized as one committee in biennial report. An invitation to operators may round out perspective. May want to meet w/ ag and urban runoff committees to stay on target.
 - **Proposed name change for committee title for biennial report: Performance Benchmarks Committee – Point Sources**

Biennial Report

3. EPA has all data pulled and Trevor Sample is preparing the table.
4. The group discussed what summary tables to include in the Biennial Report. These include:
 - NLRS, Table 5.2 with updates for data years and project out to 2025 (IEPA to provide info).
 - Adapt some tables from Iowa’s 2015-2016 report (<http://www.nutrientstrategy.iastate.edu/documents>)
 - Outreach Efforts table on page iii
 - Feasibility Study pie chart
 - Table on page iv but w/ “point source practices implemented”
 - Table 3 on page 10
5. Policy Working Group expressed interest in involving Illinois legislature after the biennial report is released August 2017. Cindy Skrukud offered to write up legislative update language prior to the next Policy Working Group meeting, which is February 7. Amy Walkenbach will gather input and suggestions on how to proceed. This will be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting on December 22.

Next Steps

IAWA Survey

1. IWRC will edit spreadsheet per conclusion 1 (above) and send to the committee for approval.
2. Amy Walkenbach will ask Illinois EPA to post it on the Nutrient website.
3. Cindy Skrukud will present the survey to the Fox River Study group to gather additional responses.

4. Publicize to other facilities outside of IAWA via groups such as IAWPCO and IWEA.
 - Instructions to be included:
 - If an IAWA member, submit survey to Rick Manner
 - If not an IAWA member, fill out and email to IWRC, Ben Wegleitner (bwegl708@illinois.edu)

Biennial Report

5. Albert Cox and Cindy Skrukud will co-write narrative for committee update.
6. IEPA will write section on future directions of the committee, needs for representation from point sources, etc.

Next Call: **Thursday, January 19th from 1:30-3pm**

Agenda to include:

Discuss tables and figures assembled by IEPA

Decide on final tables for Performance Benchmark – Point Source section

Provide comment on narratives.

Additional Notes:

IWRC (Eliana) will bring 5 copies of NLRS to February 7 PWG meeting for Albert Cox