



Membership Meeting

July 25, 2024

Minutes

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approve April 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes – *Motion to approve minutes for the April 25, 2024 meeting made by Ed Dolezal, seconded by Zach Brown, motion carried.*
- IEPA PFAS Language in your Permit – What to Expect - Presentation by Nichole Schaeffer, PE, BCEE, Environmental Department Manager, Baxter & Woodman *This presentation focused on how PFAS monitoring is being incorporated into NPDES permit renewals. Monitoring will be required for influent, effluent and biosolids – keep in mind timing as the analysis takes a long time to be completed and may not come in time for your reporting timeframe. Plan for cost of this additional testing \$2-3k. The second part of the permit language is about identifying industrial dischargers that may be using PFAS containing substances through an inventory – you have 12 months to develop and perform the survey – this is not a lot of time and may be something to get started on prior to language going into your permit and work this task into your budget. These inventories need to be updated annually. Once the inventory is completed a PFAS Reduction Initiative needs to be implemented within 24 months and reported on within 36 months and then updated annually. Presentation provided a long list of types of industrial users to target and lists of potential activities of concern. A list of sample questions to include in your inventory/survey was provided as well as some guidance on how to evaluate inventory results.*
- Bioassessment 2024 – Update – *Bioassessment is underway on the upper half of the main stem Des Plaines River and the northern tributaries. Midwest Biodiversity Institute has completed two collections of eight, macroinvertebrate collections have been completed on tributary sites and hester-dendy plates have been set on the Des Plaines. Fish will be sampled in August and September.*
- NARP Update
 - Large River IPS Tool – *we have contracted with MBI to complete additional large river sampling and then analysis to determine a large river total phosphorus instream target. Eleven sites on the Fox River have been identified for sampling in 2024. Approximately 20 additional sites will be sampled in 2025 in the Kankakee and Rock Rivers.*
- Winter Chlorides
 - TLWQS Workgroup Status Report *Status report has been submitted to Illinois EPA on behalf of all permittees and has been posted to the website.*
 - Winter Deicing Workshops – *new roads workshop under development Hanna has been working with a committee of roads professionals from across the region and representing core watershed areas to develop an Illinois-based training to be presented this fall as part of our Winter Best Practices workshops – this will take the place of previous workshops presented by Fortin Consulting. Workshops will be presented both in-person and virtually. Registration will open in August.*
- Summer Outreach Materials – *Summer outreach materials focus on Wastewater Treatment Technology, Freshwater Mussels, and Appreciating Our Freshwater Resources and are available on the outreach materials page on the website.*

- 2024 Quarterly Membership Meetings – 10 AM - In Person at Village of Romeoville Public Works Facility:
 - October 24
- Chicago Area Waterways Chloride Workgroup Meetings
 - September 18 –Quarterly Meeting – 1PM – Location TBD