

Missouri Clean Water Commission
Department of Natural Resources
Lewis and Clark State Office Building
LaCharrette/Nightingale Conference Rooms
1101 Riverside Drive
Jefferson City, Missouri

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2014 Top Ten

Issue: The Commission wishes to exercise its authority in more global or strategic aspects of clean water. The change in focus of the Clean Water Commission would examine some of the larger questions of how the Commission may use its authority to influence major aspects of clean water in Missouri. This begins with the identification of areas that may be productively influenced by Commission involvement and action.

Background: At the November 6, 2013 Commission meeting, Chair Parnell expressed interested in examining major decision areas in which the Commission could focus its efforts rather than deal with the day to day matters that are typically on the agenda. While directing staff to examine what routine items could be managed within the Department, the Commission requested agenda items that examined the possibility of exercising their authority on more global clean water matters facing the state. The Commission requested those involved with management of the state's water, including but not limited to Commissioners, the Department, and stakeholders suggest areas in which the Commission could focus its energies in 2014. These topics could be the starting point for the Commission to organize their activities for this year and beyond.

Recommended Action: At the Commission's discretion.

Suggested Motion: None.

Attachments:

- Top Ten Items Grouped and Sorted by Priority Type and Time Horizon

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| Priority/ Time Frame | Statewide Priority | Focused Priority |
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| Longer Term | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish vision for MO waters • Define role in groundwater • Organize DNR to reflecting vision • Operate MO program, not EPA's • Define in floodplain management • Define role in habitat restoration • Secure sustainable funding and staffing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classify wetlands • Consider changes to SRF administration fee • Consider collateral impact (e.g., pipelines, endangered species) • <i>Just say No to EPA when not in Missouri interest</i> |
| Shorter Term | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Complete UAA Protocol and resolve other classification issues</i> • <i>Complete nutrient reduction strategy</i> • <i>Examine funding for upgrading facilities, including affordability, integrated planning</i> • <i>Establish plan for implementing ammonia standards</i> • <i>Foster efficiencies, including electronic ones</i> • <i>Provide community services</i> • <i>Conduct rulemakings (e.g., design standards, SRF, water quality standards, Ag Chem)</i> • Identify and characterize smaller/urban reference streams • <i>Coordination with stakeholders</i> • Focus energy on resolving impairments • Prioritize program work and limit to "Core functions" – permitting, inspection, enforcement • Control coal combustion impacts • Provide Commissioner training • Assess Our Missouri Waters and other initiatives | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consider CWC meeting setting, staging, logistics</i> • Consider facility tours • Commissioner training • Consider CWC/CAFO roundtables • Share and encourage innovative technological solutions • <i>Conduct rulemakings (e.g., WET test provisions, sulfate/chloride)</i> • Default classifications for waters outside dataset • Establish operating procedures • <i>Integrate TMDL implementation into routine</i> • <i>Complete MS4 general permit</i> • <i>Resolve Iowa League of Cities v. EPA issues</i> |

Currently in progress

