



2016 Business and Industry Kitchen Cabinet Agenda
Lewis and Clark State Office Building
June 17, 2016
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

I. Welcome and Introduction

Director Sara Parker Pauley welcomed the group and thanked EPA Region 7 Administrator, Mark Hague for his commitment to attend the Kitchen Cabinet meetings.

Director Pauley highlighted several key priorities staff will be focused on through the end of the year. These include: the [State Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax renewal](#), the grand opening of [Echo Bluff](#) State Park, completing the Rock Island Trail expansion into Pleasant Hill, natural resource damages primary restoration activities, launching the department's State Water Plan update, and continuing to work on the department's Community Services and Our Missouri Waters efforts.

The group engaged in a general discussion on the state's drinking water and wastewater infrastructure needs. In addition to the offering the [State Revolving Fund](#) and [Small Community Engineering Assistance Program](#) grants, the department is working with various partners and organizations such as The Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) to best meet the needs of our communities.

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce has developed a 15-year strategic plan, [Missouri 2030: An Agenda to Lead](#). The plan does address infrastructure needs as one of the four key areas of focus for Missouri. Meeting participants suggested discussing drinking water and wastewater infrastructure in a larger setting with additional partners.

II. EPA Region 7 – update and group discussion

Regional Administrator Mark Hague explained the priorities for EPA Region 7.

On February 9, 2016, the Supreme Court stayed implementation of the [Clean Power Plan](#) pending judicial review. The oral arguments for the Clean Power Plan, originally scheduled to occur on June 2, have been rescheduled to September 27.

The agency has released the proposed rule for the [Clean Energy Incentive Program \(CEIP\)](#).

III. Discussion Topics – Joint ventures

The EPA Regional Office staff reduction has provided an opportunity to identify better ways to accomplish their work more efficiently through business process improvement activities. Staffs across the agency are collaborating with states and tribes in what is called [E-Enterprise for the Environment](#), a new model for federal, state, local governments, the business community, and the public to work together to achieve positive environmental, human health, and economic outcomes. An E-Enterprise [Portal](#) is being developed to provide helpful information to the business community, local governments, and others. Along these lines, the region is continuing to partner with Missouri on the Clean Water Act 4.0, a project to identify ways to streamline the process of restoring waters to their designated uses.

EPA is also working with states, through E-Enterprise, to identify the root causes of data accuracy problems in ECHO, the agency's enforcement and compliance database. Missouri is working closely with this workgroup as we understand the inaccurate data has real consequences for permitted entities.

IV. Lunch and Legislative Updates/discussions

There were three bills of note to the department that passed during the legislative session. As of June 21, none of the three bills have been signed or vetoed by the Governor.

House Bill 1713 includes five key subjects: design-build, fluoride notification requirements for drinking water systems, water treatment technologies, changes to the composition of the Clean Water Commission, and gives the department the authority to establish the Multipurpose Water Resource Program, a long-term revolving fund for water supply projects.

House Bill 1717 is similar to House Bill 1713, but does not include the design-build or Clean Water Commission provisions.

Senate Bill 867 is a tax bill that includes language regarding the assessment on property used for mining.

V. Discussion Topics

Steve Feeler reported on the department's efforts to standardize its compliance and enforcement efforts. The workgroup recently completed the revisions to the Procedures for Assistance, Compliance, and Enforcement (PACE) Manual and the document will be posted on the department's website this summer. An E3, business process improvement, event will be held this fall to focus on standardizing the enforcement process within the Public Drinking Water Branch. Inspection forms are also being reviewed and updated to increase consistency and will be posted on the department's website.

The department is preparing transition materials for the new administration. This will include thoughts from cabinet members on what is working well, and what the new administration might want to accomplish. The group discussion generated a list of things to be considered.

- The department has been and should continue reaching out to stakeholders to seek input.
- The department should explain why current efforts, such as E-Enterprise, Next Generation, technology and information advances, are important.
- Develop a mechanism to provide sustained funding to keep the agency staffed and up-to-date with new technologies.
- The department does a good job, particularly the Air Program, of selecting one or two topics to do a “deep dive” on during the commission meetings.
- The Sunshine Request procedure has lost “common sense” and become burdensome for even the simple requests.
- Include a stakeholder roundtable as part of commissioner training to provide commissioners with a better understanding of the major stakeholders roles.

The meeting participants also raised a wide range of topics for general discussion.

- Attendees encouraged the department to be more forceful about its understanding of what “Continuing Authority” is and to clarify this at the next Clean Water Commission meeting.
- It was mentioned that the RCRA “No Stricter Than” provision only covers a portion of the state’s Hazardous Waste regulations. It does not cover the definition of “solid waste.” EPA changed their definition of solid waste in 2008, however, many states, including Missouri, did not adopt this change.
- Ozone impacts occur from outside the boundaries of the United States. How much more can local sources do when the percentage of impact from remote sources is significant?
- Several Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) were required to be written under litigation. These were, in some cases, written quickly and the load is not reachable with current technologies. The department is working on these on a case-by-case basis to determine the best way to address the issue.
- Participants requested an Our Missouri Waters (OMW) assessment to date and next steps. OMW and the Clean Water Act 4.0 project are very much linked. OMW focuses on integrated watershed planning with local stakeholders. The Clean Water Act 4.0 project is focused on integrated watershed planning efforts by DNR and EPA staff – working together in an integrated; multi-modal fashion to reach the desired environmental outcome.
- Participants suggested that the department calendar be made more user friendly by adding a feature that lets a visitor to the web site quickly leaf through upcoming events.
- Recruitment and retention are another focus area for the department. We recently completed a reclassification effort for the Environmental Specialist classification. The department’s Division of Administrative Support is leading the Succession Planning efforts and has taken the lead on the recruitment activities. It was suggested that the department should focus on converting interns to FTEs. Meeting attendees are

interested and would like to know whom to talk to and when in order to voice support of DNR's efforts in recruiting and retaining staff.

- Water Quality Trading was discussed and additional details on this may be found [here](#).
- Water Quality Criteria – Cadmium. It was mentioned that EPA finalized national recommended water quality criteria for cadmium in April. Associated Industries of Missouri submitted information to the department to assist with promulgation of Missouri's rule. Leanne followed up on this with staff.
- The department's E3 efforts continue and posters from previous events were on display. The Community Services pilot will be evaluated in July. Attendees were asked to provide input on any other areas that should be considered in the department's business process improvement.

VI. Sara reminded participants that the combined kitchen cabinet has been scheduled for September 16. She closed the meeting by thanking all those who participated in the discussions.