



## **MEETING MINUTES:**

### **Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WWTWG) Teleconference Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

#### **Summary of Actions & Decisions:**

- **ACTION:** Interested parties please reach out to Scott Phillips ([swphilli@usgs.gov](mailto:swphilli@usgs.gov)) and Emily Majcher with any questions on this GIT project on PCB removal efficiencies or to provide feedback on the information they are seeking.
- **ACTION:** Scott Phillips ([swphilli@usgs.gov](mailto:swphilli@usgs.gov)) and Emily Majcher ([emajcher@usgs.gov](mailto:emajcher@usgs.gov)) will provide a concise ask on what they are looking for from the WWTWG and potentially in Steering Committee membership.

#### **10:30 AM      Welcome & Introductions, Matt Ries (DC Water, Chair)**

- Roll call of participants
- Announcements from members
  - [EPA Grant Funding Opportunity for Evaluation of Pollutants in Biosolids](#)
  - Update from Nov. 30 WQGIT Meeting:
    - Discussion around the [Climate Change Narrative](#) that illustrates that climate change will impact the Bay Model
    - Discussion around [proposal for STAC workshop](#) on the ecological implications of water temperature increases
      - Is there a wastewater lens that could be applied here? Does this have any impact on wastewater treatment or impact on receiving waters and is there a role for the WWTWG in the workshop?
    - Discussion on WIP Credits for air quality action through a presentation [on atmospheric deposition](#) and the opportunities on decarbonization and the impacts this might have on water quality

#### **10:40 AM      Update on 2020 Progress Submission, Megan Thyng (EPA)**

- Megan Thyng provided a reminder that trend reports are available for all completed datasets. If anyone needs assistance accessing those or wants a copy of them, send Megan Thyng ([Thyng.Megan@epa.gov](mailto:Thyng.Megan@epa.gov)) an email. The reports provide a facility to facility look at trends from previous years compared to this current year so you can help identify anything that may be an error or an issue. A [template](#) is also available to submit all of the supplemental data.

#### **10:45 AM      Report out from WWTWG Interviews, Matt Ries**

- Matt Ries provided a report out summarizing the feedback and input from meetings with WWTWG members representing each of the six states in addition to other agencies and organizations affiliated with the WWTWG. Topics included common themes, technical areas of interest, and policy/planning areas of interest. WWTWG members provided feedback and reactions to the presentation including that the challenge for wastewater may be to maintain allocations. In addition, there was discussion around thinking about these topics from a portfolio perspective and how new technologies may play a role including groundwater injection technology.

**11:05 AM**      **Mentimeter Survey for WWTWG Members on Interests & Capacity**, Matt Ries & Whitney Ashead (CRC, Staffer)

- Members were surveyed via MentiMeter on their capacity and their interests on the discussed topics. The feedback will be used to inform decision-making. There was a comment that the Bay Program may need a focus from the WWTWG on SSOs as we move to the next round of models.

**11:30 AM**      **USGS Presentation on RFP for a Roadmap on PCB Removal Efficiencies**, Scott Phillips & Emily Majcher (USGS)

- Scott Phillips and Emily Majcher presented on a GIT funded RFP to have the awardee work on a roadmap to integrate removal efficiencies for PCBs (and potentially other toxic contaminants) from stormwater controls and wastewater practices. Scott and Emily are hoping to hear from the WWTWG on the following:
  - How should this information be generated for wastewater treatment plants by the person that undertakes this project and to make sure to do that effectively?
  - Is there someone from the WWTWG that would like to be on the Steering Committee?
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**12:00 PM**      *Adjourn*

**Participants:**

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