

Next Meeting: Fall 2025, Exact Date TBD

Meeting Highlights and Discussions

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. – Tim Sikma, Chair
2. Roll Call- Dan Gold, GLWA
 - Tim Sikma – present
 - Mike Way – present
 - Cheryl Porter - present
 - Bob Belair – present
 - Jerome Bivins – present
 - Mark Gaworecki – absent
 - Maggie Hughes – absent
 - Quorum was reached
3. Approval of May 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Tim Sikma, Chair
 - Moved: Cheryl Porter; Seconded: Bob Belair; Motion Passed
4. Approval of October 30, 2024 Agenda – Tim Sikma, Chair
 - Moved: Jerome Bivins; Seconded: Mike Way; Motion Passed
5. Statewide Drinking Water Advisory Council Update – Dan Gold, GLWA
 - Since we last met in May 2023 the, State-level WSAC has met 10 times
 - Highlights from those meetings:
 - Presentations from the city of Detroit, Ann Arbor, Battle Creek, City of Lansing on their respective lead service line replacement programs
 - A presentation from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services on blood lead testing legislation
 - Council discussions regarding the local water system advisory council survey results, the Know Your Water toolkit, and council priorities.
 - The Know Your Water toolkit developed by the SDWAC with help from GÜD Marketing, can be found at Michigan.gov/KnowYourWater. The toolkit consists of a variety of print materials (flyers, fact sheets, posters), videos, and social media posts with a focus on how to reduce risk to lead in drinking water and take action by testing and filtering water.
 - The SDWAC encourages water supplies and community partners to utilize these materials as educational resources for residents.
 - Several documents have been translated into Spanish and Arabic.
 - The SDWAC is looking for 10-to-15-minute presentations (in person or virtually) outlining the progress being made with lead service line replacements and how you are working with your community concerning lead and water quality.
 - The next state council meeting time and location is TBD.
 - Agendas and minutes from state meetings are posted on the state’s council [website](#).

6. Current and Future Initiatives – Cheryl Porter, GLWA

LCR Update

- Reminder of Lead Service Line Replacement Deadlines
 - Lead action level goes from 15 ppb to 12 ppb (January 2025)
 - Complete Distribution System Material Inventory due to EGLE (Jan 2025)
- LCR Revisions have been in effect since October 16th 2024. They are focused on removing lead service lines in the next 10 years. This includes investigating unknown service lines and being able to communicate that to the customer base.
- There will be adjustments to tap sampling requirements along with the lowering of the level to 10 ppb by 2027. These requirements will be in effect in 3 years.
- Currently if you have an exceedance you must do a Tier-1 public notice meaning a communication goes out within 24-hrs of becoming aware. EGLE is currently working on templates for these communications.

Corrosion Control Optimization Program Update

- This study is complete and the final report has been submitted to the State.
- There was a final recommendation to incrementally increase the orthophosphate dosage from its current level of 1.8 mg/L to 2.4 mg/L. GLWA will continually monitor how this impacts the water and the system during this process.

7. Review of GLWA Public Education Materials – All

- The group is aware of GLWA’s educational materials and also knows about other materials provided by the health department, EGLE, and USEPA. Appreciation was expressed for the videos that GLWA has produced on multiple LSL-related topics.
- LCR is structured as a shared rule – GLWA treats the water, it is delivered to the local system connection, and the resident is also expected to be aware of conditions in their home to keep themselves safe. Due to this, the timing and clarity of these education materials are important. Residents need to know the facts to do their part of the shared responsibility.
- The group discussed the nuance and difficulty of conveying the message to residents that there is no lead in the water that GLWA is delivering (ensuring public trust), but that lead could possibly enter the water past GLWA’s connection point. It could enter the water after leaving the local system because of lead service lines and other plumbing features within individual homes.
- Cheryl noted that to address this issue, GLWA has created an informational video with simple instructions for residents to determine if they have a lead service line.
- The City of Livonia has their own robust education materials with local branding and links residents to other resources. EGLE has approved their method of using postcards to inform citizens of lead status. They are also building a 4-page informational packet that will go to every resident. Livonia offered to share these resources with other communities. Their main challenge is finding all of the lines. They don’t anticipate a lot of LSL, but they do have 20,000 “unknowns”.
- Aerators are a topic that may require more public education. If these are not cleaned regularly, they can trap particulates that cause lead to be introduced into water. This can also be a problem for sampling requirements. Permittees are required to sample homes as is, and are not allowed to remove aerators before taking samples. This can lead to exceedances that could easily be avoided if the resident properly cleaned their aerators. **GLWA will consider creating additional educational materials around proper faucet aerator maintenance.**

8. Other Business

- A question was raised about Fluoride and if GLWA has any changes planned related to recent court rulings. The answer is that GLWA does not intend to make any changes or response until there is a regulatory change.
- The group had a brief discussion about using electrical resistance to identify lead service lines. Nobody in the group had first hand experience with this technique, and it is unclear if it would be accepted by regulators at this time.
- Tom Rowland from Redford Township noted that several of the new requirements including the annual letter to all residents with lead or unknowns service lines, and the 24 hour notification requirement for exceedances are particularly onerous, especially the first time a community is required to do it. EGLE is currently developing templates that could ease that burden, but it's still resource intensive and distracts from other responsibilities. Tom invited other communities to view Redford Township's website and review the resources they have developed around these requirements.

9. Public Comment

- None

10. Next Meeting: TBD, Fall 2025.

11. Council Member Remarks

- None.

12. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.