AGENDA

DATE: February 21, 2019

TO: Interagency Coordinating Committee on Groundwater (ICCG), Groundwater Advisory Council (GAC) and Regional Committee Chairs

FROM: Rick Cobb, Chair ICCG and Bill Compton, Chair GAC

SUBJECT: Joint ICCG/GAC/Regional Chair Meeting

The meeting will be held at the Illinois EPA’s Office at 1021 North Grand Avenue, in the Mississippi River Conference Room on February 28, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The following topics will be discussed:

10:00 - 10:15 ICCG & GAC Chairperson’s Opening Remarks and Approval of the ICCG Minutes
10:15 – 10:30 Draft Regulatory and Legislative Agenda 2019
  • Part 620
  • Mahomet Aquifer Task Force-Recommendations
  • IGPA Cleanup
10:30 – 10:50 Per and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Strategy Input
10:50 - 11:00 Break
11:00 – 11:20 Water Supply Planning
11:20 – 11:55 Round Robin
11:55 – 12:00 Other Business/Adjourn

GAC Meeting

12:00 – 12:10 Opening Remarks and Approval of last meeting’s minutes
12:10 – 1:00 Business/ Discussion of ICCG topics

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1 Pursuant to Sections 4(b) and 5(b) of the Illinois Groundwater Protection Act (IGPA) [415 ILCS 55/4(b) and 415 ILCS 55/5(b)] and Section 17.2 of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act [415 ILCS 5/17.2], we are holding a joint meeting of the ICCG and GAC with input from Regional Planning Committee Chairs.
Attachment I

(415 ILCS 55/4) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 7454)

Sec. 4. (a) There shall be established within State government an interagency committee which shall be known as the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Groundwater. The Committee shall be composed of the Director, or his designee, of the following agencies:

1. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, who
2. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources.
3. The Illinois Department of Public Health.
4. The Office of Mines and Minerals within the Department of Natural Resources.
5. The Office of the State Fire Marshal.
6. The Division of Water Resources of the Department of Natural Resources.
7. The Illinois Department of Agriculture.

(b) The Committee shall meet not less than twice each calendar year and shall:

1. Review and coordinate the State's policy on groundwater protection.
2. Review and evaluate State laws, regulations and procedures that relate to groundwater protection.
3. Review and evaluate the status of the State's efforts to improve the quality of the groundwater and of the State enforcement efforts for protection of the groundwater and make recommendations on improving the State efforts to protect the groundwater.
4. Recommend procedures for better coordination among State groundwater programs and with local programs related to groundwater protection.
5. Review and recommend procedures to coordinate the State's response to specific incidents of groundwater pollution and coordinate dissemination of information between agencies responsible for the State's response.
6. Make recommendations for and prioritize the State's groundwater research needs.
7. Review, coordinate and evaluate groundwater data collection and analysis.
(c) The Chairman of the Committee shall propose a groundwater protection regulatory agenda for consideration by the Committee and the Council. The principal purpose of the agenda shall be to systematically consider the groundwater protection aspects of relevant federal and State regulatory programs and to identify any areas where improvements may be warranted. To the extent feasible, the agenda may also serve to facilitate a more uniform and coordinated approach toward protection of groundwaters in Illinois.

Upon adoption of the final agenda by the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee shall assign a lead agency and any support agencies to prepare a regulatory assessment report for each item on the agenda. Each regulatory assessment report shall specify the nature of the groundwater protection provisions being implemented and shall evaluate the results achieved therefrom. Special attention shall be given to any preventive measures being utilized for protection of groundwaters. The reports shall be completed in a timely manner. After review and consideration by the Committee, the reports shall become the basis for recommending further legislative or regulatory action.