

NDWAC Small Systems Implementation Working Group

Executive Summary

Teleconference

May 25, 1999

The NDWAC Small Systems Implementation Working Group met via teleconference on May 25, 1999. The teleconference focused on two draft documents: "Small System Regulatory Requirements Under the Safe Drinking Water Act as Amended in 1996," and "Small System Characteristics." Both documents, while nearing completion, will remain works in progress.

The bulk of the teleconference was spent discussing seven hypothetical case examples, which provide cost estimates of small system compliance. The case studies are a recent addition to the draft "Small System Regulatory Requirements Under the Safe Drinking Water Act as Amended in 1996." The group appreciated the amount of research that went into creating the case studies. During the discussion the working group agreed for the need to clarify, and in some cases, adjust a few of the assumptions used to derive the costs. The group also identified some areas requiring additional cost analysis. EPA will make another draft of this document available for review prior to the next working group meeting.

In addition, Peter Shanaghan confirmed that the case studies focused on least-cost treatment options for compliance with current, as opposed to future, federal drinking water regulations. The group expressed interest in doing case examples at a later time for compliance with forthcoming regulations.

The working group also discussed a revised version of "Small System Characteristics." The members were pleased at the progress that had been made in addressing their previous comments. EPA will incorporate additional editorial suggestions made during the teleconference, primarily related to graphics presentation and other formatting issues. EPA requested that any additional comments be submitted as soon as possible so that working group members have an opportunity to review another version prior to the next meeting.

The next working group meeting will be held June 23 and 24 in Chicago, IL, to coincide with the AWWA annual conference. Many members agreed that the Chicago meeting will be an opportunity for the working group to transition its activities from gathering information to discussing policies and strategies. The members agreed to come to the Chicago meeting with issues they would like to discuss. Lastly, EPA will consider the feasibility of a final face-to-face meeting of the Working Group in Albuquerque, NM later this year.

Members Present	Members Absent	Guests
Jerry Biberstine	Yvette DiPieza	Bridget O'Grady
Andrea Griese	Curtis Truss	Gwen Wise
Julie Gillenwater (representing Kirk Leifheit)	Patrick Banegas	Jim Laity
Charles Maddox	Diane Kiesling	
Bruce Florquist	Jim Dunlap	
David Siburg		
Bob Wendeglass		
Leon Jacobs, Jr.		
Brian Gallagher (representing Christine Hoover)		
Mark Bugher		
Michael Walsh		
J.W. Hellums, Jr.		

Blanca Surgeon
Gary Morgan
Paul Felz
John Scheltens
Peter Shanaghan
Michael Dimitriou