Meeting #3: September 20, 2022

Purpose

- Continue problem characterization discussions on opportunistic pathogens and disinfectant residuals.
- Create common understanding of the current regulatory framework related to the Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rules (D/DBPRs)
- Begin problem characterization discussions on disinfectant byproducts.

Advance Meeting Materials

- Two-page documents on DBPs and related topics (e.g., Haloacetic Acids; Precursors; Source Water; Nitrosamines; Chlorite and Chlorate; and Consecutive Systems)
- Background videos
- Reference articles

Day-of Materials

Presentation

Agenda

11:00 (15 min)

Segment 1: Agenda Review and Meeting Procedures.

- Meeting Opening (Elizabeth Corr, U.S.EPA OGWDW, DFO and Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic)
- Welcome (Crystal Rodgers-Jenkins, U.S.EPA OGWDW)
- Opening Remarks (Working Group Co-Chairs Andy Kricun and Lisa Daniels)
- Facilitator Agenda Review (Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic)

11:15 (90 min)

Segment 2: Follow up on problem characterization discussions on opportunistic pathogens and disinfectant residuals

Technical Presentation and Panel Discussion (Ken Rotert, U.S. EPA OGWDW; Technical Analysts: Nancy Love, University of Michigan; Andrew Jacque, Water Quality Investigations; Mark LeChevallier, Dr. Water Consulting LLC)

Facilitator Key Takeaways from Meeting 2 and Facilitated Discussion (Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic)

- Provide any needed report back on technical questions
- Discuss potential emergent findings related to opportunistic pathogens and disinfectant residuals
- How much do these problems meet a level that requires attention?

- Confirm sense of the root causes of the problem
- Confirm the nature of the gap that currently exists

12:45 LUNCH BREAK (60 MIN)

1:45 (60 min) Segment 3: Regulatory and Policy Framework for D/DBPRs.

Presentations (Rich Weisman, U.S. EPA OGWDW)

- Regulatory and Policy Framework related to the Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rules (D/DBPRs)
- Provide an inventory of Public Water Systems (PWSs) subject to the D/DBPRs

Discussion (Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic)

- Clarifying questions
- Based on your experience, are there further features or aspects of the rules that you would like to highlight for WG consideration?
- Are there other aspects of the D/DBPR regulatory and policy framework you would like to learn more about to inform Working Group discussions, and why?

2:45 BREAK (10 MIN)

2:55 (90 min) Segment 4: Problem Characterization on DBPs

Presentations: Problem Characterization Specifics on DBPs

- Unaddressed or newly emergent potential health risks from DBPs includes unregulated HAAs (e.g., carcinogenicity); residual DBP risks (e.g., bladder cancer); and developmental/reproductive concerns. (Kirsten Studer, U.S. EPA OGWDW and Casey Lindberg, U.S. EPA OST)
- Occurrence of regulated and unregulated DBPs in drinking water includes UCMR4 data for HAA9 and SYR4 data for THM4. (Technical Analyst: Stuart Krasner, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (retired), Jimmy Chen, U.S.EPA OGWDW)
- Occurrence of DBP precursors in drinking water in raw water plus TOC in treated water. (Technical Analyst: Stuart Krasner, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (retired))
- Concerns about compliance with current DBP regulations including consecutive systems includes results from Deep Dive. (Jimmy Chen, U.S.EPA OGWDW; Jackie Logsdon, Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection)

Technical Panel (Technical Analysts: Stuart Krasner, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (retired); Zaid Chowdhury, Garver; Susan Teefy, East Bay Municipal Utility District)

4:25 BREAK (10 MINUTES)

4:35 (55 min) Segment 4, cont.: Working Group Discussion Problem Characterization on DBPs

Facilitated Discussion (Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic)

Clarifying questions

- Do you have additions or refinements to characterization of DBP problems?
- What additional information will be helpful to further understand DBP related problems?
- Within the drinking water value chain, what do you believe are the most prominent root causes of DBP problems?
- Given the information you have in front of you today, how do you perceive the magnitude of the public health concern and why?

5:30 (30 min) Segment 5: Meeting 4 Agenda & Next Steps

Presentation: Proposed Meeting 4 Topics & Next Steps (Ryan Albert, U.S. EPA OGWDW, Co-Chairs Lisa Daniels and Andy Kricun)

- OP, DR, DBPs (cont.)
- Interdependencies

Discussion (Rob Greenwood, Ross Strategic)

- Do you have additions or refinements to the proposed topics?
- What background materials, presentations, or other resources will be helpful to you to prepare for the Meeting 4 discussions?
- Mindful of time and resource limitations prior to the next meetings, what supplemental technical analyses would you like on the topics to help inform discussions?

Meeting Closure (Elizabeth Corr (U.S.EPA, DFO)