

**Water Information and Data Subcommittee
State Capabilities Assessment Workgroup (Workgroup #1)**

Minutes – January 13, 2012

Attendees: Dan Hardin (TX), Laura Paeglis (NE), Jodee Pring (WY), Lindy Clay (OK), Molly Maupin (USGS)

Next Call: Early March

Administrative: The workgroup approved the minutes and action items from the prior meeting.

State Capabilities Assessment Survey: The group reviewed the draft survey. The group agreed that the survey should be broken into three sections: one section for questions on surface water, one section for questions on groundwater, and one section for questions on data management. The group then provided more specific feedback for each of the questions as follows:

- Question 2 (there would be a groundwater and surface water version of this question)
- Question 2a would apply only to surface water
- Question 2b: the second bullet would be crafted to apply to either surface water or groundwater
- Question 2c: No change
- Question 2d: the fourth bullet related to energy use will be made clearer that we need to know if the states are tracking information by fuel type or if they're tracking whether or not the generators use once-through cooling or a closed-loop system. The 5th bullet would be changed to ask for Community Water Systems how often the 'Population Served' statistics are reviewed and how are they verified.
- Question 2e: No change
- Question 3: No change, but this question would be part of the data management section
- Question 4: No change, but this question would be part of the data management section
- Question 5: there would be a groundwater and surface water version of this question
- Question 5c: an additional comment area would be added to allow for respondents to explain the details of what users are required to report
- Question 5f: Deleted
- An additional question would be added at the beginning that would ask them to tell us generally about their water allocation, use, and planning data and about their procedures.

Molly Maupin asked if states have thresholds for reporting by their water users. The states gave examples of exempt wells (groundwater wells that are used for domestic use that pump under a given amount of water per day). A number of the states specifically cannot require agriculture users to report.

Molly also asked if states publish their list of aquifer names. Lindy Clay (OK) responded that for OK they do have list of names that they use.

Next Steps: Dwane will make the above recommended changes to the survey and provide to the group by 1/18. Workgroup 2 is scheduled to finalize their questions by 1/20. This should allow us to finalize the full survey (incorporating Workgroup 2's questions) by 1/25. Both workgroups can then give one final review of the survey and allow for it to be sent out on 2/1. We're hoping to allow one month for the states to respond to the surveys. **Action Item: Dwane will make the changes to the survey and redistribute to the workgroup.**

Call Schedules: If everything goes well with the survey, then we shouldn't need to have another call until early March to discuss the responses that we're getting from the surveys.

Other Items: None