

Brief Summary of the Waterworks Advisory Committee Meeting (7/31/2019)

1. The recruitment period for hiring a new data management supervisor just closed so they will be hiring that position soon
2. VDH is working to finalize a short guidance on main break types and responses. Once finalized it will be published on the VDH – ODW website
3. VDH is trying to move over to a completely electronic compliance reporting system. They want to test the system December 2019 and have a production target of July 2020. They will notify laboratories and waterworks of the electronic reporting requirement and the schedule
4. A Lead Testing sampling proposal draft was submitted to the EPA July 26. They will submit a final sampling proposal August 22 after comments from EPA and will hopefully have the final go ahead in late September. They are encouraging water utilities to be involved once testing begins in case the schools need help with the sampling procedures
5. The EPA will decide in December 2019 if they will create a national MCL for PFOA and PFOS. The state of Virginia will defer to EPA on whether to regulate or not
6. Currently the fee due to VDH from water works is \$2.95 per connection, with the fee capped at a maximum of \$160,000. NTNC waterworks pay \$90.00 per year and there is no charge for TNC's. Wholesale waterworks do not pay the operation fee if they do not have any individual consumer accounts/connections. VDH is proposing to increase waterworks operation fees from \$2.95 per connection to \$3.00 (or more) to increase revenue. Additionally, they are proposing to increase the cap on waterworks fees from \$160,000 (they didn't propose a new cap). They will start a stakeholder workgroup to work on these changes. Water utilities are invited to participate. The contact is Nelson Daniels with VDH – ODW

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