



**The Wisconsin Section  
Central States  
Water Environment Association**

**Wisconsin Section CSWEA  
Committee Reports  
Summer Board Meeting  
August 5, 2008**

**Trustee's Report - Ken Sedmak**

**Meeting at the Kalahari in the Wisconsin Dells July 17 and 18, 2008.**

**CSX '07 Review of "Big Ideas" status: Rusty Schroedel**

Collaborate with other organizations, two USEPA conferences, Water publication, CEU's WEF membership, non-member fee, on line membership survey, Adopt WEF's half price for YP's-30-40 members, YP committee with Board at CSX, Professional operators in focus-CS operations challenge and have fun.

**Improve CSWEA/IWEA Relations**

Letter was drafted to respond to the IWEA request for Illinois Section to be disbanded. Chicago MSD is driver. Also member in southern Ill support IWEA. IWEA was formed at the request of these groups. They want to be the sole WEF organization. CSWEA does not want this to happen. WEF will not get involved in dispute.

IWEA is complaining that they need to compete with CSWEA for members. CSWEA wants to assist IWEA with more collaborative efforts. The original founding fathers of IWEA want Illinois Section to be disbanded before they retire.

Change may happen, but not as a forced implementation, therefore, we will cooperate with collaborative functions.

We can complement each other through cooperation.

**Contacts with other MA's, i.e. Michigan, Indiana, and Iowa. Get exchanges of ideas at WEF Max and other MA conferences**

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## **Attracting and Serving Public Sector Employees: Group**

Attracting operators/managers-public sector

1. Change perception of CSWEA to be “operator” inclusive
2. Send CS Water magazine to every POTW
3. Operator focus in CS Water magazine
4. One afternoon meeting before the exhibit as operator day as a part of the annual conference and needs to be marketed to the operators. The Local Arrangements Committee should have a member who is involved in the local operators group.
5. Provide cost-effective CEU’s for all events
6. Need to influence managers as to the value of CSWEA
7. CS leadership academy
8. Join CW and become a leader in wastewater career
9. Accreditation program (Managers, Facilities, maintenance, etc.)

## **81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting Format pro/con of format**

Minneapolis area was a cost-effective success.

## **MA/WEF Relationships Survey**

Restructure House of Delegates

Relationship between MA and WEF-Central States is incorporated in Wisconsin as a separate organization and has 501-3C. The State sections are an arm of CSWEA.

WEF is developing a survey to develop a Support Model that will determine how WEF will serve the membership

We completed survey

- 1) Briefly describe your MA’s view of the current WEF and MA relationship  
*Overall very good, we view our relationship with WEF as mutually beneficial.  
We complement each other. WEF on a national level and CSWEA on a regional level*
- 2) Does your MA feel ownership of WEF?  
*Ownership might not quite the right word. .CSWEA and WEF have a good relationship*
- 3) Describe that sense of ownership.  
*Their histories are intertwined, undividable.  
CSWEA is proud of WEF accomplishments  
WEF successes are CSWEA successes  
CSWEA members are involved in WEF activities/committees*
- 4) What would encourage a greater sense of ownership of WEF for your MA?  
*More local WEF presence, such as, co-sponsored events, webcasts, etc.  
Encourage and enhance more cooperation between member associations  
WEF article (technical and organizational) prepared for publishing in MA newsletters.*

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*More support from WEF on how to run an MA (including member recruitment, YP programs, things that are "hard" for the MA's to do well). More programs like Water Is Life which provide tools and training of a national initiative.*

- 5) What responsibility do you think MAs have to support WEF?
- 6) *Support WEF programs and initiative that are consistent with our common goals.*
- 7) What responsibility do you think WEF has to support MA's  
*WEF should supply leadership and resources to support the mission of each MA*
- 8) Why do you think the MA's need WEF?  
*Provide the clearing house for technical information*  
*Provide the national forum including*  
*Technical information*  
*Shaping regulatory and political policy*  
*Exchange of ideas*
- 9) Why do you think WEF needs MA's  
*To find new members*
- 10) Does your MA have paid staff? If so How many?  
*We have one hard working individual that works 20 hours per week.*
- 11) Provide the number of MA members and the number of WEF members.  
*CSWEA has 1130 members and they are all WEF and CSWEA members*

### **CSWEA Only membership development-HOW to Market**

Advertise on the CSWEA booth display at the other local organizations

Send CSWEA member only (\$20.00) to all CSWEA managers and POTW's. Attach WEF promotional information provided by WEF. E-mail blast forward to a friend.

### **Common Registration format/marketing tool**

We have purchased the on-line registration tool for CSWEA events.

### **Section Exchange**

Illinois-enhance state seminars with "Quick Talks". They are scheduling one event per month including six Illinois seminars. They are providing certificates for each seminar attendee with contact hours, also, providing customized name badges and printed receipts.

Minnesota is working on seminars as in the past.

Wisconsin is updating the strategic plan this year. They are promoting more involvement with young professionals and increase the effectiveness of some committees. Provide more educational outreach to schools.

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TMDL input to WDNR will be provided.

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## **YPX Topic Generations**

We need to focus on recruiting both Gen X (28 to 42) and Gen Y (27 and under) people.

To find the students in the Gen Y generation to recruit into student chapters is through the professors at the Universities.

Offer "Education Seminar" to student chapters as a webinar.

Develop a student competition category for Environmental Service Design

Activate YP committee with meaningful goals.

YP committee is to meet more for goal setting and ownership of projects.

Central States should provide internship clearing house for students

## **World Monitoring Day**

One person from each state needs to be a coordinator. Wisconsin needs a coordinator.

DO, pH, temp, and turbidity

High School and middle school students to do next level \$13.00 plus \$7.50 per first 10 simple kits, shipping reduced to 1.50 for above 10. There are 50 tests per test kit.

Go to world monitoring day.com and follow instructions.

World water monitoring day from September 18 to October 18

## **Career Transitions**

Strength based management - do not try to fix their weaknesses but focus on their strength and goals for Gen X. Trombone player wanted - go on the web and get video information on strength based management Book is "Now discover your strengths".

Markus Buckingham is the author.

## **Transition Planning**

Dan Busch presented Green Bay Metro's plan.

Central States should compile best practices in leadership training

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## **WVOA Liaison's Report - Dennis Egge, Liaison**

No report was received.

### **Collection System - Todd Stelmacher, Chair**

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update to the Wisconsin Section Board related to the activities of the Collection System Committee for the summer of 2008.

The 21st Annual "Classic" Collection System Seminar was held in Watertown on June 5.

A copy of the financial report is attached. The seminar was attended by 229 registrants, four short of last year's record attendance. The seminar showed a profit of \$748.56, subject to resolution of a disputed charge.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual "Northwoods" seminar will be held in Marshfield on August 14. The agenda has been set and mailers were sent to CSWEA and WVOA members in June. Seminar information is posted on the CSWEA and WVOA websites. At the time of this report the seminar has 32 exhibitors and 38 registrants. Advance registrations are due on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We will report the figures at the Board meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee received resignations from two members this quarter. Carl Scharfe has accepted a transfer to St. Paul, MN and is looking forward to contributing to the Minnesota Section in the future. Stan Charron has been recommended to replace Carl. Mike Krosnosky will be retiring in the near future. Mike has been contributing to the Committee for many years. Herb Miller has been recommended to replace Mike. The committee thanks these outstanding members for their contributions.

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**CENTRAL STATES WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION**

Collection System Seminar #21  
"Classic"  
June 5, 2008

<b>229 REGISTRANTS</b>	\$7,630.00
<b>32 EXHIBITORS</b>	\$2,470.00
Door Prize Donations	<u>\$ 80.00</u>
TOTAL	\$10,180.00
Deposited 5/12/08	\$1,920.00
Deposited 5/21/08	\$1,890.00
Deposited 6/27/08	\$6,335.00
Deposited 6/30/08	\$ 35.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$10,180.00
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,180.00</u></b>

**Expenses:**

Food and Soda	\$6,910.92
Prize	\$ 388.90
Gift Speaker Pens	\$ 232.48
Mailing Service	\$ 311.55
Postage for Brochures	\$ 547.54
Printing for Brochures	\$ 510.05
Door Prize Donations (to Marshfield)	\$ 80.00
Combined Registration Fees (half to Marshfield)	\$ 450.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES**     \$9,431.44

**PROFIT.....**     \$748.56

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Checks **will be** issued to Wisconsin Section Central States for \$374.28 and Wisconsin Wastewater Operators for \$374.28 to closeout account.

Checks to be forwarded to:

Dave Arnott  
Secretary-Treasurer/CSWEA Wisconsin Section  
Ruekert-Mielke  
W233 N2080 Ridgeview Parkway  
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July 22, 2008

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## 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL COLLECTION SYSTEM SEMINAR

### SPEAKER & SEMINAR EVALUATION FORM

JUNE 5, 2008

#### Quality of Program

**8:00 A.M. Private Property Virtual Library (PPVL)**  
Joan Hawley, P.E.-Superior Engineering, LLC

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
	1	2	11	16	9	1

Samples of Comments:

- Nice, short and sweet.
- Short; not much information.
- Very timely as we all embark on these issues
- Very clear.
- Too quick. (2)
- Brief, concentrated but good speaker.
- Interesting.
- Five minutes is not enough time to evaluate.
- Needed a better introduction.
- Brief but excellent information and potential resource.
- Brief but main points were given.
- Good on-line information.
- Brief; good resources for our I&I abandonment program.
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**8:15 A.M. Not Your Typical Rehab**  
Vern Frahm & Eric Finnilla-Crane Engineering

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
		4	16	15	7	1

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Samples of Comments:

- Informational. (2)
- Basic; good for new employees.
- Good cost effective alternatives.
- Good topic.
- Audio issues; monotone presentation at times. (2)
- Learned a few things.
- Needed to have larger pictures on the projector.
- Good presentation.
- Good case study examples. (2)
- Ok, needed more design rehab information.
- Good visuals; informative.
- Useful general information.
- Could have used more “hands on” or operator trouble shooting methods

**9:00 A.M. Pump Station Design Considerations**  
Kari Dennis, P.E.-McMahon Associates, Inc

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
	1	1	11	17	15	

Samples of Comments:

- Very good presentation; disagree that self prime is the best; submersible with on site generator is choice.
- Good information to have.
- Very thorough.
- Very informational.
- Useful information but tough to understand; too many pauses and needs better power point overhead.
- A little quick and small pictures.
- Glad to have had copies of the slides; Kari knew the subject well. (2)
- Good presentation. (3)
- Good tips; a little too long.
- Good review of design considerations.
- Ok; don't have pump speakers back to back.
- Very good overview, a lot of considerations to consider, well organized.

**9:30 to 9:40 A.M.-Break**

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**9:40 A.M. Digger's Hotline**  
 Jim Aron-Digger's Hotline

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
4			6	12	8	2

Samples of Comments:

- Good information. (4)
- Presentation started late. (2)
- Better late than never.
- Good presentation but not useful to my position.
- Needed at least 45 minutes.
- Good presentation but a little quick.
- 811 neat.
- Need more time.

**10:00 A.M. Instrumentation & Control in Pumping Station Design/Rehabilitation**  
 Mark Kane-L.W. Allen

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
		1	7	20	12	3

Samples of Comments:

- Nice review.
- Good presentation; knowledgeable but didn't care for the marketing.
- Float for high levels and backup.
- Lengthy.
- Very good presentation. (3)
- Very good power point, good speaker, polished presentation-transient voltage surge protection.
- Ok. (2)
- Sales and self promotion-yuk!
- Leave out the promotion at the introduction.
- Learned a lot, great information.
- A bit heavy on the advertising to start; very informative review of options. (2)
- Good speaking skills, steady fluent presentation, and information explained clearly.
- Good information; couples with Kari and Eric.
- Excellent, very detailed.

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**10:45 A.M. Safety-Confined Space**  
Gordy Koch-Alpha Terra Science

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
			1	12	22	10

Samples of Comments:

- Good reminders.
- Very good presentation. (6)
- Very thorough and entertaining.
- Excellent, very informative.
- Good speaker, well designed program; moved along at a good pace.
- Would have been beneficial to have slides of the presentation.
- Needs to be reiterated.
- Safety is always important to address.
- Early training would help (CPR and First Aid).
- Good overview, good speaker.

**11:15 A.M. WisWARN**  
Dan Lynch, P.E.-City of Janesville, WI

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
		3	13	17	8	3

Samples of Comments:

- Should have had a handout.
- Good topic, very informational. (2)
- Not a polished speaker; information was informative.
- Confusing; who to do what.
- Would have liked to expand on this topic.
- Interesting presentation, waiting to hear more.
- A program that I was not aware of.
- Good program, important topic for this group. (2)
- A little quiet, needed more energy but overall pretty good.
- Very good information in updating the state weather warning system.
- Excellent new topic, hope the program can get going and get a lot of individual municipal interests and partnerships.

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**11:30 A.M. Emerging Technologies**

- **Lateral Replacement**–Ron Dickrell–Marshfield WW Utility
- **Grease Control**–Tom Steinbach–City of Oconomowoc
- **Sanipor**–John Nelson, Jr.–VisuSewer

Presentation Rating:

Poor	1	2	3	4	5	Excellent
			5	13	19	3

Samples of Comments:

- Grease control presentation was helpful; good presentation. (2)
- Could have used more detail from Ron on how they handled the project step by step.
- Lateral Replacement was a very good presentation.
- Very positive presentations.
- Great information. (2)
- Ron was very gracious and personable; Tom was not.
- Good presentations. (2)
- Good idea to have WW Managers speak about personal experiences.
- Excellent; short “bursts” work well; topics were very interesting.
- Short and sweet.
- Excellent.

**Suggestions for topics for next year’s program**

- Ways to address chlorides and I&I in the community, where it is being contributed. (2)
- Trenchless technology for sanitary sewer laterals.
- Safety.
- Enforcement of grease obstruction problems.
- Stormwater sampling.
- Safety protocol (traffic control, signage, and flashing lights).
- More on new technology and what is new in other states/countries.
- More on private laterals and digger’s hotline.
- CMOM and collection system evaluations.
- More on PPVL-complications of municipal ordinances dealing with private property I&I.

**Nominations for 2006 Central States Collection System Award**

- Tim Zimmerman-Village of Germantown.
- Ron Dickrell-Marshfield WWTP

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### **Other Comments or Suggestions:**

- Excellent meal.
- Air temperature too cold for those who are not moving around.
- Need a larger projection screen.
- Amazing; thanks for all the work you guys did to put this together.

## **Government Affairs Committee - Jane Carlson, Chair**

Status report - update on current year committee plan, roster, etc.

Current committee members and assignments are listed at:

<http://www.cswea.org/wisconsin/governmentaffairs/>

In addition, Jim Kleinschmidt has joined the committee to liaise with the Wisconsin Alliance of Cities on stormwater and other issues.

### **Minutes of Last Meeting**

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The committee “met” again by e-mail in July. Updates to regulations or other initiatives are attached. Of particular note are the following:

1. Thermal and Phosphorus Standards rule development.
2. The Rock River Basin and Lower Fox River Basin TMDL development.
3. The Great Lakes Compact.

### **Next Meeting**

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Our next meeting will be by e-mail so that we can report on regulatory initiatives in time for the November 2008 Board Meeting. We will have a face-to-face meeting during the breakout session of the November Board Meeting.

c: All committee members (Dave Taylor, Paul Kent, Gil Hantzsch, Chad Olsen, Bill Desing, Joan Hawley, Brandon Koltz, Keith Haas, and Jim Kleinschmidt) and committee board liaison (Ken Sedmak)

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**Regulatory and Other Initiatives Updates  
July 2008 Attachment to Government Affairs Committee Report**

The primary focus of the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) is to identify and track various regulatory/legislative initiatives that may have a significant impact on Wisconsin Section members. Attached please find reports prepared by individual committee members summarizing activities in the areas that they are responsible for tracking.

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**Miscellaneous Issues  
By Jane Carlson/Strand**

The Wisconsin DNR accepted public comments on the proposed Temperature Standards through February 28, 2008, and the GAC submitted comments prepared by CH2M Hill. We have not yet had a response from DNR.

The Wisconsin Alliance of Cities and others are tracking stormwater compliance (i.e., 40% TSS removal by 2013), stormwater detention pond sediment removal draft rules, draft P criteria, TMDLs, and other issues. Their interest is in spending our very limited public funds where they will provide the greatest benefit. They are coordinating efforts with MEG and others, and held a conference on these topics in July 2008. CSWEA member Jim Kleinschmidt of Strand Associates has joined the CSWEA Wisconsin Section GAC and plans to liaise with the Alliance of Cities on these issues.

In July 2008, the Wisconsin Section GAC sent a letter to Todd Ambs of the DNR, with copies to Russ Rasmussen and others, requesting Section members be included on future rulemaking TACs. We anticipate that these could include nitrogen criteria, TMDL development methods, TMDL implementation methods, pollutant load trading, and others. Wisconsin Section members should let the Board or GAC know if they are interested in participating in any of these rulemaking efforts.

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**Biosolids-EPA Initiatives and National Biosolids Partnership EMS Program  
By David Taylor; Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District  
<No Update This Report - See Previous Reports >**

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**CMOM - Wet Weather Issues  
BY: Joan B. Hawley, P.E., Superior Engineering, LLC [joan@superior-eng.com](mailto:joan@superior-eng.com)**

**Sewage Overflow Right to Know Bill  
House & Senate Bill Comparison  
July 2008**

HR 2452 - amends 502	S 2080 - amends 502
Refers to treatment works	Refers to treatment plants
Sewer overflows = SSOs + CSOs excludes backup from bldg lateral	Essentially same
Holdings of CWA permits must be req'd to report sewer overflows - so this would not include satellites	POTWs must notify and report 403.3 - "POTW" ... includes collection system if it conveys to a POTW - so this includes satellites
At time of (re)issuance owners must have a program to be alerted of overflows	< 1 year must have program to be alerted
Notify public of "potential to affect" < 24 hrs	Notify public < 24 hrs
Notify health authorities and affected entities, water systems immediately if imminent/substantial endangerment to public health	Same
Report each overflow on DMR - magnitude, duration, cause, steps to reduce, steps to mitigate impact	Oral or electronic report overflows to permit authority < 24 hrs
Annual report to permit authority # of overflows, quantity, duration, location, response, mitigation for each. Does not include backups in residences or maintenance releases.	Report overflows to waters on DMRs
States to provide annual summary to EPA	Essentially same
EPA to make rules < 1 yr to define "imminent and Substantial", communication measures, feasible, timely	Same
State equivalency - a state may demonstrate equivalent reporting of "potential to affect" and "imminent/substantial endangerment to public health." Administrator shall authorize state to carry out program instead of owners	No direction re. rulemaking
Supersedes any existing permit requirement	No state equivalency provision
Overflow monitoring eligible for SRF	No similar provision
	Same

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## **NUTRIENT CRITERIA**

**By Jane M. Carlson, P.E./Strand Associate, Inc.**

**The DNR's technical advisory committee (TAC) has met several times to discuss draft phosphorus criteria and associated rules. We plan to attend all of the TAC meetings. The next one is scheduled for September 8, 2008.**

The draft P criteria appear very stringent, ranging from 0.005 mg/L in Lake Superior to 0.105 mg/L in rivers. These numbers are primarily based on USGS studies for streams and rivers and work completed in other studies or other states for lakes. The implementation issues such as how these criteria would be translated into effluent limits are being discussed now. A subcommittee has been formed to focus on point source implementation issues. MEG is also working on this issue, including developing costs for WWTP compliance with the potential limits.

**The DNR expects to have rules available for public comment in late 2008 and rule adoption around mid 2009. At least for now, nitrogen is not included in the proposed rulemaking.**

Please see the May 2008 GAC report for additional details.

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## **NR 214 - LAND TREATMENT OF INDUSTRIAL LIQUID WASTES, BY-PRODUCT SOLIDS AND SLUDGES**

**By Jane Carlson/Strand**

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## **Summary of Key Legislative and Rulemaking Activity**

**By Paul G. Kent of Anderson & Kent sc**

**Legal Counsel for the Municipal Environmental Group**

**Wastewater Division**

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## **Government Affairs Seminar (GAS) Committee Report** **By Gil Hantzsch, P.E., MSA Professional Services Inc.**

Bookkeeping has been completed on the 2008 GAS, with the seminar receiving good feedback and finishing in the black. A summary of the financials from the seminar is included in a separate spreadsheet submitted to the Board. Planning for the 2009 Government Affairs Seminar, which will again be held at the Marriot in Middleton, will begin soon. The overall responsibility for coordination falls to WWOA this year. I have contacted WWOA Liaison Randy Thater to set up an organizational meeting, tentatively to be held in October.

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## 2008 Government Affairs Seminar Financial Summary

Income		
CALS Payments (CALS costs of \$3,120.67 included in net amounts below)		
		\$8,000.00
		\$5,404.33
	Subtotal	\$13,404.33
Expenses		
	Marriott	\$10,120.92
	Subtotal	\$10,120.92
Net Profit		\$3,283.41
WWOA Share		\$1,641.71
WI Section CSWEA Share		\$1,641.70

Stream Re-classification/Proposed Revisions to Chapters NR 102, 104, and 106 as Related to Stream Classification & Outstanding and Exceptional Resource Waters

February 16, 2007

By Chad T. Olsen/McMahon Associates, Inc.

**<No Update This Report - See Previous Reports >**

TMDLs

Jane M. Carlson, P.E., Strand Associates, Inc.

Following is some recent information for Wisconsin:

- The DNR released the 2008 draft 303(d) list for public comment in February. The proposed changes since 2006 can be viewed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/2008/2008Updates.htm> .

- The EPA's consultant team completed a draft phosphorus and sediment TMDL for the Rock River Basin in early April, 2008. The DNR had some technical and editorial issues with the draft and is in the process of reviewing and revising it. The new deadline for the final TMDL submission to EPA is September 30, 2009. For more information please see: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/RockRiverTMDL/>.
- The EPA has hired a consultant to perform TMDL work on the Lower Fox River watershed (Green Bay). The DNR has assembled several committees to promote stakeholder involvement and assist in TMDL development. The schedule calls for a draft TMDL to be completed in the spring of 2009. For more information please see: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/FoxRiverTMDL/>

The DNR continues to develop nonpoint source TMDLs and others, including a recent PCB TMDL for Cedar Creek. For more information see: [http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/Draft\\_TMDLs.html](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/Draft_TMDLs.html)

For additional TMDL program details, please refer to the May 2008 GAC report.

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### **Wastewater Security**

**By Bill Desing, CH2M Hill**

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### **Compounds of Emerging Concern**

**By Brandon Koltz/Symbiont**

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### **Great Lakes Issues - The Great Lakes Compact**

**By Keith Haas/Racine Water and Wastewater Utilities**

After years of negotiations, the Great lakes Compact was introduced in Congress on Wednesday July 23, 2008 and may be acted on within a couple of months. The compact to prevent the diversion of water from the Great Lakes has widespread support in Congress and a strong chance of winning approval by the end of the year, lawmakers said Wednesday July 23, 2008.

Made among the eight states and two Canadian provinces bordering the Great Lakes, the compact would govern who may withdraw water from the Great Lakes drainage basin and with what conditions. It also requires water-conservation plans from each state. This legal structure is critical for communities such as Waukesha and New Berlin which are on or near the edge of the basin and want water from the lakes to fuel their growth. Only the blessing of Congress is needed for the compact to become law.

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Governor Doyle was in Washington DC the 4<sup>th</sup> week of July to meet with Senate and Congressional members to promote the compact. He is also the present chair of the Council of Great Lakes Governors. Both of Wisconsin senators, Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, sit on the Judiciary Committee which has primary responsibility for the legislation in the Senate.

Fiengold is chairing a hearing in July in the Senate Judiciary Committee to help move the compact along. There will be a hearing by the full Judiciary Committee on July 30. There are only a few weeks left on the Senate's calendar for the current session. A spokesman for Kohl said there may be a vote of the full Senate in September.

The compact was approved by the last state on July 9 when Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed it. The fact that it moved so quickly through other states after Wisconsin passed it probably means that potential opponents saw they couldn't derail the compact, said Melissa Malott, water program director for Clean Wisconsin. The compact waited in the Legislature while opponents objected to a provision allowing a single governor to veto a proposed water withdrawal, and while others wanted to restrain the state from gaining power over groundwater.

House and Senate leaders from the region have stated they had not detected any significant opposition to the plan and would aggressively push to complete the process this year to provide more protections for one of the world's largest sources of fresh water.

The agreement prevents remote states or countries from tapping into the lakes from their natural drainage basin with rare exceptions. It also requires the states to regulate their own large-scale water uses and promote conservation.

The states have worked for several years to bring the protections to Congress for consideration. Governors in the region negotiated the plan for more than four years before reaching an agreement in December 2005. Michigan was the last of the eight states to approve the pact in July of this year.

### **Industrial Waste - Brian Molenaar, Chair**

No report was received.

### **Membership**

No report was received.

### **Operations Committee - Troy Larson, Chair**

No report was received.

### **Management Seminar - Tom Krueger, Chair**

No report was received.

### **Public Education and Awareness - Dale Doerr, Chair**

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The Public Education and Awareness Committee members are Chairperson Dale Doerr, Kathleen Zino, Tom Mulcahy, Aga Razvi, Max Anderson, Bill Martin, Steven Godfrey and Dan Busch.

In April the PEAC received 6 papers (candidates) registering with WEF for the right to be the Wisconsin delegate to the National Stockholm Junior Water Prize Competition in Orlando.

Based on the PEAC member evaluation and feedback, Laura Mark from Divine Savior High School in Milwaukee was selected to represent Wisconsin through CSWEA. The title of her research based paper is: A Study of the Potential of Quagga Mussel (Dreissena bugensis) Filtration in the Removal of Aquatic Pollutants.

Ms. Laura Mark and her teacher Mrs. Betty Jo Azpell attended the National SJWP competition in Orlando Florida in June.

This was my first time reviewing papers submitted for the SJWP competition and I must say that I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of several of the papers. The students put a lot of effort into their projects. I would like to thank all of the PEAC members for their help in judging the papers and determining the Wisconsin representative for the SJWP competition.

### **Safety - Jerry Hirt, Chair**

No report was received.

### **Watershed Management - Bill Krill, Chair**

No report was received.

### **Student Activities - Rachel Lee, Chair**

No report was received.

### **YP Events and News**

-We will not have to pay for the Education Seminar event which I was expecting to be a loss.

-Brewers Outing will be September 4. Trevor Ghylin and Tom Mulcahy are planning it.

### **Spring Biosolids Symposium - Bill Marten**

The 2008 Spring Biosolids Symposium was held on March 18, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point, with approximately 230 attendees. The Symposium was well received, as usual, and generated a net profit of \$1,352.78 which was split equally between the Wisconsin Section and WWOA. Next year's Symposium will once again be held in Stevens Point, on March 10, 2009, with initial planning to begin in September.

### **Water/Wastewater Education Association - Tom Mulcahy, Chair**

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