



## AGENDA

### Wastewater Treatment Workgroup (WWTWG) Teleconference Tuesday, July 7, 2020 10:00 AM – 11:10 AM

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#### Summary of Actions and Decisions:

- **DECISION:** The WWTWG members approved Matt Ries as the new chair for the WWTWG.
- **DECISION:** The WWTWG members approved the April Meeting Minutes
- **ACTION:** WWTWG members are asked to send feedback and suggestions on the Point Source Data Submission Application updates to Megan Thyng ( [Thyng.Megan@epa.gov](mailto:Thyng.Megan@epa.gov) )
- **ACTION:** Jurisdictions are asked to send Jessica Rigelman ( [jrigelman@j7llc.com](mailto:jrigelman@j7llc.com) ) feedback on minimum and maximum thresholds to improve the range check in the Point Source Data Submission Application.

**10:00 AM**     **Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements** — Ed Dunne (Chair)

#### **Announcements**

- Chair nomination, Matt Ries
  - [Resume](#) and [Bio](#) available on calendar page
  - Roles and responsibilities include being the spokesperson for the group, leading workgroup conference calls, and helping Bay staff prepare and develop agendas

**Summary:** Matt Ries comes from 25 years of experience working with environmental engineering and management. He is currently the Director of Sustainability and Watershed Management for DC Water. He has a wealth of experience working in collaborative partnerships and is excited to bring his expertise to this role as chair of the WWTWG. Matt Ries looks forward to learning more from the workgroup members regarding what they would like to see from this workgroup.

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**10:15 AM**      **Challenges During COVID-19** – WWTWG Chair, Ed Dunne,

- Ed Dunne will lead a brief discussion on COVID- 19 and any experienced and/or anticipated challenges with technology, implementation, and grant funding.

**Summary:** Delaware is coping fairly well and was able to transition into an operations plan to telework and give virtual public hearings for permits. There are a few challenges in the compliance and enforcement sector and SOPs are currently being created to address these challenges (shared vehicles vs. personal vehicles, sanitation, level of interaction with operators, etc.). For smaller package plants staff can visit when an operator is not on site to complete the inspections. However, more challenges exist for larger industrial or municipal plants. There has been discussion about using drones or other technology for virtual inspections but the budget may not permit for this. Matt Ries encouraged workgroup members to peer-share best management practices for implementing these SOPs.

**10:25 AM**      **Review of planned updates to the Point Source Data Submission Application** – Megan Thyng, EPA

- Megan Thyng ([Thyng.Megan@epa.gov](mailto:Thyng.Megan@epa.gov)) will briefly present and review the planned updates to Point Source Data Submission Application and request feedback from the group.

**Summary:** Megan Thyng and Jessica Rigelman briefly reviewed the planned updates to the Point Source Data Submission Application in order to meet their goals of improving data quality, data management, and documentation. These updates included adding capability to use previous year's data if necessary and updating range checks to better identify outliers. They welcome any suggestions, fixes, and feedback from the WWTWG and are also happy to meet with people for more questions.

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**10:55 AM**      **Feedback on Future Meetings**

- Hear from jurisdictions regarding what material they would like to see in future meetings

**Summary:** Matt Ries plans to connect with members of the WWTWG individually to hear how the workgroup conference calls are helpful and what things they topics would be helpful in the future.

**11:10 AM**      **Adjourn Meeting**

Next WWTWG Conference Call: September 1<sup>st</sup> 10:00 am – 12:00 pm