

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES /
ACEC/MISSOURI LIAISON COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

**December 7, 2018
Jefferson City, MO**

On December 7, 2018, ACEC Missouri held their regular Liaison Committee meeting with representatives of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The notes below follow the agenda and summarize the key points of discussion from the meeting. In attendance for the meeting:

MDNR:

Darcy Bybee
Dave Epema
Darleen Groner
Shawn Muenks
Chris Wieberg

ACEC/MO:

Chris Burns
Tom Gredell
Steve Hicks
Rob Morrison
Brian Porter
Bruce Wylie

1. Triennial Review for WPP. Just completing the last review from three years ago but will start another review soon. Will get existing one to EPA for approval. Now have \$16 million in grant money through SRF. Plus, loans and gap funding are available through CDBG. MDNR goal is still to get permits out quickly. Water Review meeting next week. Red tape reduction (RTR) update – all rules revised or consolidated by February 28, 2019. Engineer’s Design Guide is now a standard and is in different part of Chapter 8. They were careful not dictate too much how consultants design their work. Enforcement Chief, Paul Dickerson has retired. Some mention of adding a technology rule – the consultant is to use the best available technology. Also working with corn growers on nutrient reduction strategies. At the Clean Water Forum, will discuss not to use blending for wastewater treatment anymore. Instead use high rate treatment. Still a problem with high bacteria in water during recreational season.
2. WOTUS changes shouldn’t impact Missouri. Still a struggle to define what are waters of the US. Doesn’t impact Missouri’s assumptions on impacted waters. Also, clearer distinction now between streams and wetlands. SRF gets new funding through new WRDA / WIFIA federal legislation. SRF still has better loan rates than through WIFIA. Some nutrient trading is encouraged but not widely used.
3. MDNR held workshops this fall with consultants with one more on December 11. Will do a review and report on success for next meeting. Over 100 individuals at each meeting so far.
4. Compliance Assistance Program – CAP is being led by Aaron Lepper.
5. Solid Waste – Resource Recovery 9 (recycling) is going away because of RTR. New rule involves hazardous secondary rule which is less stringent. No fees or taxes due from handlers. Opening other hazardous waste rules in March 2019. RTR allowed MDNR to

adopt federal rules. Some operators can choose between state or federal rules. Superfund regulations are eliminated. Over 20% of Hazardous Waste staff is eligible to retire. Charlene Fitch is new Hazardous Waste Chief.

6. PSTIF & Tanks – over 900 UST backlog. Can close about 150 per year. There will be tanks workshops around the state next year. MRBCA will be subject of stakeholders meeting on January 22, 2019. New updates will mean more stringent standards.
7. MDNR will be reauthorized by EPA to enforce environmental rules for 2019-2020.
8. Air rules update. Adopted APCP. Basic operating permit going away as of March 2019. Open burning permit for Kansas City going away. Did RTR and did away with old, obsolete rules. Construction permit rule is completely change. Some may need voluntary permits to meet federal requirements. MDNR General Counsel now the Deputy Director.
9. MDNR has \$41 million to spend from VW settlement. These will be grants but must be vehicle pollution type of projects (mobile sources).
10. Coal ash rule revised because of recent legislation. Rules will be out by end of December 2018. Federal rules are evolving for CCR – distinction between dry storage vs. impoundments. RTR done and new rules effective March 2019. Shawn Muenks now Solid Waste Unit Chief.
11. Drinking water. Clean water grants are now awarded up front. IEPs. Affordability worksheets can determine funding. Enforcement – trying to guide clients and consult on rates necessary. RTR – deleted out of date rules.
12. Wellhead protection licensing will be discussed at next meeting in March/April.