

TMACOG Community Water Resource Advisory Group Meeting

October 23, 2025

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

TMACOG Boardroom

300 Martin Luther King Jr Drive, Suite 300

Toledo, Ohio 43604

Welcome and Introductions

Kingsley welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for roundtable introduction.

Members present:

- Michael Deal, Ohio EPA
- Kris Barnswell, Ohio EPA
- Tracy Brown, Ottawa County Health Department
- Gerald Bingham, Ottawa County Health Department
- Tom Vaskinki, City of Toledo
- Elizabeth Boening, Ottawa County Sanitary Engineer Department
- Randy Mahlman, Fulton County
- Carrie Johnson, City of Toledo
- Andy McClure, City of Toledo
- Keith Kruse, City of Elmore
- Garret Chamberlain, NWWSD
- Archie Lunsey, Ohio EPA

208-Plan FPA Update

Kingsley explained the timeline of the FPA update process that has taken place over the last few months for Wood County and Ottawa County.

Garrett from NWWSD commented that NWWSD is not responsible for Bradner, Haskins, and Wayne FPAs.

Planning to submit updates to EPA for certification in January 2026.

Sewered a Critical Sewage Boundary Update

Kingsley then talked about the issue of connections of sewer areas to wastewater treatment facilities. There are gaps we need to fill in on the interactive map.

Garrett said he has maps that show the connections in the NWWSD service area. He will send those so we can update.

A critical unsewered area has a package plant in Curtice/Williston
PTW vs. package plant should be identified/ differentiated.

Sewered/ CSA Data Collection Discussion

Differentiating between the privately vs. publicly owned wastewater treatment plants.

The current update process works fine.

The group agreed that there are no risks to making the map public, the map creates better accessibility.

Elizabeth- Will the map include the service area of the package plants?

Kris- reach out to the plant inspector for each county, that is someone from the EPA Division of Surface Water.

208-Plan Update Comprehensive Update

UT students are currently collecting vulnerability analysis data via an electronic survey to public drinking water and wastewater systems. We are hoping to get more participation in the survey from drinking water facilities.

Drinking Water Data Table Updates

Pulling consumer confidence report would provide information needed to update the public drinking water data

Regulatory update – OEPA

Operator certification rule updates:

- Andy Berringbrock- left the surface water division, not in emergency response
- Kevin Swidek- supervisor for the operator certification program
- WPI updates exams every 5 years. Just received updated exams. Need to know criteria is updated. All in one document now, link on EPA webpage under operator certification.
- Rule Updates: 5-year rule review. 37457- operator certification update
- More stakeholder outreach has been conducted to get feedback on new rules.
- Wastewater treatment is now referred to as **water reclamation**
- Minimum staff requirement changes, allowances for staffing reduction by 20% on weeks with federal holidays, available for class 2 and above systems. Not if they are under formal enforcement. Agency has to be capable of responding to an emergency.
- Allowances for off-site meetings for administrative meetings (can count towards 10% of minimum staffing)
- New type of certificate offered, class 3 and 4 facilities can offer facility specific certification, can serve as back-up to operator of record.
- Reduction of operator experience requirements. New requirement for OOR to be present during inspections.
- Summary document of updates on the website on the operator certification page.
- Meetings with partnership agencies to not count towards minimum staffing.

Roundtable –

Operator training need/topic ideas

Bid document requirement changes coming from DOJ, how to navigate the new requirements

Current issues of interest in water and wastewater

City of Toledo: Distribution system project, extended the bid day open until dec 9

Construction of Allen Facility moving along

NEO trial with rare earth metals, got down to .2 Ortho phosphorous level. Negative is that the dosage needed was much higher than expected, making the cost higher.

Partner and Staff Reports

Village of Elmore

Involved in regional water which is going well.

Ottawa County Health Department

Projects on North Bass Island, household sewage treatment rules, require that every sewage system in county has to be on an operation and maintenance permit (since 2005) going to move forward, adding systems gradually.

Ottawa County Sanitary Engineer

Danbury Township, ww plant has a solar field, will serve 95% of energy demands of the plant. Finished design of an Allen feed system. Regionalizing with Village of Marblehead.

Fulton County

Replacing Pleasant Village WWTP

Ohio EPA

Central Ohio Regional Water Study

Data Centers are increasing, will need to be factored into water planning

Emergency generating grant, well abandonment grant. New grant condition assessments for asset management for drinking water. Keena is available for leak detection in small communities around the state.

City of Toledo

New chlorine facility, new chemical building project and digging into master facilities plan.

NWWSD

Water leak in Rossford, will be fixed by next week. Has done infrastructure improvements for Meta data Center on 582, water tower is being built. Toledo Edison has been delayed in working to get pump stations online. Looking at alternatives to serve areas at Rt 20 and Lime City Road. Weston WWTP wet weather overflows need to be eliminated. I&I improvements have been made.

Public Comments

No public comment

Recommendations for Water Quality Council

No Recommendations.

Kingsley asked if there are any concerns or need for change in the meeting schedule for next year. There were no concerns with the meeting schedule/cadence.

Adjourn

Kingsley adjourned the meeting and thanked everyone for coming and participating.

2025 Meeting Schedule

January 23, May 1, July 24, October 23, at 1:00 p.m.