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Here's my summary of my talk on the ASDWA meeting at the last managers meeting.

ASDWA Member Meeting Summary – Benzie

A review of some pertinent topics presented at the March meeting was provided to Public Water Supply Managers.

Peter Grevatt, Director of the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water spoke about:

- the 2015 budget and how it was quite a bit below the 2014 budget
- the next Technical Support Grant contracts had been awarded to NRWA, RCAP and the Environmental Finance Centers
- the Source Water Collaborative continues to be successful and he mentioned the Charleston, WV and Toledo, OH incidents as reasons for continued vigilance in SWP
- ***EPA is committed to having a HAB health advisory available before the next HAB season on the Great Lakes, including a Health based value for microcystin.*** It may be more difficult to figure out how to implement than establishing a level - chronic vs. acute health impacts, communication, etc.
- ***Legionella is not a drinking water threat per se, but secondary treatment to mitigate these organisms makes these customers public water systems; EPA is trying to provide guidance on what treatment is effective for legionella.*** Unfortunately, the guidance is taking longer than expected due to the description of secondary treatment that requires oversight.

EPA staff in the OGWDW also spoke about:

- The status of the 2015 Needs DWIN Surveys
- WIFIA listening sessions and the concerns of states about the competition for federal dollars
- Upcoming Decontamination Tabletop Exercises for the characterization, decontamination and clearance following a chemical release (like WV).
- A new smart phone app – Info You Need To Know On The Go – a mobile app that provides one stop shopping for utility personnel looking for emergency contacts, severe weather tracker, Incident Action Checklists, Picture taking capabilities, etc., that is scheduled for a mid-March release.
- Collaboration of Source Water Protection issues, particularly with sister agencies on the establishment of TMDLs and Water Quality Standards.
- SDWIS Prime Update
- CCL, UCMR and regulatory updates, particularly the decision to regulate strontium, which apparently replaces calcium in the bones of children, and the results of UCMR3 to date, with chlorate and 1,4 – dioxane being the most prevalent detections.
- The fact that EPA is not in the process of developing a storage tank regulation

Several states spoke on several issues, including:

- Texas & California spoke on water reuse, both direct and indirect, and how it is becoming increasingly necessary in the face of droughts.
- Mississippi spoke on preparing staff to work during natural disasters that could dramatically impact their homes and places of employment