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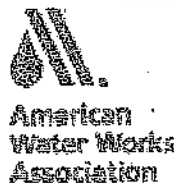
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'Good Samaritan' legislation would address abandoned

mine issues

AWWA government affairs staff has been studying concepts for "Good Samaritan" legislation that would allow entities to clean up mine sites without assuming liability risks. With more than 400,000 abandoned hard rock mines throughout the United States, several members of Congress have expressed interest in introducing such legislation. Under current Clean Water Act and Superfund laws, parties that might act as Good Samaritans lack incentives to get involved with these sites. We are gathering input from water utilities and other experts to produce principles that will protect drinking water in the creation of proposed remediation plans.

EPA delivers cyanotoxins plan to Congress

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency delivered its "Algal Toxin Risk Assessment and Management Strategic Plan for Drinking Water" to Congress on Tuesday, as required by the "Drinking Water Protection Act" (P.L. 114-45). The plan outlines EPA's actions to date, as well as anticipated work to evaluate the risks posed by cyanotoxins in drinking water. While not explicit, it appears that cyanotoxins will be included in the next round of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule as part of the agency's continued work to determine if a SDWA standard is appropriate. EPA outlines how it is evaluating the comparability of available ELISA analytical methods with LC/MS/MS methods, as well as collecting information that will inform future recommendations to water utilities and states on management of cyanotoxins. While much of current efforts are focused on microcystin and cylindrospermopsin, the plan recognizes the need for research on a larger universe of cyanotoxins. The UCMR is scheduled for proposal in early 2016 and is to be finalized in 2017.

Advisory council considers recommendations on Lead and Copper Rule

The majority of this week's National Drinking Water Advisory Council meeting focused on drafting recommendations for revising the Lead and Copper Rule. In August, a NDWAC workgroup completed its report for the council's consideration. After evaluating the report and public comments, the NDWAC decided to forward the workgroup's recommendations to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. A transmittal package is now in development. The central element of the recommendations is that all systems would develop and implement a strategic plan to remove all lead service lines from water mains to building walls. In public comments to NDWAC, Flint community advocate Lee Walters challenged water systems to do more sooner, including posting their current LCR monitoring instructions to homeowners on their websites and revising those instructions to remove elements that reduce apparent lead levels (e.g., advising pre-stagnation flushing, capping the length of stagnation period, removing aerators). Yanna Lambrinidou, a member of the NDWAC Working Group with a dissenting opinion, called for utilities to make lead monitoring data more readily available to the public as well as other additional measures beyond those reflected in the Working Group report.

EPA seeks input on *Legionella* control

EPA held a public meeting last week to garner input on "Technologies for *Legionella*