

Appendix J Public Workshop Summaries

**DELAWARE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT AND
PROTECTION PROGRAM (SWAPP)**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Milford High School
Cafeteria
Milford, DE

Tuesday
January 19, 1999
5 - 8 p.m.

A public workshop was held in Milford, Delaware at a location convenient to both Kent and Sussex County residents, to provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) and to provide comment. Posters depicting and explaining various aspects of the SWAP were displayed around the room. Attendees were asked to sign in and a listing of names is attached.

The public meeting was designed to be informal to enable the public to ask questions and provide comments on a one-to-one basis with the DNREC representatives and CTAC members who had developed the draft plan. At the workshop, the public was provided a copy of the SWAP Public Summary and a public comment questionnaire, a copy of which is also attached. Those who preferred were also given a copy of the complete Draft SWAP. Those attending were given time to review the plan and the explanatory posters. DNREC representatives and CTAC members were available to answer inquiries and accept suggestions.

During the Public Workshop, John Barndt and Steve Smailer of DNREC and Jerry Kauffman of WRA presented a short explanation of the plan designed by the CTAC to assess source waters used for public water supply in Delaware. After the presentation, a discussion ensued as members of the public asked for clarifications and made comments.

The predominant concern posed by the attendees was how this program would effect them. A couple of local farmers were concerned that this program would impact their agricultural operations involving the growing of crops. They asked questions concerning the location of public supplies near their farms and how source water areas would be delineated. They were also concerned about the future use of the information developed through this plan and the consequences to their operations.

A representative of a water company in Sussex County was also concerned about this plan, but his concerns were reflective of concerns expressed by several of the water suppliers represented on the CTAC. He was mainly concerned about public reaction to the vulnerability and susceptibility analyses and how his company would manage those concerns.

The public was encouraged to provide written comments to DNREC for inclusion and documentation in the SWAP.

**Source Water Assessment & Protection Public Meeting
Milford High School Cafeteria, Sussex County
January 19, 1999**

List of Attendees

Joseph Demul
Ronald Robbins
Jigar Patel
Bruce Kraeuter
Anita Beckel
Til Purnell
Lowder Mitchell
Gerald Kauffman
Lloyd Hughes
Frank Derosier
Charles (?)
Edward (?)
Gilbert Holt
Mike Apgar
Lesley McKnight
Martin Wollaston
Tom Herholdt (?)
John Barndt
Steve Smailer

**DELAWARE SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT AND
PROTECTION PROGRAM (SWAPP)**

PUBLIC WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Bear Public Library
Multi-Purpose Room
Bear, DE

Wednesday
January 20, 1999
4:30 – 7 p.m.

A public workshop was held in Bear, Delaware at a location convenient to residents of New Castle County to provide an opportunity for the public to review the draft Source Water Assessment Plan (SWAP) and to provide comment. Posters depicting and explaining various aspects of the SWAP were displayed around the room. A list of the attendees is attached.

The public meeting was designed to be informal to enable the public to ask questions and provide comments on a one-to-one basis with the DNREC representatives and CTAC members who had developed the draft plan. At the workshop, the public was provided a copy of the SWAP Public Summary and a public comment questionnaire, a copy of which is also attached. Those who preferred were also given a copy of the complete Draft SWAP. Those attending were given time to review the plan and the explanatory posters. DNREC representatives and CTAC members were available to answer inquiries and accept suggestions.

During the Public Workshop, John Barndt and Steve Smailer of DNREC and Jerry Kauffman of WRA presented a short explanation of the Plan designed by the CTAC to assess source waters used for public water supply in Delaware. Sheila Dolan from United Water Delaware also spoke concerning the cooperative work of the CTAC in developing the SWAP. After the presentation, a discussion ensued as members of the public asked for clarifications and made comments.

The following is a list of the relevant comments made by members of the public. CTAC members answered all questions and their answers are in *Italics*. Those people having specific or numerous suggestions were encouraged to provide them in written form.

- Is there a difference between "Discrete " and "Point" sources? *Yes.*
- Where are railroads and utilities included in the Land Use Analysis? *Under Transportation.*
- On Page 3-9, are wells pumping less than 50,000 gpd analyzed with a 150' radius. I think the recharge area should be considered as a second vulnerability level and should be included as a protected area. . *This comment will be taken under advisement.*
- How are roadways treated? *Under Transportation.*
- Has public participation been adequate? *An EPA representative stated that Delaware has done a good job with public participation.*

- I have reviewed SWAPs from Michigan, New Jersey, Delaware, Washington DC and Delaware and I found Delaware to compare favorably.
- On Page 3-6, I find the explanation of stormwater pipes elementary and condescending. *Commentor was looking at a previous draft. This section had been revised prior to the Public Meeting.*
- There should be an inventory of spill episodes that have occurred over the last few years. Example should be included on how the SWAP will improve such matters. *This comment will be taken under advisement.*
- CTAC members should offer to do presentations of the SWAP to Civic Groups. *This is currently being done.*
- The CTAC committee should not disband until the Source Water Assessment is complete. *This comment will be taken under advisement.*

**Source Water Assessment & Protection Program Public Meeting
Bear Public Library in New Castle County
January 20, 1999**

List of Attendees

Lesley McKnight
John Barndt
Steve Smailer
Martin Wollaston
Jim Bennett
Tim Ruga
Jigar Patel
Sheila Dolan
Gerald Kauffman
Lorraine Fleming
Joanne Buffet
Hilda Amacker
Charlie Flanagan
Nancy Parker
Steve Williams
Ashley Toy
NCC Officer James Gladner
Scott Blaier
Barbara Blaier
Kirsten Higgins
Ann Mitchell
Alan Muller
Joseph DiNunzio
Stewart Lovell
Joe Dombrowski
Pat Todd