

June 16, 2015

**Responses to Silver Falls 2015  
partner evening meeting questions**

1. Please respond to comment list of ODA and county list (meeting) within 90 days

**Answer:** *We will do our best to respond to the questions and concerns expressed to DWS in a timely manner.*

2. Can we have next year's survey list by Jan 15<sup>th</sup>?

**Answer:** *It is possible to release the survey list in two batches. If partners confirm by December 31<sup>st</sup> which surveys have been completed, then DWS can create a first batch draft list for review. If feedback is received promptly from this first batch, then it is feasible to get a final list out in mid-January. Those that do not have surveys completed by December 31<sup>st</sup>, or have not responded promptly to the first batch list will be included in the second batch. This second batch would follow the normal schedule with a final list end of January or early February.*

3. Continue to work with OWRD

**Answer:** *Please send an email to [DWS.countycontracts@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:DWS.countycontracts@dhsosha.state.or.us) with further clarification as to the question regarding work with OWRD.*

4. When will survey forms be updated?

**Answer:** *Our survey improvement process is taking longer than expected due to the chosen software (Adobe Live Cycle), not yet available for us to use. In the meantime we have updated the survey questions on the forms and converted them to fillable pdf documents. The plan is to pilot test these new fillable pdf forms this summer. Jeff Freund of Deschutes county and Ian Stromquist of Hood River County have volunteered to pilot test the new forms. If the pilot test reveals satisfactory results, we may be able to release the new forms at Fall training 2015.*

5. Setback waiver requests are filled in and submitted by whom?  
Operator/ODA/County?

**Answer:** *The waiver requests are generally filled out by the water system owner; however, in some cases it may be appropriate for the County or ODA person to help fill out the forms.*

a. Status update

**Answer:** *If the question is an update on the process, see #7 below. Your state technical staff person can help provide updates on setback waiver requests.*

6. Improve consistency in technical assistance from DWP to ODA and County

**Answer:** *DWS continues to strive for consistency amongst the technical services group during our monthly staff meetings. Specific suggestions are always welcome if there is a particular area of concern - contact Kari Salis or Casey Lyon.*

7. Define setback waiver process.

**Answer:** *We have a group currently defining the setback waiver process for waiver issues found during surveys and during plan reviews. We intend to have the process completed in time to roll out at Fall Training. In the meantime, continue to work with your state technical staff person when these situations arise.*

8. What's the future of non-EPA systems? Eliminate oversight, introduce legislation

**Answer:** *Discussions are underway in the 2015 Legislature on HB 3100-Public Health Modernization. Under this bill, the Public Health Division will conduct program assessments across the Division during the next biennium to identify and quantify gaps between available program resources and statutory responsibilities. Oversight of non-EPA systems is one of those current program gaps in drinking water. In the meantime, we will continue to receive and enter any submitted non-EPA system lab data, and identify and address occurrences of bad water at non-EPA systems, but not conduct other routine oversight activities.*

9. Website feedback. Improve form search (ie new forms), index list of forms

**Answer:** *Please send an email to [DWS.countycontracts@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:DWS.countycontracts@dhsosha.state.or.us) with further clarification and examples of search expectations from the website, and we will explore an indexing process for the website.*

10. Can you shorten the time it takes to update water system info?

**Answer:** *The general goal is have anything that a technical partner sends to us entered into SDWIS within two weeks. To aid in identifying SDWIS and compliance/enforcement requests and material we have created new e-mail box for this information [compliance.dw@state.or.us](mailto:compliance.dw@state.or.us). This will separate compliance and database updates from the lab data and enable the content to be more traceable. Refer to email titled "New email address for compliance and inventory related communications" sent on 6/16/15 from the DWS County Contracts inbox.*