

Water Policy Committee – Recommendations for prioritization – Rep. Cohenour

1. Water Quality Act Changes or Issues
 - a. Discharge
 - i. Surface water additions to ground water and public water supply issues
 - ii. Mixing zones versus nondegradation
 - iii. Mixing zones and well 100' radius cannot expand past property boundaries
 - iv. Preconstruction inspection for septic location (stakes)
 - b. **Community systems**
 - i. Opportunities for cost sharing
2. Definitions
 - a. Community well -- compare DNRC definition to DEQ definition. Do they need to be the same?
 - b. Public water supply definition
 - c. Municipal use
 - d. Combined appropriation
3. **Enforcement/Monitoring**
 - a. Water rights
 - b. **Mitigation/aquifer** recharge
 - c. Water quality
4. County Authority
 - a. Water quality
 - b. Legal availability –water rights before final plat
5. Exempt Wells
 - a. Subdivision regulations
 - b. Legal availability – agencies work together
 - c. Water marketing options
6. Incentives
 - a. Promote community water and sewer
 - b. Cost sharing **state/county/industry**
7. Water and sewer districts
 - a. Private vs. public
 - b. Oversight
8. Prioritize or provide new money for grant and loan programs for community water and sewer projects.

9. Subdivision size and type rather than just size to try to address applications submitted right under the cutoff.

10. Well Locations

- a. Well Drillers Rules
- b. Well Permitting through counties
- c. **Preconstruction** inspection (**pin** location for well)

11. Subdivision applications

- a. Regardless of water source (**exempt** wells, community well, etc) require a hydrogeologic assessment of aquifer
- b. Require monitoring wells and instrumentation of wells
- c. Require pump testing to design capacity (for example if developer needs 100 **gpm** the developer must conduct **pump** tests showing that the **well(s)** is capable of meeting that need – either 1 well pumping 100 **gpm** or 20 wells pumping 5 **gpm**, etc.)