



Chicago Area Waterways CHLORIDE WORKGROUP

In-Person Meeting December 13, 2023, 1:00PM Meeting Minutes

John Schaefer, President, opened meeting at 1:05pm

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Edgar Cano, City of Evanston. Second by John Brunke, Village of Flossmoor.
 - Voice vote by all members present. Motion passed unanimously.
- TLWQS Reminders
 - Staff shared important TLWQS reminders with the group.
 - Workgroup will need all annual reports by JUNE 1, 2024 as the Workgroup Status Report to IEPA is due on July 1, 2024. In order to include workgroup member's annual reports in the Status Report, we do need the reports a month in advance. Please use the workgroup template for the annual report.
 - Reminders for calibrating equipment by November 30 and providing staff training by November 30.
 - Question about calibrating walk-behind spreaders – yes, it is all equipment you use.
 - Documentation Reminders were shared and are in the slides presented at the meeting.
- Salt Smart and You Exhibit Available
 - The exhibit is still available in February, beginning mid-February, if any workgroup members do want to reserve it. The exhibit comes with some Salt Smart Cups to distribute in your community.
 - You can reserve the exhibit as far in advance as you'd like, it is a permanent feature of the workgroup and is available to all workgroup members. Reservations are first come, first serve.
- New Outreach Materials
 - New outreach materials for this winter include social media graphics about "Salt Smart for Safety", "Reasons to be Salt Smart", and graphics about what communities are doing to keep surfaces safe. There also blog posts which can also be used in newsletters. All previous materials are always available for use as well.
 - All outreach materials available are located at www.saltsmart.org/outreach



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- Liquids - Lessons Learned Discussion and Resource Guide
 - Will be developing a “Lessons Learned: Liquids” guide for workgroup members by workgroup members. Discussion on liquids and lessons learned (both what has worked well and what hasn’t worked) will be used to develop guide. It will be formatted/cleaned-up by staff to be a useful guide to all members.
 - Members discussed lessons learned related to liquids in winter operations at the meeting to begin adding content to the guide. The notes from the discussion will be shared with all to make sure the content is correct. The guide will be emailed to all members to add their information into the guide. Topics include, communication, practices, equipment, application rates, weather conditions, blending, all related to liquids.
- Workgroup Member Check-In
 - Question about contacts for communities. Staff will create a PDF listing of members with primary contacts for the workgroup.
 - Question about update on the BMP for collecting and reusing wash water/runoff? No update at this time, workgroup will be submitting a Re-evaluation report at year 4.5.
- Upcoming 2023-2024 Meetings
 - March 20, 2024, 1pm, In-Person, Location is TBD
 - June 19, 2024, 1pm, In-Person, Location is TBD – Annual Membership Meeting

John Schaefer, President, closed meeting at 2:15pm.

Tour of the Village of Homewood’s Brine/Liquids set up at their Public Works Facility (17755 Ashland Ave, Homewood, IL) followed meeting for those interested in participating.