

tent man-made substances that can cause adverse human health effects. See www.epa.gov/pfas/basic-information-pfas.

- The division does not yet know how to regulate PFAS in an affordable, scientifically valid sustained manner and WQCD does not have a science-based policy in place to develop PFAS regulations.
- The burden of determining how to accurately measure plant concentrations of PFAS constituents may

fall on individual plant operators on a case-by-case basis rather than undergoing a Colorado statute-based stakeholder review process initiated, organized, and implemented by CDPHE to monitor, treat, and control these unregulated contaminants.

- Only a very limited number of labs exist nationally that can accurately and reliably test for PFAS and local testing facilities would be both unreliable and swamped.

Burks asked when the division would contact wastewater dischargers to let them know when facilities like TLWWTF should even start sampling. Kendrick said to expect an email from WQCD when it can hire staff for this purpose sometime in the future.

In other matters, Kendrick also said a new state policy revision had been issued that states there will no longer be a reciprocity policy that honors existing wastewater collection and treatment licenses earned in other states. This will exacerbate the growing current overall critical shortage of licensed water and wastewater operators in Colorado.

In anticipation of upcoming regulations on technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) treatment and safe disposal of these hazardous materials, Kendrick asked WWSD District Manager Jessie Shaffer about radium levels in WWSD potable drinking water. Shaffer said WWSD's treatment process reduces naturally occurring Radium 226 and Radium 228 in its groundwater to less than existing state and federal maximum contaminant concentration levels. WWSD is also collecting data on radionuclides on the wastewater side.

Shaffer also said Colorado Springs Utilities is still moving forward on the North Monument Creek Interceptor (NMCI) project but that concerns about water rights for return flows for all the

town and special district water entities in northern El Paso County need to be solved. No discussion about water and wastewater rates charged by CSU to OCN service area water entities or any of the various required water quality standards has occurred yet. See www.ocn.me/v20n12.htm#dwsd.

Kendrick voiced concerns about naturally occurring groundwater radionuclides removed in drinking water treatment from the Town of Monument water system being directly discharged into MSD's collection system and the cost of monitoring and controlling Town of Monument water treatment plant influent. See www.ocn.me/v19n9.htm#tlwtf. **Note:** The Town of Monument is a separate government entity from MSD. If residents have questions about drinking water, they should attend and ask questions at Monument Board of Trustees meetings. See related Monument BOT article on page 10.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 9 at the Tri-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility, 16510 Mitchell Ave. Meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of the month and are open to the public from all three owner-districts. For information on virtual meeting access, call Bill Burks at 719-481-4053.

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Monument Sanitation District, Jan. 20

Board resolves infrastructure issue

By Allison Robenstein and Lisa Hatfield
During the Jan. 20 Monument Sanitation District (MSD) board meeting, an infrastructure matter was resolved. The board also reviewed the engineer's report and the monthly financial report for the end of December, and took care of some administrative tasks to start the year.

During public comments, El Paso County resident Lisa Hatfield gave the district kudos for adding meeting call-in information to its updated website. She also hoped the board president would improve the sound quality of calls so that comments made by all five board members and the district's attorney could be heard by people calling in to the meeting.

Infrastructure problems discussed and resolved

Dave Frisch of GMS Inc. Consulting Engineers brought an issue to the board re-

garding new construction. He dealt with a builder who was ready to pour cement to connect to MSD's sewer line without consulting far enough ahead of time with MSD about the required configuration.

Frisch said that the El Paso County Regional Building Code does not require submission of construction drawings to the Regional Building Department for a standalone single-family home. Nor does the MSD Sanitary Sewer Regulation require a preconstruction meeting between the builder and the MSD district manager before breaking ground in this specific circumstance.

The adjacent house, built in 1957, is connected to the line in a way that would not be allowed by today's standards, but was grandfathered in.

The problem is who should be responsible for the cost and service lines. The estimated cost for the work could reach \$8,000.

After much debate among the board members, the final decision was to direct the builder to pay all costs to connect to the sewer line as required by code, and MSD will cover any additional costs to connect the new build that are related to issues with the 1957 house. The board directed Frisch to identify all the costs associated with the new layout.

In a separate discussion, Treasurer John Howe said a town snowplow had broken an MSD manhole casting at Dirty Woman Park. It has been fixed with no costs to the district other than the time for GMS to be onsite supervising the repair and reconfiguring it, so it won't be vulnerable in the future.

Engineering reports

- GMS Inc. provides resident project representation services for MSD to the Willow Springs Subdivision development process. Drawings for the lift station and water main were received and reviewed by GMS during the sewer system installation. During the next month, lines will be air tested and manholes constructed.
- GMS continues to respond to nu-



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