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Forum Report – September 2019

This report marks the beginning of a new board cycle for MALEHA after our September elections. Our annual EH Director's conference was another success with great speakers and many opportunities for continued professional growth. Through discussions with State partners and members, we are poised to tackle many topics over the coming year. A few bullet points on current and future EH issues:

- Lead/Copper rule changes and the sampling results from this past summer present a challenge to the State and LHDs. We are seeing an increasing number of action level exceedances with various responses required at the local level.
- PFAS drinking water standards are under development and in the rulemaking process with an anticipated adoption date of April 2020.
- EGLE is in the process of procuring a new software product that will be able to increase efficiencies for many of the contract licensing programs (pools, campgrounds, septage, etc). MALEHA will be working with EGLE in the future to assist with local integration.
- MALEHA has started to work with EGLE on making minor revision recommendations to the MPRs for the Onsite Wastewater and the Private/T3 drinking water programs.
- The Statewide Septic Code is still on MALEHA's radar and we will continue to move forward with MALPH to create additional shared principals with respect to potential code language. I will be coordinating another meeting soon.
- Marijuana continues to be a topic of continued discussion, especially where the product is used (infused) in food products, as well as determining roles/responsibilities between agencies. MALEHA will continue to work with our State partners to keep informed on the issue.
- Food Code revisions are pending, and once adopted MALEHA will be working with MDARD on any needed changes locally to ensure consistent enforcement.

I would like to thank Kristen Schweighoefer for her leadership over the last year, and I am looking forward to continued collaboration with our State partners, MALPH, and our membership to work collectively to achieve our common goals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Matt Bolang
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