

The Flow

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The Changing Landscape of Water Treatment & Distribution

The water utility industry is regulated by the Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabinet - Division of Water (DOW) at the state level and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the federal level.

The regulations are ever changing and must be kept up with and maintained on a continuous basis. Sometimes these changes come with funded mandates and other times, they are not. Funded or not, the costs, whether full or partial are borne by the customer, you.

There are two major mandates currently on our radar. One is lead service line replacement, which is here now and an ongoing activity. While still in the planning stages, public and private side inventories will soon begin and must be completed by October, 2024. The SWSC will inventory all water services in the system and document the results. Some of this inventory will be done at the desktop with researching past records and plans. Some of this inventory will be field work where we will visually look at lines in the ground either in the meter crock and/or by minimal excavations to expose the line. Some inventories (private side) will be done by the customer with assistance and guidance from the SWSC. There will be more information on that in the coming months.

The second EPA mandate is PFAS. PFAS are a group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products since the 1940s because of their useful properties. There are thousands of different PFAS, some of which have been more widely used and studied than others.

In April 2022, EPA announced three clean water actions that advance progress under EPA's PFAS Strategic Roadmap and the SWSC awaits further guidance on the effect of this mandate on our system and the cost to the customer.



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Looking for a Local Career?

The SWSC is seeking applications for the water department in the distribution and operator departments. This is a full-time position with good pay and full benefits. Pre-employment drug testing required. Please reach out to service@springfieldwater.org with expressions of interest and/or more information.



SWSC Board Change

Dr. John T. Isaacs Jr. completed his appointment on the Board after many years of successful service. He was appointed in July 2006 and became Chairman in 2012 and sat in that position until his recent departure. The City of Springfield thanks him for his 16 years of dedicated service.

Dr. Isaacs was replaced by Tyler Coulter, a Washington County native with deep family roots in the community. Tyler was born and raised in Willisburg to Paul and Joanna Coulter. Tyler is a 2012 graduate of Washington County High School where he was active in Commander football, basketball and baseball. After graduating high school, Tyler attended Eastern Kentucky University where he received a Bachelor degree in Construction Management. Throughout his college career, he was heavily involved in Greek life, serving as the president of his fraternity, Sigma Chi. Upon graduating from college, Tyler returned home to Willisburg with his wife, Elizabeth Graves Coulter who is also a Washington County native and a local attorney. In November of 2021, they welcomed their first child, Kent Coulter into the world. Tyler is employed as an Assistant Project Manager with Gray Construction, Inc. where he works on large scale projects; managing work, estimating, scheduling, budgeting, and coordinating with customers and subcontractors.

Tyler joins Jessica Mattingly and Thomas Haydon on the Board. Jessica was appointed in March 2020 and is the daughter of Pat and Connie Mackin. She attended the University of Kentucky and graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering and holds her Professional Engineering License. She is married to Anthony Mattingly and they have three children – Aubrey, Colleen and Ethan.

Thomas began his Board tenure in 1990 with a short break from the board from 2008 to 2012 and is currently Chairman of the Board.

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