

Meeting Summary
Agricultural Best Management Practices Technical Workgroup
Friday, December 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m.
Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
Conference Room 250
1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Discussion Points:

1) **Welcome, Introductions & Review of Agenda**

Co-chairs Kevin Rogers and Earl Petznick Jr. opened the meeting shortly at 9:30 a.m. and asked for a review of the action items from the December 8, 2009, Technical Workgroup meeting.

2) **Discussion of Outstanding Action Items**

Lisa Tomczak, ADEQ Air Quality, indicated the outstanding action items included researching the licensing regulations for all agricultural operations and the rule comparison table. The rule comparison table is near completion. Because of the length of the table, it will not be distributed in paper form. The comparison will be distributed via email. Sona Chilingaryan, EPA, developed a one-page summary of the rule comparison. The rules in the comparison were from San Joaquin Valley, Imperial County, South Coast, Great Basin, and the Maricopa County agricultural rule. The summary contained requirements from cropland, animal operations, unpaved road and traffic areas, and elements related to recordkeeping, monitoring, and reporting. Rusty Van Leuven, Arizona Department of Agriculture, gave an overview of licensing agricultural operations.

3) **Discussion of Comments Received on Proposed BMPs**

The Workgroup discussed all of the comments on the BMPs received to date for all agricultural sectors – beef, dairy, swine, poultry, and cropland/harvest. Agricultural representatives agreed with Maricopa County that some of the proposed BMPs should be clarified in order to differentiate BMPs from standard operating practices.

4) **Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed BMPs for all Agricultural Sectors**

The Workgroup commented that some of the proposed BMPs will need to reflect local practices and conditions. Randy Sedlacek, Maricopa Association of Governments, has agreed to work with ADEQ to develop specific definitions and analyses for each new BMP, particularly in the area of control efficiencies related to the efficacy of reducing particulate matter. The Workgroup agreed to send the proposed BMPs for all sectors along with all comments received to the Agricultural BMP Committee for review.

5) **Action Items**

1. NRCS will look into approved BMPs and assist with evaluating each BMP and the related cost of implementation.
2. ADEQ will check the status of new Committee members.

6) **Adjournment**

Mr. Petznick and Mr. Rogers adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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