

OWAC Meeting Minutes

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Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee (OWAC) Meeting

February 21, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Room 4100B

Conference Call Number 1-877-820-7829 & Pass Code 989 332 5933

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(Sign In Upon Arrival)

Attendance: in person-Garrett, Wirth, Ramsey, Chiordi, D Bartholomew, Swanson, R Bartholomew, Ehrlich. Phone-Fagen, Farrell-Poe, Hawke (in 10:23AM)

ADEQ-Burchard, Greenslade, Smit

Public- None

10:10 am **Chair Opening Remarks**

Jake Garrett

1. Approval of January 17, 2014 minutes & discussion on posting (**bring copies next month**)
Motion Bartholomew 2nd Swanson Delay approving January Minutes until printed copies available. Motion carries.
Motion Swanson, 2nd Chiordi. Post approved minutes on the ADEQ website. Motion carried.
2. Congratulations to Kitt on her new job.
New Phone Number for Kitt: 520-626-9120 email remains the same.
3. Selection of 2014 meeting dates & time: 3rd Thursday, 10am-2pm has been suggested.
Motion Ehrlich 2nd D Bartholomew. Change meeting to the 3rd Thursday of the month in whatever facilities ADEQ can make available. Motion carries. Next meeting will be 20 March 2014.
4. Simultaneous rule language (exact meaning) and narrative (statement of conditions to be addressed).
Garrett agrees with this means of moving forward
5. Items to be referred to sub-committees: FAQs to use to start conversations with the public.
 - a. Pumper Licensing, upgrades to pumper industry and A316 program – to A316
 - b. Is inspection process described in A316 properly serving the principle players – A316

Item 5 above is a reminder to subcommittee chairmen and members 5a and b these items have been referred to A316. R Bartholomew asks that the subcommittee list be placed on DropBox. Suggestions to look at other services like DropBox that ADEQ IT will accept. Burchard will contact ADEQ IT and report back at next OWAC Meeting. Coconino county IT allows Sky Dive Pro.

Garrett obtained a copy of the ADEQ FY 2014-2018 Strategic Plan. Found it very interesting. 25% of the treatment of waste (Onsite wastewater) is not addressed in the words of the plan. Approximately 250 MGD is treated by General permits. Garrett requests that everyone read the Plan and think of it in terms of what we know if the onsite industry. Please consider how OWAC can create a similar plan in support of ADEQ efforts. <http://www.azdeq.gov/function/forms/download/FY15-strategic-plan-update.pdf> . Send thoughts to Garrett. This will be an agenda item in March under New Business.

10:58 am **ADEQ Update**

Jerry Smit/John Calkins

1. Status of previous OWAC requests & recommendations.
Smit prefers to have the list of recommendations updated and maintained by OWAC.
2. Status of Specific AZPPL Proposed Organization.
ADEQ committed to preparing an SOP for the PPL process and try to simplify it. Look only at the performance issues. List products that meet the rule and stop looking at the difference

exceeds parameters. Look at accepting third party testing. Consider what ADEQ asks for in applications and why.

3. Status of Sulfuric Acid guidelines development and policy update.
Last meeting showed the Notice of Final Rule Making (NFRM) that indicated it was not prohibited. Will develop an FAQ about the item and quote the NFRM. Smit asks the committee to consider the possibility of writing a rule to address the issue. Garrett asks that someone from ADEQ contact Mr. Cooper and let him know the ADEQ position.
4. Status of development of the department's position about the sidewalls and rule issues.
Smit wrote a response to Mr. Bale on Wed, Feb 19.

11:15 am OWAC Discussion

1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Adopt policy on election of officers.
Garrett will prepare a draft recommendation.
- b. Discussion & Approval of draft A316 Mission Statement.
Moved to A316 Committee Reports.
- c. Request that ADEQ provide a written assignment including topics of concern.
Group reconsidered and that is not necessary. ADEQ is pleased with the work the committee is doing.
- d. EPA 319 & USDA Grant Monies for testing facilities & research. Joelle Wirth
San Pedro, Granite Creek, Oak Creek, one other project. New grant cycle starts March 2014. Jake Breedlove is the ADEQ coordinator and is happy to make a presentation to ADEQ. Group asks that Mr. Breedlove make a presentation in March. Coconino grant writer is looking at other grants.

- 2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Committee Progress toward ~~March~~ **April** final OWAC presentation in preparation for ~~April~~ **May** OWAC final **preliminary** rule recommendations to ADEQ
Adjust the above timeframes to April and May. Garrett would like each subcommittee to develop and adopt a charter. Garrett will send "circles" notes to all.

- a. PPL Suzanne Ehrlich
Next meeting likely to be scheduled in early March.
- b. A316 Ed Swanson
 - i. Draft committee charter
Meeting regularly. Pages and pages of meeting notes. Chairman will prepare some draft FAQ for consideration. Presented a Draft Subcommittee Charter for ratification by OWAC. Motion Swanson, 2nd R Bartholomew to adopt the "Updated Draft EKS 1-6-2014 with the addition of "including FAQs requested by ADEQ" after the word Recommendations in the 2nd bullet. Motion carried.
- c. O & M Bryan Chiordi
Mandatory Pumping-looking at some accepted tables as a basis for inspection but not necessarily pumping. Focusing on new systems at this time.
- d. Public Outreach - **Appoint Chairperson**
No appointment made
- e. Education & Credentials Kitt Farrell-Poe
Justin Ramsey
Garrett would like this committee would draft a charter of what the committee will accomplish & will send ideas to Kitt & Justin.
- f. Indicator Organisms Joelle Wirth
- g. Rule Development Justin Ramsey

12:33PM Break. 12:42 PM Call to Order

h. Enforcement

Larry Hawke

No Report

3. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Enforcement and the comments *received* from the Network for Public Health Law.

Tabled. Comments are in the general DropBox for review and if anyone has comments or want to discuss it can be reagendaized.

b. Factors of Safety as brought during workshop and by Jack Bale

Swanson- These items are addressed in the June 1999 Draft Class 1 Guidelines prepared by the AdHOC committee. Burchard found the document. It will be placed in DropBox.

4. **REVIEW:** Subcommittee Parking Lot Items - Jake Garrett

5. **BUSINESS FROM THIS MEETING FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:**

6. **Administrative Issues**

7. **Open Forum for Stakeholder Comments Call to Public**

No public in the room or on the phone. No comments made.

1:58 pm **Close the Meeting**

Motion to adjourn R Bartholomew, 2nd Chiordi.

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