

OWAC Meeting Minutes

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Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee (OWAC) Meeting

July 18, 2014 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Room 3100A

Conference Call Number 1-877-820-7829 & Pass Code 872 620 8986

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(Sign In Upon Arrival)

10:00 am Chair Opening Remarks

Jake Garrett

Attendance: In Person-Garrett, Wirth, Sinclair, Swanson, Chiordi, Ehrlich. Phone-Moses, Long, Hawke (OUT 1:45), Fagen, Farrell-Poe (OUT 12:01). Quorum achieved.

ADEQ-Baadiyan, Burchard, Smit (out 10:20AM), Maula?(11:30AM) . Public-Kevin Chadwick

1. Approval of May 16, 2014 minutes

Motion Chiordi, 2nd Wirth to accept as presented. Unanimous approval.

- a. Are embedded documents able to be opened?
2. Items to be referred to sub-committees:
 - a. ACDEHSA Rule Language Submittal - to Rule Committee
 - b. OWAC to create an easy button in rule for 4.01 Private sewage collection system is not being operated in accordance with the permit. - to Rule Committee
 - c. ROI Form - to Rule Committee

3. SORA Report

Kevin Chadwick

Keven Chadwick presented wrap of the SORA/COI conference which he attended as ADEQ's representative. Lots of discussion on the Chesapeake Bay program, Reuse, challenges of product testing and acceptance by the states. OWAC Requests that ADEQ share communique from SORA. Ehrlich will scan and attach attendee list from SOAR Conference.

4. NEHA report

Joelle Wirth

NEHA Looking at a Risk Based (HACCP) model for product approval. Colin Bishop of Anua and David Presby both have presentations about this model. Bring these presentations to OWAC in September.

10:35 am ADEQ Update

Burchard

1. Status of new "Drop Box" acceptable to ADEQ IT

State agencies are not able to use the "Drop Box" type technology. So OWAC Members need to send attachments to the ADEQ staff when items are added to the OWAC DropBox folders.

2. Status of draft "SOP for the PPL process"

Burchard is still working. The next draft has been prepared and is making its way through the review process.

3. **ADEQ can embed documents into a Word document with either a PDF or Word document**

11:15 am OWAC Discussion

1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Report from Attendees:

"Reclaimed Water as a Resource for an Arid Future" June 20-21

The participants of this conference and Panels are not talking about onsite reuse but are now based on comments from attendees that are also OWAC members.

- b. Update on status of Sulfuric Acid FAQ notification process by OWAC & others.

ADEQ has posted the FAC's on the website. Farrell-Poe getting questions about how to put it into practice and needs to know who to send the questioner to at ADEQ. Burchard agreed to take the questions.

12:01 PM 15 Minute - Humane & Snack Break 12:21 PM resume.

2. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- _____ *final OWAC presentation* in preparation for
_____ OWAC preliminary rule recommendations to ADEQ
- a. PPL Suzanne Ehrlich
Hoping to be able to have a meeting in September.
 - b. A316 & ROI Form Review Ed Swanson
*Review of the July 15, meeting notes from @1 through @11.
Next meeting July 29, 2:30-4:00 PM
Continue the work on the Alternate Inspection form.*
 - c. O & M Brian Chiordi
No Report
 - d. Public Outreach Richard Sinclair
Made presentation, "Wastewater Treatment in Remote Locations," to the Tribal Water Conference. Good comments generally. Hope that this presentation will be able to be adopted in one form or another by ACDHESA, AzOWRA, and OWAC
 - e. Education & Credentials Kitt Farrell-Poe
 - i. Dawn report on RI, MN, NC rule research
*Point of Sale inspections going on in lots of areas but not all are required.
Long developed a report on Inspections that will be sent to the group.
Conclusion comparing our system to others-across the board the inspector held accountable, repairs mandatory, list of qualified inspectors available, regulators receive copy of reports, continuing education. Many incorporated communities have their own ordinances that exceed the state requirement.*
 - f. Indicator Organisms & Reuse Joelle Wirth
No report. NSF is requesting papers or consideration topics.
 - g. Rule Development Justin Ramsey
*Assignment of ROI form to this committee in addition to the A316 committee.
No Report*
 - h. Enforcement Larry Hawke
No report

3. RULE RECOMMENDATION:

- a. Preliminary report to ADEQ Garrett & All
 - i. OWAC Vision is "the Circles"
Wirth would like to add a ring for "REUSE."
 - *Justification for new rules. Supported by, for example:
Pumping-public being defrauded due to poor pumping practices.
Reports not being done correctly-84%. Survey of pumpers about the program. Get info from inspections that the new owner feels went poorly. Case studies.*
 - *4.23 then needs Individual what is the cost both in dollars and time for systems up to 100,000 gpd.*
 - *Seepage pit issue and the A310 test.*
 - *Unrealistic longevity expectations*
 - *Illusion that systems perform the way the rule intended*

Jake would like each of us to develop ideas about how the new rules will save money and property owner stress and share with Jake.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. OWAC view of On-Site Strategic 5-year Plan prepared by Garrett
- b. *Gila County Real Estate professionals are not having tanks pumped during transfer inspections. Garrett wants to know who is going to enforce the rule that requires pumping. The rule does not actually require pumping but requires the inspector to indicate whether the tank has been pumped or not.*
- c. *Wirth-Americans have been encouraged to use small farmers for food production but 120 acres or less are not required to be regulated.*

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

6. BUSINESS FROM THIS MEETING FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION:

7. Administrative Issues

Next OWAC Meeting is August 15. Joelle to arrange Presby for the September Meeting.

8. Open Forum for Stakeholder Comments Call to Public

No public in attendance on either the phone or in the room.

1:59 pm **Close the Meeting**

Motion to Adjourn Fagen.