

OWAC Meeting Minutes

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Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee (OWAC) Meeting

February 10, 2015 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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10:08 am **Chair Opening Remarks** Jake Garrett

Attendance: In person-Garrett, Swanson (IN 10:14), Ehrlich. Phone-Long, Bartholomew, Wirth, Hawke, Fagen (IN 1:34). ADEQ-Burchard, Baadiyan 7 of 12.

1. Approval of December 12, 2014 minutes and January 13, 2015 informal meeting notes
It has been decided that Minutes will accompany the agenda and support documents, and will post on the ADEQ calendar and that the chairman will send an unofficial agenda and attachments before the meeting.
Motion Swanson, 2nd Wirth to table December 2014 Minutes. Unanimous Approval. Motion Swanson, 2nd Wirth to table January 2015 Informal Meeting Notes. Unanimous Approval.
2. Affirmation of Election Policy and Frequency & election of Chair & Vice-Chair (vacant)
Nomination for Vice-Chairman put on hold until next meeting.
Motion Hawke, 2nd Swanson adopt document with the title of "OWAC Operating Procedure Relating to Election of Officers." Unanimous Approval.



OWAC Election
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3. Items to be referred to sub-committees:
None

11:32 am **ADEQ Update** Jerry Smit

1. Update on PPL Advisory Committee written process.
One product under review- Aquaclear. No particular issues, few deficiencies. The process is nearly complete. The draft listing has been presented to the applicant for comment. Nearly ready for management review.
2. Update on Notices of Final Rule Making review re: OWAC request for ADEQ to provide a written clarification of AAC R18-9-A309E(1) "The Department shall maintain a list of proprietary and other reviewed products that may be used for on-site wastewater treatment facilities to comply with the requirements of this Article".
If one is going to use a proprietary product in a design it must be on the PPL list.
3. OWAC Membership discussion.
Burchard will send out a request for nominations.
4. High Strength Wastewater re: OWAC's suggestion that ADEQ to contact all manufacturers on the list and ask how their listed product works with split black/gray water streams.
There are no resources at this time to this item.

5. Rule Assignment Clarification: What is the specific format and content expected in the final OWAC recommendation document? Is the justification provided satisfactory in the rule suggestions to date?

Some issues may need specific language whereas some items may identify a shortfall of the rule and here are some suggested approaches but not actual language. Carried forward for further discussion.

12:29 PM 15 Minute - Humane & Snack Break

12:54 Reconvene

11:30 am OWAC Discussion

1. **OLD BUSINESS:** a. Septage Hauler interpretation proposal Hawke & Garrett *R18-13-1112A2 Moving septage requires an ADEQ license without exception and must have a 750 gallon capacity.*

Motion to table this item Ehrlich, 2nd Swanson. 3-3 motion fails.

OWAC invites the ADEQ staff member who can address this item attend our next meeting.

2. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Swanson encourages each subcommittee to draft a Charter to aid

- a. PPL Suzanne Ehrlich

The "rings" work product was sent out to the subcommittee for comments. Many comments have been received and will be collated. A meeting will be scheduled to resolve issues and bring the item to OWAC for consideration.

- b. A316 Ed Swanson

Next meeting 2/27 1:00 or 1:30 PM Assignments are due at that time. Update on status of subcommittee deliberations. He recommends expanding A309A to consolidate system operational and performance requirements from A316, B301I, etc.

- c. O & M David Bartholomew

No Report

- d. Public Outreach Richard Sinclair

No Report

- e. Education & Credentials Kitt Farrell-Poe

No Report

- f. Indicator Organisms & Reuse Joelle Wirth

No report

- g. Rule Development Justin Ramsey

No Report

- h. Enforcement Larry Hawke

No Discussion

3. **GENERAL MULTI SUB-COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:** a. Outline for evaluating the "New" rule package. **Agree on items for inclusion.**

- b. Money saving ideas from rule changes. Please give suggestions of costs being incurred as a result of existing rules.

- c. *Cost Justification* for Rule Opening

- d. Cesspools & 1.09 systems and their environmental impact

Tabled

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

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

7. **Administrative Issues**

Paul Miller email dated 2/10/2015 10:15AM. The assertions made in the email are not accurate. Burchard will clarify this committee's requirement to meet the Open Meeting Law. Does the law apply to this committee?

Meeting Schedule to move briskly forward with a rule recommendation to ADEQ. Q1: Are meetings productive? Q2: How do we revitalize the committee to complete a written description of what a rule package should include? Suggestion is made to move to bimonthly (every two months) or quarterly with in person meetings preferred. Motion Ehrlich, 2nd Bartholomew to have bimonthly meetings with vigorous subcommittee work in between meetings. Unanimous approval. Motion Hawke that the next OWAC Meeting (April 14) be held in Tucson. No second. Motion dies.

8. Open Forum for Stakeholder Comments Call to Public
No Stakeholders on phone or in the room.

1:49 pm **Close the Meeting. Motion to adjourn Bartholomew, 2nd Swanson.**

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