

# OWAC Meeting Minutes

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## Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee (OWAC) Meeting

October 13, 2015 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Room 3100A

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### 10:00 am Chair Opening Remarks

Jake Garrett

Attendance: In person-Ehrlich, Swanson, Bartholomew, Garrett, Wirth. Phone-Fagen, Hawke, Long. ADEQ-Czecholinski (OUT NOON), Smit (OUT 12:30), Burchard

1. Approval of August 11, 2015 Meeting Minutes  
Motion to accept Minutes of August meeting as presented made by Bartholomew 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Long/Wirth. Unanimous Approval.

### 10:45 am ADEQ Response to OWAC's August 11, 2015 recs.

Daniel Czecholinski

*ADEQ is evaluating the following documents but no final decision has been made. Data is being sought to help determine a direction of the A316 program.*

1. Baggione Cover Letter
2. OWAC\_B Fourteen Recommendations
3. OWAC Response to ADEQ Statements

### 11:25 am OWAC Discussion: Streamlined Approach to A316

Ed Swanson

*Proposal-A316 Streamlined Approach. Proposal reviewed including the supporting documents sent by Garrett on October 9. Request for written comments be sent to Swanson for discussion in an A316 Meeting by close of business November 6, 2015.*

### 11:54 am ADEQ Update

Jerry Smit

1. ADEQ rules presented to the Governor  
*Revised Total Coliform, Drinking Water and Wastewater Operator Fees, Surface Water Quality Standards, AZPDES Disposal, Use and Transport of Biosolids*
2. Update of ADEQ's plan for the 5 year GRRC review of the APP 18 A.A.C., Articles 1, 2, 3, 4.  
*Article 2 has already been completed. Articles 1, 3, 4 due to GRRC 12/31/15. Comments would be appreciated as soon as possible.*
3. Applications received for OWAC Membership vacancies.  
*2 applications received and will be sent for approval. Approved new members will be offered the appointment and hopefully announced at the December Meeting.*
4. Status of A316 Transfer of Ownership Program  
*ADEQ is reviewing the program and looking to obtain any data about the environmental impact of improperly operating systems.*
5. ADEQ Program Overview "Notice of Transfer Process for Septic Owners"  
*"Notice of Transfer Process for Septic Owners" presented to MCESD by Misael Cabrera*
6. Presentation of "The ADEQ Way"
  - Evaluate everything we do for its impact on the mission.
  - Hire only those who believe in our way and have a passion for their work.
  - Train those who cannot, replace those who will not, and promote those who excel.
  - Never hide a problem – respect others enough to be honest, even if the truth is uncomfortable.
  - Do not blame, but hold each other accountable.
  - Involve end users early and often when creating or improving services.
  - Never stop asking why.
  - Continuously design and redesign for quality and radical simplicity.

- *Freely discuss, promptly decide, and totally commit.*
- *Do not fear failure.*

**12:30-12:45 pm      15 Minute - Humane & Snack Break**

12:45 pm **OWAC Discussion**

**1. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. National reports Joelle Wirth
  - i. Issue paper on new technology  
*Whole house incinerating toilet. Product information is available from Ecojohn. The design flow can be adjusted with an A312G coupled with a vault.*
  - ii. Request to committee and agency consideration of a process  
*ADEQ needs to document and disseminate information about how program questions are answered. In year's past they were memorialized with PGMs, Rule Clarifications, etc. How can program information be sent out to the stakeholders? FAQ section?*
  - iii. Review of NSF Joint Committee meeting
    - *Effluent Filters-The committee was not able to determine what a service period should be.*
    - *Standard 40-started as only aerobic treatment units. Other systems have been added to this. Suggested that there be subgroups of Standard 40 that respects the already tested and approved treatments.*
    - *High Strength Waste-Restaurants*
    - *Reuse-rainwater harvesting. Canada has drafted an ISO guideline. Going to consider this for the US.*
    - *Flushable products-*
    - *Aggregate-Washed concrete and tire chips too varied to be consistently equal to or better than natural aggregate.*

**2. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. PPL Suzanne Ehrlich  
*No Report*
- A316 Ed Swanson  
*No Report*
- b. O & M David Bartholomew  
*No Report*
- c. Public Outreach Richard Sinclair  
*No report*
- d. Education & Credentials Kitt Farrell-Poe  
*No Report*
- e. Indicator Organisms & Reuse Joelle Wirth  
*EPA has additional information on indicator organism. Needs to start reviewing the materials. Hawke suggests that ACDEHSA-OTAG review and provide a recommendation to OWAC.*
- f. Enforcement Larry Hawke  
*No report*

**3. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Where do we go from here?
- b. Where does OWAC fit in the ADEQ Way?

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

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

*ADEQ Update-What rules were presented to the Governor for deletion?*

6. **Administrative Issues**

*Next meeting-December will be a potluck meeting all members encouraged to attend in person.*

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

2:15 pm **Close the Meeting Motion to adjourn Wirth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bartholomew, unanimous approval.**