

OWAC Meeting Minutes

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Onsite Wastewater Advisory Committee (OWAC) Meeting

December 13, 2013 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Room 4100B

Conference Call Number 1-877-820-7831 & Pass Code 274431

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(Sign In Upon Arrival)

10:00 am **Chair Opening Remarks**

Jake Garrett

Long, Sinclair, Chiordi, Garrett, D Bartholomew, Wirth, Hawke, Ehrlich, Swanson, Ramsey (10:35), Fagen (out 1:35P)

ADEQ: Baadiyan, Smit

Chairman encourages all to attend the ACDEHSA SW Onsite Wastewater Conference in Laughlin, NV, Jan 28 and 29, 2014.

Minutes approved as written. Motion made by Hawke, 2nd Sinclair. Minutes approved as written by unanimous vote.

10:25 am **ADEQ Update**

Jerry Smit/John Calkins

1. Committee Nomination

Michael Biever accepted invitation to join OWAC. Should ADEQ be trying to fill the vacancies with categories originally designed? ADEQ has chosen to consider résumés of all interested parties.

2. Sulfuric Acid Update

Prohibition is for commercial systems. ADEQ is not clear about the enforceability or data, info about the danger to groundwater. If someone has info about the damage to groundwater or wastewater system components please forward to the chairman. As the rule is not clear, ADEQ would request that rule language be drafted to address this issue to be considered.

3. Lassila Complaint – What facts has ADEQ determined?

ADEQ has not investigated this complaint. Rule is too difficult to enforce and it is not a high enough priority to investigate.

Chairman Garrett has created a new Enforcement subcommittee Larry Hawke, Chairman, Dawn Long, Lowell Fagen with Jerry Smit as ADEQ technical advisor.

11:32 Break

11: am **OWAC Discussion**

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. ACDEHSA & OTAG Recommendations and Offers

Jake Garrett

- *Files: ACDHESA will be notified when boxes of files come up for destruction.*

ACDHESA will sort and distribute the files.

- *1.09: Counties want Table 1 used for determining flows for 1.09 permits. Smit believes that “flows” is not defined. ADEQ will provide a DOA-like decision if County asks for a clarification.*

- *Tank replacement does not destroy the 1.09 leachfield. Request that ADEQ require NOI for tank replacements.*

- *ACDHESA to forward Updated Draft ROI to ADEQ. Smit requests that the updated form be reviewed to see if there are enduring items that should be included in rule.*

- **OTAG agrees to consider and render an opinion of any technical matter referred by OWAC.**

Motion: OWAC refer the use of oxidizers, acids and caustics to OTAG and AzOWRA to render an opinion to OWAC as to the deleterious effect to the system and/or the environment. 1st Chiordi, 2nd D Bartholomew. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. EPA 319 Grant Monies for AZ testing facilities Joelle Wirth
Still working on getting answers. It has now been assigned to a grant writer. If you have any further research items contact Joelle Wirth.
- c. Discussion: *Can Soil Dispersal Areas be rejuvenated?* Jake Garrett
draft article by Farrell-Poe (sent 11/15/13 via email).
Skipped
- d. How & Who to handle A316 Citizen Complaints Jake Garrett
Currently being referred to Kitt by ADEQ are those complaints that include a complaint about a pumper. ADEQ refers the complainer to BTR, Reg of Contactors., San Council, or NAWT with Kitt F-P as the local representative, if complaining about the inspector. Topic to be retained for the next meeting.
- e. Update: OWAC member additions to Rule Structure Jake Garrett
 - i. Discuss solicitation of input from the Public
 - ii. Discuss Recommendation on Follow up Session
 - iii. Discuss roadmap we will follow

Each committee needs to flesh out the circles topics that apply to that committee. Create a list of FAQs to use to start conversations with the public.

PPL-Suzanne

Site Evaluation, Design, Install- Ramsey, Long, Hawke

Education and Credentials- Farrell-Poe

O & M- Chiordi

Inspections-Swanson (316)

Enforcement- Hawke

2. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. PPL Suzanne Ehrlich
- b. A316 Ed Swanson
Struggled with Enforcement and more on Training and Cert. Next meeting is January 6, 2014@ 2:30 PM
- c. O & M Brian Chiordi
- d. Public Outreach - Appoint Chairperson
- e. Education & Credentials - Appoint Chairperson
- f. Indicator Organisms Joelle Wirth
- g. Rule Development Justin Ramsey

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Enforcement and the comments *received* from the Network for Public Health Law.
- b. Is inspection process described in A316 properly serving the principle players?
- c. Factors of Safety as brought during workshop and by Jack Bale
- d. Jack Bale – Sidewall Credit
- e. ADEQ & AG Report General Permit Underlying Philosophy and Requirements 49-241 & 49-245
Skipped

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

2:04 pm **Close the Meeting**

SSE motion to adjourn.