

**“Unofficial” Minutes**  
**Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**February 24, 2006**

The Sewage Handling and Disposal Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 24, 2006, at the James Madison Building, Fifth Floor Conference Room in Richmond.

The following committee members were present: William Keeling, Bob Lee, Mike Lynn, Jim Pyne, Don Alexander, Tom Basham, John Harper (in at 10:30). Donna Tiller was also resent serving as Secretary to the Committee

The following visitors were present: Marcia Degen, P.E., DEQ; Bob Mayer, P.E.; Jim Bowles, VDH, OEHS; Dave Tiller, VDH, OEHS; Tom Joy, P.E., VDH, OEHS; Allen Knapp, Program Manger, VDH, OEHS.

Tom Basham, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Since **there was no quorum**, the meeting proceeded in an “unofficial” status. The meeting minutes from the December 16, 2005 will be deferred until next meeting for approval. The SeptiTech approval will also be added for the next meeting. At that point, Tom asked committee members to please notify Don or himself if you can not attend one of the meetings.

The agenda was approved.

Tom discussed DPOR meeting and asked to here from Bob Mayer in Joel Pinnix’s absence. The meeting was on engineer disciplinary actions. The Board meets every couple of months and on the agenda was GMP 125; 7-9 engineers were there, each one got to speak. Allen Knapp gave a presentation on the AOSE program and Bob stated he did an outstanding job. Very professional presentation. The DPOR Board made no vote and will bring up the issue at their May meeting, discuss it and then take it to the full committee in June. The decision will be what VDH should or shouldn’t do as far as deciding what is the “practice of engineering”. Tom Basham stated he thought the Board will make a negative comment on the GMP. He also suggested that Don’s group needs to get with their group and come up with something that will resolve the problem.

Don stated that VDH’s position is, we don’t have one. VDH implements programs given to them. Exception or not in the code, with specific to onsite, VDH is asked to way in on it. Economics also play into it. Tom asked Don if he was going to take additional steps to coordinate and try to explain or entertain lobbying effort. Don stated there were no plans, wait for DPOR. There was then more discussion on “Pre-Engineering”.

Don gave an update and overview on the revision of the onsite regulations meetings (handout showing 14 points). He encouraged everyone to look at the web for those meeting minutes and updates.

Bob Lee made a suggestion for a future topic to be: “What is a failing drainfield”. Bob suggested getting definitions down and that way everyone would be on the same page. Tom Basham suggested topics: “Operation and Maintenance”, and, “State Only/Local Only” permits.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm. The next meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup>.