

## Sewage Handling & Disposal Advisory Committee Minutes

**Date:** March 20, 2009

### **In Attendance:**

#### *Members*

Tom Basham, Chairman

Marcia Degen

Bob Lee

Pam Pruett, Recorder

Joel Pinnix

John Harper

Barrett Hardiman (New Member)

Jim Pyne

Bill Keeling

Mike Lynn

Robert Wadsworth

Bill Timmons

V'lent Lassiter

*Via Polycomm:* Loudoun County Health Department and Peidmont-Lunenburg

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Tom Basham.

### Administration

- The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. John Harper moved that the update on DPOR Licensing Regulations be moved to the top of the agenda; Jim Pyne seconded the motion. Barret Hardiman moved to accept the agenda as amended. Marcia Degen seconded the motion. A vote yielded all “ayes” and the motions carried.
- The minutes of the January 23, 2009 meeting were reviewed by the committee. Tom Basham suggested paragraph 3 be changed *from* “*The following visitors were present . . .*” to “*The following visitors logged in . . .*”. Bob Lee moved to accept the minutes as amended. Bill Timmons seconded the motion. A vote yielded all “ayes” with Marcia Degen abstaining. The motion carried.

### New Business

- John Aulbach introduced Jim Donlon with Eljen. Mr. Aulbach indicated that the Health Department has reviewed Eljen’s request for approval of their Geotextile Sandfilter treatment device for approval as a secondary effluent treatment device. Bob Lee asked why the treatment device was not NSF approved. Mr. Donlon replied that the costs associated with NSF approval for units beyond 450 gpd were too great. He added that they had followed the NSF testing protocol with the testing that the MASSTC had completed. Tom Basham asked if the units have been field tested, under “real life” conditions. Mr. Donlon replied that the units have been installed in 15 states since 1986.

Jim Pyne moved to accept the unit as a secondary effluent treatment system. Marcia Degen seconded the motion but commented that the unit would require a liner if it were used for alternative discharging systems. Joel Pinnix indicated that he felt the system should be considered under the existing regulations for provisional approval. He added that it is necessary for the group to have real world performance data versus

test center data, and because the treatment unit is completely buried and without a liner, there is no way to monitor the aggregate of test the effluent. He recommended that approvals not stray away from the regulations. Pam Pruett agreed as did Tom Basham.

Joel requested to amend the motion, Jim agreed. The motion was amended to recommend the provisional approval track for the secondary treatment component. Mike Lynn seconded the motion. A vote yielded 1 nay (Marcia Degen), 4 abstentions (Bob Lee, V'lent Lassiter, Bill Keeling, and Pam Pruett) and the rest all ayes. The motion carried.

Bob Lee moved that ETV testing on devices be accepted as equivalent to NSF testing. There was no second on the motion. The motion died a miserable and lonely death.

Bob Lee provided a presentation on the VDH & VOWRA O&M Draft Regulations

Tom Basham called a question as Dr. Remley was in attendance of the meeting. Dr. Remley thanked the group for their hard work and expressed her feelings on the importance of the work that the Sewage Handling & Disposal Board does.

Bob Lee's presentation resumed. Once the presentation was over, there was some discussion of compliance tracking and funding for the regulation. No motions were made.

Allen Knapp provided legislative update and an overview of the recent bills in the general assembly. There were approximately 15 bills that came through the Senate and the House.

Barret moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. Robert Wadsworth seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.