

ONSITE SEWAGE SYSTEMS FACILITATION MEETING

MINUTES

A meeting of the stakeholders who have an interest in Onsite Sewage Systems met on May 21, 2009, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Dr., Richmond, Virginia, with the following parties present:

Rick Blackwell, PE, Virginia Society for Professional Engineers (arrived 8:50am)
Mark Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation
Justin Garofalo, Board Administrator, Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board
Stanley Harris, PE, Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects, Board Member
Robert Hicks, Office of Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health
Allen Knapp, Office of Environmental Health Services, Virginia Department of Health
Robert Mayer, PE, American Manufacturing Company, Inc.
Kathleen Noshisch, Executive Director, Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects
E. Brooke Philpy, Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators and Onsite Sewage System Professionals Board, Board Member
Joel Pinnix, PE, American Council of Engineering Companies/Virginia

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Carol Mitchell, Dispute Resolution Manager
Erin Simon, ADR Coordinator
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

Ms Mitchell welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.
The minutes from the May 4, 2009 facilitation were amended and approved.

Call to Order

Ms. Mitchell introduced Mark Courtney, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulation. Mr. Courtney gave a brief background on his involvement with the onsite sewage system issue.

There were no comments made to the stakeholders.

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Comment
Period

As requested at the facilitation meeting of May 4, Mr. Mayer, of American Manufacturing Company, Inc., drafted language to be considered for resolving the onsite sewage system issue. Stakeholders then began discussion and questioning on Mr. Mayer's proposed language, in addition to other language proposed by stakeholders during the course of the meeting.

**Discussion of
Onsite Sewage
Systems**

Significant topics addressed during the facilitation meeting: proposed changes to the current regulation language, the possibility of additional regulations, defining terms used in the regulation language, testing of manufactured systems and the licensing of AOSEs that will be effective July 1. Mr. Blackwell also suggested the formation of a panel made up of professional engineers and others to review manufactured systems and design guides to determine if they meet state regulations. Mr. Knapp proposed the following language to be added after §54.1-402.A.11:

12. Notwithstanding the pump restrictions contained in subsection 11, alternative onsite sewage systems receiving residential wastewater, under the authority of Chapter 6 of Title 32.1, designed by a licensed onsite soil evaluator, which discharge to a pressurized soil dispersal network and which utilize packaged equipment of catalogued standard design that has been coordinated and tested by the manufacturer, provided (i) the flow is less than 1,000 gpd and (ii) the static head does not exceed 50 feet.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting scheduled for June 22, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

**Set Meeting
Date**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Adjourn


Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary