

Sewage Collection and Treatment Regulation (9VAC25-790) – Amendments
2nd RAP Meeting
April 12, 2024, 10:00 am
DEQ Piedmont Regional Office

Minutes

10:00 AM

- Introductions, Sign-in Sheet

<i>Attendance</i>			
<i>RAP Members</i>		<i>Other Attendees</i>	
	Joseph Bryan – VA DEQ		Azra Bilalagic – VA DEQ
x	Erica Duncan – VA DEQ	x	Rebecca Rochet – VA DEQ
x	Laura Galli – VA DEQ		Meghan Mayfield – VA DEQ
x	Kevin Parker - HRSD		Jeanette Ruiz –VA DEQ
x	Jeff Stiff - DCWA	x	Morgan Emanuel – VA DEQ
	Steven Herzog – Hanover County	x	Nelson Daniel – VA DEQ
x	Ann Zimmerman – Loudoun Water	x	Scott Morris – VA DEQ
x	Adrian Joye – Fairfax County	x	Benjamin Cunningham – VA DEQ
x	Tim Castillo - ACSA		
x	Pamela Pruett – ESC LL		

10:10 AM

- DEQ reviewed the February 29, 2024 meeting minutes and agenda items.

10:20 AM

- DEQ explained that VDH was contacted to inquire on existing tracking and/or reporting requirements for septic systems from the localities. DEQ explained that currently VDH uses an estimated number of septic systems connecting to sewer lines; no reporting requirement seems to be in place.
- VDH is building a statewide database (EHD) to track abandoned septic systems connecting to sewer line. Some counties are already using it, but the statewide database will require all localities to provide this information to VDH. Possibly need to look at the SCAT Regulation amendment again in the next 5 years to determine if it is still needed once the database is up and running.
- DEQ explained the scope of the WIP III Initiative 53 and presented the proposed amendment language to the RAP members. The language was discussed and was well received by all members. DEQ pointed out that the language leaves flexibility to the

localities as to what method to use to track and report abandoned septic systems and connections to sewer lines to the permitted sewage treatment works. In addition, the location of the abandoned septic systems will not be a reporting requirement.

- In support of a cost/benefit analysis, DEQ asked what possible costs and additional resources the localities might need in support of this initiative. RAP members were confident that no significant additional resources would be needed.
- DEQ discussed the proposed location for the new requirement within the SCAT Regulations (Part IV. Reports and Forms, new Section 985). RAP members concurred.

11:10 AM Summary of RAP decisions

- RAP members reached consensus on proposed language to be included in the SCAT Regulation.
- DEQ to keep RAP members up to date on future steps and completed stages.

11:15 PM Meeting Adjourned