

**Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations**  
**Sewage Handling Subgroup**  
**Thursday, July 18, 2024 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Meeting Location:**

5<sup>th</sup> Floor Main Conference Room, 109 Governor Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219

**In Attendance:**

Anne Powell, Andy Carter, Lance Gregory, Adam Ferris, Curtis Moore, Derek Hunt, Gary Coggins, Greg Garber, Jay LeReche, Josh Anderson, Kate Jones, Kelli Greenstreet, Juli Wilkinson, Kevin Wastler, Lewie Lawrence, Mike Callahan, Mitch Riley, Rachel Kulp, Ryder Bunce, Sarah Walton, Shawn Carman, Steve Valentine, Tanya Pettus, Tom Bowen

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome / brief introductions (15 min.)
2. Follow-up from 2022 subgroup meetings (15 min.)
3. Draft regulation concerning sewage handling (45 min.)
  - a. Adding reference to DPOR licensure requirements. Pumping of portable privies still would not require a license because it does not meet the definition established by DPOR for operators.
    - i. Adam Ferris asked if VDH would withhold issuing a hauler permit if someone doesn't have a DPOR license, to which Anne Powell responded that yes, that is the idea.
    - ii. Gary Coggins asked how VDH would know if they only pump privies. To which Anne Powell answered that it would be part of the application process. If VDH received a complaint we could use this regulations to issue an NOAV and report to DPOR.
    - iii. Mike Callahan asked about unusual permittees like those who only pump out grease traps or the Amtrak station's pump out truck for the holding tanks on the trains. Anne Powell answered that the Amtrak example would be covered with the exemption for a vehicle/vessel. Lance Gregory mentioned that VDH should develop a definition for vehicle/vessel. Regarding grease trap pumping, Anne Powell mentioned that grease from restaurants is considered sewage in the SHDR. Lewie Lawrence mentioned that the emphasis may not be on vehicles, but whether the structure can be moved (it is not permanent). When you say vehicle, you restrict it. Put the emphasis on the permanence of the structure. Tom Bowen of Mathews County explained a situation he is dealing with where a business is relocating to Mathews County and using a temporary building while they build a permanent building. Temporary building will be there for 2-3 years and when permanent building is built it will be moved. They will have 2x 250-gallon holding tanks for the temporary building.
4. Draft regulation concerning pump and haul of sewage (45 min.)
  - a. Omit "not to exceed 12 months" from Section 400.A if a 12-month permit period is added to Section 390.
  - b. Change Section 400.B so that null and void versus revoke is consistent with other language in the SHDR
  - c. Maintain and clarify sections on lagoons permitted by VDH

- d. Discussed changing permitting for pump and haul; no conclusions drawn; need to work out more details
- 5. Draft regulation concerning department privies (45 min.)
  - a. Update privy sections of SHDR to reflect modern practices
  - b. Required number of portable privies consistent with temporary campground regulations, plus ADA compliant privy.
- 6. Additional discussion (60 min.)
  - a. Identification of sewage handling vehicles
- 7. Next steps / meeting conclusion (15 min.)
  - a. Meeting notes will be posted in Town Hall.
  - b. Next meeting date – August 27 at 10am