

**Virginia Department of Health (VDH)
Sewage Handling and Disposal Regulations (SHDR)
Administrative – Revisions Subgroup**

Date: June 14, 2022
Time: 1:00 pm
Location: WebEx virtual meeting

Attendees:

Lance Gregory – VDH
Anne Powell – VDH
Karri Atwood – VDH
Anthony Creech – VDH
Curtis Moore – Virginia Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (VOWRA)
Joshua Anderson – Loudoun County Health Department (LCHD)
Josh Hepner – LCHD
Ryan Fincham – LCHD
Tanya Pettus – Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR)
Tom Ashton – Licensed Onsite Soil Evaluator, Certified Professional Soil Scientist

1. Welcome / Brief Introductions

Anne Powell welcomed the attendees to the meeting and performed a brief roll call of all attendees.

2. Follow-Up from May Meeting (notes posted to Town Hall)

Anne Powell stated that the meeting summary from the May subgroup meeting is posted on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website. Anne Powell asked the attendees if anyone had any questions or concerns in reference to that meeting summary; no comments from the meeting attendees.

3. Continuing discussion on suggested programmatic changes.

Lance Gregory asked the attendees if a draft of the proposed changes to the SHDR would be helpful. Many attendees agreed that it would be helpful to read through a draft.

Curtis Moore mentioned that the SHDR wording should mirror the applicable language from the Code of Virginia.

Curtis Moore asked about the Code of Virginia section that says VDH has to accept applications online for well and septic permits. Mr. Moore asked what VDH would issue back to the applicant in the case of an online application. Mr. Moore stated that he wonders if VDH can logistically handle accepting applications online. Mr. Moore mentioned the need for a forward-facing database at VDH. Curtis Moore suggested starting with the end goal for a database in mind and figuring out what it will take to accomplish the goal(s).

Lance Gregory asked the group what they think are good ways for VDH to collect information and opinions from the public and industry to help figure out what the end goal of a database is. Lance suggested a survey or face-to-face meetings. Curtis Moore suggested figuring out how each user (OEHS, LHDs, and industry) use or would use a forward-facing database to help figure out the database end goal.

4. **Conclusion**

Anne Powell and Lance Gregory asked the attendee what they would like to see during the next subgroup meeting. In preparation for the next subgroup meeting, Anne Powell and Karri Atwood will share ideas on how VDH can separate permitting and compliance staff. Lance Gregory will begin work on the vision for a forward-facing VDH database. VDH OEHS representatives will also work on draft language for adding Renewable Operation Permits and the Work Product Expectations (from GMP 2017-01) to the SHDR.

Anne Powell concluded the meeting with the mention of the next meeting date on July 12, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

AGENDA

1. Review previous meeting summary.
2. Continued discussion on suggested programmatic changes.