

**Sewage Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
July 11, 2025**

VOTING SEWAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Bressler, Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists (PAPSS)
Adam Browning, Pennsylvania Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (POWRA)
Brian Chalfant, Governor's Policy Office, Alternate
Roger Lehmann, Pennsylvania Association of Sewage Enforcement Officers
Duane Mowery, Chair, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA)
William Rehkop, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association
Joseph Valentine, Pennsylvania Septage Management Association (PSMA)
Genevieve Kostick, County Departments of Health and Health Agencies
William Glasser, American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Members of the public were present but not identified.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) STAFF PRESENT
(CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY)**

Tomisa Kiskadden, Environmental Group Manager, Planning Section, DMF, BCW
Charles Klinger, Water Program Specialist, Planning Section, DMF, BCW
Jay Patel, Acting Bureau Director, DMF, BCW
Brian Schlauderaff, Environmental Program Manager, CW
Richard Wright, Environmental Program Manager, DMF, BCW
Laura Campbell, Executive Policy Specialist, Policy Office

CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adam Browning at 9:02 A.M. The meeting was conducted both in-person and on-line.

A quorum was present.

Chair Browning welcomed and thanked the members of the SAC.

Chair Browning requested comments to the April 16, 2025, meeting minutes. No comments were received.

Motion: Chair Mowery called for a motion to approve the April 16, 2025, meeting minutes.

Glasser made a motion to approve the April 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Lehman seconded the motion. Minutes were unanimously approved by the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Paul Golrick, Pennsylvania Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association

- Comment 1
 - Comments relating to the definition of sinkhole in Draft Chapter 73. The definition should include “closed depression”. Definition for closed depression should also be added. Closed depression is due to collapse without a void.
 - Valentine and Golrick discussed this in relation to the isolation distances. Where does the isolation distance come from? There was additional discussion on closed depressions and void space. Golrick will provide updated definitions for discussion.
- Comment 2
 - Relating to the definition of malfunctioning onlot. What constitutes partially treated effluent? Schlauderaff discussed pollution. Patel indicated standards are developed, the regulation describes those standards. If the standards are not met, the effluent is partially treated.

ACTION ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Valentine began with an opening statement indicating, among other things, he wished the DEP would have asked SAC for a wishlist for the regulations, the proposed regulations do not address the older population moving in with children, operational permits are needed, timed dosing should be evaluated, other states criteria for systems have outpaced Pennsylvania, current proposed chapters have not elevated alternate systems to conventional criteria, drip irrigation systems will continue to need monitoring, current regulations as proposed have prescriptive, rather than performance approach, 2005 proposed regulations were performance based, system installers need installer training that is not provided for, PSMA will not support these proposed regulations, etc.
- Discussion began on the draft regulations. Proposed Chapter 73 definitions and Chapter 72.36, Permit variance from standards for onlot sewage systems were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SAC REQUESTED ITEMS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Browning called for any new business from the committee. There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Chair Browning called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Valentine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lehman seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Committee. The July 11, 2025, SAC meeting was adjourned at 1:09 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Thursday July 17, 2025, Boyertown Community Ambulance Service Building, 2 E. Second Street, Boyertown, PA 19512, to be held virtually and in person. Notice of the meeting and meeting materials will be on the SAC webpage.