

Questions and Follow-Up Answers

From the September 11, 2019 Sewage Advisory Committee Meeting

1. **Question:** Is the PAG-04 out for public comment?

Follow-Up: The PAG-04 is still not out for public comment.

2. **Question:** Is there a requirement to notify the Department of the transfer of a SFTF system from one homeowner to another?

Answer: No, but we could consider this as a WQM or NPDES permit condition. It will need to be vetted with legal counsel as part of our draft permit development process.

3. **Question:** Are there any plans to have the small flows' reporting included with GreenPort's eDMR?

Answer: At this point, we have no electronic system for annual reporting. We are working on developing an electronic annual reporting tool. In the meantime, OnBase electronic submission may be an option in the near future.

4. **Question:** Is there a general permit provision to exclude the homeowner as an operator of a SFTF? Mr. Patel said that unless the homeowner is a certified operator at another plant, the homeowner would have to contract with a service provider or other third party to operate the SFTF. Mr. Patel said he could provide the exact language in the PAG-04.

Follow-Up: When the permit is drafted, the language will be provided. It is still being finalized for the draft NPDES permit.

5. **Question:** Laurel Mueller asked if there is an opportunity for the science community to review what is taught in the courses for SEOs before the courses are approved? Mr. Patel said that was something that the Planning Section would have to talk about.

Follow-Up: At this point in time, we will not be doing that. As a means to increase the quality of our SEO continuing education, we are now having our Bureau's training section assist in the review of new courses, we are auditing courses and we will begin reviewing student feedback on each class.