

**Draft Minutes of the  
December 16, 2011 Meeting of the  
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)**

This special meeting of the WRAC was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chairperson Rob Traver on Friday, December 16, 2011 in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

**The following committee members were present:**

Don Bluedorn, Babst, Calland, Clements, Zomnir (by phone)  
Edith Stevens, League of Women Voters of PA (by phone)  
Robert Cavett, Merck & Co.  
Jim Davis, Waste Management, Inc.  
Jeff Hines, York Water Company  
Dr. John Jackson, Stroud Water Research Center  
Gary Merritt, NSG  
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority  
Steve Rhoads, Shell Gas  
Paul Swartz, Susquehanna River Basin Commission  
Dr. Robert Traver, Villanova University  
Chuck Wunz, Wunz Associates

**The following committee members were not present:**

Myron Arnowitt, Clean Water Action  
Matthew Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation  
Art Gazdik, Ross Township  
Jennifer Reed-Harry, PennAg Industries Association  
John Schombert, 3 Rivers Wet Weather

**The following DEP staff members were present:**

Duke Adams, Office of Water Management  
Kelly Heffner, Deputy Secretary for Water Management  
Heidi Biggs, Water Standards and Facility Regulation  
Sean Gimbel, Policy Office  
Rod Kime, Water Standards and Facility Regulation  
Rodney McAllister, Water Standards and Facility Regulation  
Bonita Moore, Water Standards and Facility Regulation  
Kristen Schlauderaff, Water Standards and Facility Regulation

**The following guests were also present:**

Jim Erb, API  
Josie Gaskey, PA Coal Association  
Kathy Kunkel, EPGA  
Jeff McNelly, ARIPPA

Tim Reed, Dinsmore Law Offices  
Bryon Ruhl, PennDOT  
Becky Snyder, HRT/PBT  
R. Timothy Weston, PA Chamber

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting were approved on motion.

### **Chapter 93, Water Quality Standards Triennial Review (25 Pa. Code, Chapter 93) –**

Rod Kime (rkime@pa.gov), Rod McAllister (romcallist@pa.gov), Bonita Moore (bmoore@pa.gov) and Heidi Biggs (hbiggs@pa.gov), Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, held their fifth discussion with WRAC on the proposed Triennial Review of Chapter 93. DEP staff highlighted the changes to the Annex and reviewed their anticipated timeline.

WRAC will be requested to vote on the Triennial at the January 11, 2012, meeting. It is projected that DEP will present the proposed rulemaking before the EQB at the March 2012 meeting and return before WRAC in the summer/fall of 2012. The final rulemaking is scheduled to be published April 13, 2013, with a May 15, 2013 due date to EPA.

Staff reviewed the Annex with WRAC members and questions were received on chloride, sulfates, dissolved oxygen, temperature, benzene, molybdenum, and dioxane. WRAC members expressed concern over not seeing rationale documents prior to the January 11 meeting where a vote will be requested. DEP will circulate links to their sources for the scientific background for their rationale to WRAC members.

### **General Discussion**

None.

### **Public Comment**

Thomas Reed, Dinsmore Law Offices, questioned DEP staff on where phenol is calculated for permits and human health data.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of WRAC is scheduled for January 11, 2012 beginning at 9:30 am in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building.

*Proposed future meeting dates for 2012: January 11, April 11, July 12 (Thursday), October 10.*