

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Sewage Advisory Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
August 15, 2007**

Membership and function of this committee is established by 35 P.S 750.4. Successors to the entities listed in the statute retain the right to representation of the original organization named in the statute, but are not entitled to more than one member, if they have merged.

For purposes of quorum, there were nineteen (19) organizations with voting members/alternates recorded as Present, nine (9) organization's members/alternates were Not Present. There are five (5) member organizations having no current appointed member or alternate, including one Inactive statutory member organization. Minimum quorum is one third of 28 appointed members/alternates able to cast votes; for this meeting quorum was 10. Organizations and members and/or alternates present are indicated as marked (▶)

		Member Alternate	Representing
▶	▶	James C. Elliott Andrew J. Hilt	American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania
		Muscoe Martin Caroline E. Boyce	American Institute of Architects-- Pennsylvania
		John F. Wagman David Sheridan	American Society of Civil Engineers
▶	▶	Brian S. Funkhouser Scott E. Russell	American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Section
		Harold Hurst Kristen Goshorn	County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
▶	▶	Ralph DeFazio Doug Range	County Departments of Health, Local Health Agencies
▶	▶	Member position currently vacant Sean Anderson	Department of Community and Economic Development
▶	▶	Patricia M. Grim Joanne R. Denworth	Governor's Policy Office
		Gabriel D. Alexi (No alternate)	Mortgage Bankers Association. of Pennsylvania

		Walt Krzyzanowski Al Ruscito	Pennsylvania Association. of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors, Inc.
▶	▶	Bruce P. Willman William F. Beers	Pennsylvania Association. of Professional Soil Scientists
▶	▶	Robert T. Wood Linda A. Peters	Pennsylvania Association of Realtors
▶	▶	Barbara Brown [chairperson] Ralph M. Houck	Pennsylvania Association. of Sewage Enforcement Officers
▶	▶	Eugene E. Dice Kevin J. Garber	Pennsylvania Bar Association
▶	▶	Carl D'Amico Keith Ashley	Pennsylvania Builders Association
		Eric R. Conrad John J. Walliser	Pennsylvania Environmental Council, Inc.
▶	▶	Keith Klingler	Pennsylvania Landowners Association, Inc.
▶	▶	Anita Stabile Peter Slack	Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association
▶	▶	Charles R. Waddy Joe Valentine	Pennsylvania Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association, Inc.
▶	▶	Bruce Fox Rusty Luzell	Pennsylvania Septage Management Association
▶	▶	Brian L. Book Shannon G. Williams	Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers
▶	▶	Dan O'Connell Thomas A. Klaum	Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
▶	▶	Ginnie Anderson Kane Frank Linn	Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
		Lester O. Houck James Wheeler	Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
		Samuel M. D'Alessandro Charles B. Zwally	Pennsylvania Vacation Land Developers Association
▶	▶	Duane E. Mowery Allison J. Shuler	Pennsylvania Water Environment Association
		Dr. Henry Lin Dr. Richard Stehouwer	The Pennsylvania State University

▶	▶	John Williams Gary A. Rothrock	U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development Mission Area
		No nomination	League of Cities and Municipalities
		No nomination	National Association. of Water Companies, Pennsylvania Chapter
		No nomination	Pennsylvania Planning Association
		Organization has dissolved; organization must be formally removed by amendment of statute.	Pennsylvania Environmental Health Association
		Withdrawn from participation due to policies affecting employees of this United States government agency.	United States. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Other Attendees:			
		Lori Books Gordon Sheetz	Lebanon County Planning Department
		Grant Gubion	Pennsylvania Builders Association
		Courtney Accurti	Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs
		Bryan Allen Tom Ashton	American Manufacturing Company
		Karen Atkinson Scott Houser	Pennsylvania State Association. Township Supervisors
		Mark S. Mills	
DEP Representatives			
		Kevin McLeary	Acting Chief, Act 537 Management Section, Div. Of Planning and Permits
		John Borland	SPS, Act 537 Management Section, Div of Planning and Permits
		Jim Novinger	SPS, Act 537 Management , Div of Planning and Permits
		John J. McHale, Jr.	SPS, Act 537 Management, , Div of Planning and Permits
		Darryl Scott	AA1, Program & 537 Grant Administration

	Duke Adams	Office Of Policy & Communications
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Meeting Opening

Bruce Willman, Vice-Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in Room 105 of The Rachel Carson State Office Building. Meeting sign-in sheets were circulated and quorum confirmed.

Old Business

A motion was made to have the minutes approved from the June 20, 2007 meeting; the committee unanimously approved the motion.

One correction to the June 20, 2007 Meeting minutes was made to the website name for the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association. The correction was made to change the spelling from www.municipalauthority.org to the correct spelling www.municipalauthorities.org to signify authorities being plural.

New Business

The Vice-Chairperson appointed Ralph Defazio, County Depts. Of Health, Local Health Agencies, and Duane Mowery, PA Water Environment Association, and Dan O'Connell, Pennsylvania State Association. of Boroughs volunteered to complete the Nominating Committee to be in charge of appointing the Committee Officers for the next term. The Committee Officers needed is for the two positions of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and they will be voted on at the next SAC official meeting on October 17, 2007.

Group Presentation of Member Organizations

Dan O'Connell presented Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs presentation to the Committee.

Bruce Willman presented the Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists presentation to the Committee.

Work Group Reports

Allison Shuler, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association, attended and kept records of all the Work Group meetings. She gave a presentation of the Work Group recommendations to the Sewage Advisory Committee.

Some major points that came out of the Work Groups concerning the implementation of the guidelines was as follows:

1. The guidelines should not be implemented until after the regulations are revised.
2. Also the implementation of guidelines should be after the updates to the Planning Modules Components.
3. And the development of a education packet for the Municipalities, Townships, Sewage Enforcement Officers, and all the people whom are associated with these guidelines need to understand what their responsibilities will be versus what the Department of Environment Protection responsibilities will be.
4. Focus more efforts towards the area wide management through Act 537 Plan Updates process versus restricting the New Land Developments because most of the problems are with the older systems not the new systems that are going in now.
5. The Alternate System Guidance (Draft 362-0300-007), Site Suitability and Alternatives Analysis Guidance (Draft 362-2207-001) and The Sewage Management Guidance (Draft 362-2206-002) should all be implemented simultaneously.

Motions Made

Duane Mowery, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association made a motion for the Sewage Advisory Committee to submit a formal letter along with The Work Group comments and recommendations to the Secretary of Department of Environment Protection for review. The members unanimously approved the motion.

Motion was also made to emphasize, "SAC recommendation is to delay the publishing and issuance of these documents until supported by new regulations and adequately address the concerns raised by the Sewage Advisory Committee." The members unanimously approved the motion.

Introduction to the first Draft of proposed 25 Pa code Chapter 73a

Kevin McLeary, Acting Chief of the Act 537 Management Section introduced Chapter 73 as being redrafted and reorganized in its entirety. Some of the new information that was added in the text was the advance and secondary treatments, a sub-chapter about nutrient removal and some zero discharge components too. Kevin also suggested to the Committee, due to the large amount of information in Chapter 73, to form another Work Group to go over Chapter 73.

Request concerning agenda item for next meeting

A copy of a letter from Infiltrator Systems, Inc. to Sewage Enforcement Officers in Pennsylvania was submitted to the Committee for its information and as a starting point of discussion.. During this discussion, reference was made to an additional circular that has been distributed to some Sewage Enforcement Officers and onlot sewage disposal system designers concerning Geo Flow drip systems. The problem presented of concern was that both indicated, to some degree, an alleged DEP approval of its informational content. It

could be reasoned from the information presented that both groups might be able to depend on the information given as being compliant with existing regulatory interpretation and/or very recent regulatory decision. What are the facts concerning this letter and circular? If the information was true, why had it not been circulated by DEP? Mr. Waddy requested placement of this matter on the agenda of the next meeting. The Vice Chairman accepted this item.

Letter of Northwest Regional Round Table

At the request of Mr. Klingler, a letter of this Round Table was duplicated and distributed to the members of the Committee.

Scheduling of Additional Work Group Meetings concerning proposed Draft Title 25 Chapter 72a

The Committee discussed constraints on meeting scheduling. Additional coordination will be made by e-mail. The final meeting schedule will be circulated to members and alternates by e-mail and regular mail.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.