

**Draft Minutes of the
June 24, 2008 Meeting
Small Water Systems Technical Assistance Center (TAC)
Advisory Board**

The regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the TAC Board was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Chairperson Brion Johnson on June 24, 2008, in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA

The following board members/alternates were present:

Jennifer Case, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association
Serena DiMagno, The Water Works Operators Assoc. of Pennsylvania
Mike Sienkiewicz, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association
John Hood, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association
Stan Brown, Public Utility Commission
Donald Schwartz, RCAP Solutions, Inc.
Brion Johnson, Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority
Herb Spencer, American Water Works Association, Pennsylvania Chapter
Daniel Standish, American Water Works Assoc., Pennsylvania Chapter
John Mitchell, Pennsylvania Builders Association
Mary McElhinny, State Board for Certification of Drinking Water & Wastewater System Operators
Betty Conner, League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania
Korah Abraham, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service
James Wheeler, PA State Association of Township Supervisors
Dana Aunkst, Department of Environmental Protection

Members/alternates from the following organizations were not present:

Department of Community and Economic Development
County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Association of Realtors
Center for Rural Pennsylvania
Office of Consumer Advocate
Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.

The following DEP staff was present:

Duke Adams, Office of Policy and Communications
Veronica Kasi, BWSFR, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance
Dawn Hissner, BWSFR, Operations Monitoring & Training Division
Lisa Daniels, BWSFR, Operations Monitoring & Training Division
Deb Rotz, BWSFR, Operations Monitoring & Training Division
William Beck, BWSFR, Operations Monitoring & Training Division
Joanne Nardone, BWSFR, Operations Monitoring & Training Division

Ronald Furlan, BWSFR, Permits Division
Barry Greenawald, BWSFR, Operations Monitoring & Training Division
Marylou Barton, Office of Chief Counsel, Regulatory Counsel
Janet Fisher, BWSFR, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance

Non-members present at this meeting

Paul Zielinski, Pennsylvania American Water Co.
Erik Ross, Delta Development

General TAC Business

Brion Johnson, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Motion made by Mike Sienkiewicz to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2008 TAC Board meeting. Seconded by Daniel Standish. Motion carried unanimously.

Chapter 109 Drinking Water General Update

Lisa Daniels provided an overview of the final proposed changes to Chapter 109 for a general update. These changes are necessary to address a number of primacy issues related to the implementation of regulatory requirements for the Phase 2/5 Rule, the Arsenic Rule and the Lead and Copper Rule. Mike Sienkiewicz made a motion to submit letter to the Department under Chairman Johnson's signature stating support for the changes with the comments that were developed by the group. The motion was seconded by Serena DiMagno. Motion carried unanimously. A copy of this letter is attached.

Chapter 109 Drinking Water Public Notification Revisions

Deb Rotz provided an overview on the final proposed changes to Chapter 109 related to public notification. Daniel Standish made a motion to change the language in Section 407(a)(9) on page 1 as follows:

“Other violations and situations not covered in (a)(1) through (8) that have a significant or serious effect on human health to require a public notice under this subchapter.”

Mike Sienkiewicz seconded the motion. Votes were 3 supporting the motion, 11 opposed. Motion failed. Major reason cited for the decision to vote against the motion was due to the fact that the existing language is necessary to meet federal standards. While the change would limit the Department's discretion, changing the language as suggested would impact the state's ability to maintain primacy for the Public Notification requirements.

Motion made by Serena DiMagno to send a letter to the Department stating that the TAC Board supports the Chapter 109 Drinking Water Public Notification Revisions with the changes stated in the attached letter. Motion seconded by James Wheeler. Motion passed.

New Business

A workgroup was created to review and provide input to the Department on the program guidelines for Public Notification as it relates to references in Chapter 109 to NSF, DEP and water industry standards and values. This workgroup will make recommendations to the full TAC Board at the next quarterly meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2008 for approval. The meeting of this workgroup was scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2008.

Agenda items for the August meeting include presentations on changes to Chapter 109 regarding Fees and the Lead & Copper Rule.

Motion made by Brion Johnson to adjourn meeting. Motion carried unanimously.