

**Draft Minutes of the
August 21, 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 10:05 a.m. by Chairperson Brion Johnson on August 21, 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
John Poklembo, The Water Works Operators Assoc. of Pennsylvania
Mike Sienkiewicz, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association
Mary Gaiski, Pennsylvania Manufactured Housing Association
John Hood, Pennsylvania Rural Water Association
Penny McCoy, 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
Marilyn Kraus, Office of Consumer Advocate
Korah Abraham, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service
David Collura, Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts, Inc.
E. Lee Koch, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association

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
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors
The League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania

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
Janet Fisher, BWSFR, Division of Technical and Financial Assistance

Non-members present at this meeting

General TAC Business

Brion Johnson, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

John Poklembo of The Water Works Operators Association of Pennsylvania presented the 2008 Ivan M. Glace Award to Lisa Diane Daniels of the Department of Environmental Protection in recognition of her distinctive achievements and contributions to the Water Works Profession.

Motion made by John Hood to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2008 TAC Board meeting. Motion seconded by Jack Mitchell. Motion carried.

Lead and Copper Rule

Dawn Hissner went over the proposed revisions to Chapter 109 to reflect changes made by the US Environmental Protection Agency for the Lead and Copper Rule. A motion made by Serena DiMagno to send a letter to the Department capturing the comments. In addition, DEP should provide a heads up to industry groups and advisory committees when EPA releases proposed changes to the federal drinking water regulations. Motion seconded by Dan Standish. Motion passed. The letter is attached.

Results of Subcommittee meeting on Public Notification

Deb Rotz and Serena DiMagno presented the results of the subcommittee that met on July 29, 2008 to review and provide input to the Department on the program guidelines for Public Notification related to references for the use of NSF, DEP and water industry standards and values.

Korah Abraham made a motion to adopt the recommendation of the subcommittee that the requirement to contact social service agencies be eliminated from the regulations and guidance documents. Motion was seconded by Serena DiMagno. The vote was ten in favor, three opposed. Motion passed.

Serena made a motion that the sensitive sub-population be required to notify their water company to get priority notification in case of an emergency, much like what is done by the electric utilities. Dan Standish seconded the motion.

David Collura made a motion to adjourn the meeting, due to the fact the meeting was running late. Since this motion has precedence, no 2nd is necessary. Motion did not pass.

Members returned to the previous issue regarding sensitive sub-populations. Discussion continued. A motion to withdraw the motion was made by Serena, Seconded by Lee Koch.

Mike Sienkiewicz made a motion to submit the recommendations of the subcommittee to the Department, recognizing that the subcommittee did not reach consensus on all the issues and recommendations. Program staff can then determine how best to modify the guidance documents in response to the input captured in the subcommittee report. A copy of this report is attached. Serena seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn made by Jack Mitchell. Motion carried unanimously. Board adjourned.