EH Liaison meeting 3-7-08
Present Brad Cochran, Clarence Christenson, Susan plum, Scott Robertson, Jennifer Walls, Bill Toomey, Mike Trantham, Brian Caricco, Arletta Lancaster, Bob Hart and Scott Rodeheaver and Gail Harris

EED (Scott Rodeheaver and Bill Toomey) presented proposed new water well forms, expecting new water rules and standards to pass the legislature. They expect to have a series of trainings in June to ease the transition.

- Initial placement of pump will require that a certified person installs pump. If homeowner they must pass a test. If pump is replaced later on, then homeowner or neighbor could reset a new pump, as long as not being performed by someone being paid. If that person is being paid to assist the homeowner, he/she must be a certified pump installer
- Version of homeowners test- not decided but will probably be on the county level similar to the septic/homeowners test
- First year of rule current drillers must reapply to become a master well driller
- By 2010 drillers/pump installers will have to have ceu’s
- Geothermal wells will also be permitted by the counties. One permits, no matter how many holes they drill. We may start to encounter geothermal ponds and other new technology.
- 2 completion forms (a) well completion report (b) pump installation
- domestic well abandonment requires grout from the bottom up (b) dug wells as well as drilled wells, require a permit to abandon and must be abandoned properly (note: there is a variance procedure).
- Variance request form and procedure for said variances.
- Concrete pads may still be required on existing wells when upgraded. Otherwise new wells should be grouted and the concrete pad is no longer required.
- Now inputting completions reports and have at least 1,000 entries. Eventually, this database will be of some help to us.

*A-4 summary of EH functions of central office, district and local sanitarians is out of committee and was presented by Brad. He would like feedback. There is a 1983 memo that allows counties to permit septic system not exceeding 3000 gallon with sub surface discharge to be permitted by county. Please contact Brad if you want more info. He would like feedback on what your county would prefer. The state takes these systems or they stay with the county permitting process.

*Bob Hart would like to thank all the sanitarians and counties that have helped his office in the Food License Suspension Program. It has been a tool to bring non compliant water systems back in line.
*DW-23 Boil water notice (draft). Any comments contact Brad or Bob Hart.
**Legislative update:** Expect passage of the Water Well Design Standards and Regulations, RTIA-Clandestine Lab Rules, 2005 Food Code, hopefully Implemented 7-1-08.

*Sanitarian Board of Registration update tabled on house side. Most boards are going to be reviewed in special session.
* Bill will raise fees to $30, change when PES exam can be taken. Fee change was recommended to keep the board solvent.

**EH update:**

a) Brad- first recommended but not required sewage training was last week in Ripley at Cedar Lakes. Other sessions planned around the state, Beckley –March 14. Wheeling March 28, Kerneysville (unsure of date) and Mid-year meeting in May. Second training later in the year, on Class 2 and alternative systems.

b.) One day food training course in May and June will do industry training as time and manpower allows (as requested). Main changes in food code in chapter 2 and 3. They have changed the big 4 to the big 5, adding Norwalk virus, and hot holding goes to 135.

C) May be prudent to order new 2005 code books, during the state training they will only have handouts of copies of the changes. Google 2005 food code for details on purchasing books.

d) The training may have power point presentations that may be made available for the counties to use for training purposes.

e) Mid Year meeting in Ripley, May 6 at 1PM and ends at 12 noon on the 8th. Subjects include, Cross connection control, sewage training, sanitarian ethics panel, CIAR updates, and Retail food panel

* Sanitarian Training class starts in August in Morgantown and they hope to have the class finish by the end of the year. The complete schedule is on the website. OJT will be after the first of the year.

* Onsite Demonstration Center’s budget has been cut. They may start charging the State Health Department to utilize the facility. Not a problem when fees are charged, such as septic installers and or home loan certification courses, but not for Sanitarian training class.

**PES exam in Fairmont 3-28, cutoff date to order test is Monday the 10th of March**

*Richard Wheeler still in Iraq, but, is expected back this summer.

*Ron Forren’s retirement roast and lunch. March 26, 1:30 to 3:30 at the Diamond Building on Capitol Street in Charleston.

**Clarence Christenson-Beckley District Office**

One sanitarian wants grey water disposal revisions. Claims no direct link to illness. Some companies have products that other states utilize. Brad said maybe those products could be submitted to the Sewage Advisory Board Product Verification System to be approved in this state. Sewage rules allow for grey water systems, but a tank is still used as well as downsizing of the system. One comment is that grey water is just chemical litter, and another question related to DEP’s surface discharge rule.
*One question relates to the cleaning/sanitizing of glassware and coffee pots in hotel/motels. Sanitarians should question during that facilities inspection how the glassware is sanitized. If there are no clean glasses on the housekeeping carts, they may be washing the glassware in each room. A video was distributed recently via the internet which addressed this problem.

This summer at the Selbach Hilton in Louisville (while attending the IEHS meeting), I discovered my cups and glassware were indeed being washed out in the bathroom sink. All the maid understood (language barrier) was that I wanted clean cups… so she cleaned them where she normally would have. Although management said this was not their policy, all the maids were doing it.

*Another sanitarian would like to be notified or at least consulted prior to engineering issuing a water system permit for a subdivision. A large Subdivision in Fayette County had a water system approved but now the county sanitarian has to deal with onsite sewage issues. (Brad will discuss with Engineering)

*Jennifer Walls, RN, Cabell-Huntington Health Department Nursing Liaison meeting and Clinical Nursing Spring Teaching will be at Stonewall Jackson 3-26 thru 3-28.

*lab forms still cumbersome, but they are working thru it. She wanted to know if sanitarians were also having difficulty.

*Clarence: Program plans have not been done in counties because of unfairness to EH. Nursing and Admin are not reviewed the same. Some discussion ensued, that nursing is broken up in categories, TB, Immunizations etc, and audited by those divisions.

*financial tool form DHHR-does not reflect EH will. Some people on committee, pilot project, some monies to complete project and format EH into the programs. PHS still uses program reports.

*WVU- Mike Trantham – WVU is using a new food vendor.

*Mid-Ohio Valley-Pat Fulmer -no news

*Susan Plum-Fairmont District- A) No rules for cremated human remains. Person upset that someone could fly over you on the golf course and just dump ashes on your head if that is what the cremated person wanted done with their ashes.
b) Would like to set with their own people and surrounding counties at IDEP and TP meetings. Usually you are asked to pair with people in other parts of the state, rather than with the neighboring counties you will have to work with during a real emergency. The positive of setting with people outside your region can be twofold (1) connections and resources (2) ideas and insight that are generated may be helpful.
c) Installer feels the sewage rules are not clear enough on what is inclement weather and installing a septic system He feels under pressure from mobile home people/businesses. Susan went out, did a wire test with the soil and told him not to install.

Arletta Lancaster-no news

Marshall University – No news

Gail Harris- Kanawha County will be hiring a sanitarian to replace Randi Neurman who will be retiring this year.

* Next meeting 5-25-08, 10:30 Bridgeport WV.