

***West Virginia Sewage Advisory Board Meeting
Flatwoods, WV – September 1, 2005***

10:33AM- Meeting Called to order

Member Attendance- Dave Watkins-WVDEP, Kirk Powroznik-WVBPH, Bill Clark-W.J. Clark Inc., Todd Powroznik-Monongalia County Health Dept., John Perkins-WVDEP, Stan Walls-Raleigh County Health Dept. Rick Hertges-Berkeley County Health Dept., Bill Rice-Homeowner Representative, Clement Solomon-NSFC, Joe Wyatt-OEHS, Joe Eagle-Installer Representative, Marvin Kerr-Installer Representative, Paul Ashburn-Ashco-A-Corporation, Gary Epling

Guest Attendance- Evelyn Hopkins-WVDEP, Melisa Powers-WVDEP, Julie Cavender-WVDEP, Mark Whittaker- WVDHHR

Joe Wyatt interviewed for the sewage and assistant positions. We should know something soon.

Joint Permits

Mark said multiple people may be permittees. These people may be heirs to a parcel of property.

Stan asked if there's an administrator to the estate.

Gary said the estate may be closed and you have multiple owners.

Mark said there is a situation where a certain property has 12 owners and someone rents a trailer on the property. The owners want to sign an order to get rid of the renter.

Stan said you would need 12 signatures.

Bill Rice said someone is collecting rent. This is the one who the permit should be issued to.

Mark said should it be a recorded easement?

Every owner should sign unless there is a legal document giving one person legal right to sign for all.

Mark felt all 12 should sign and not just the administrator of the will.

Gary and Clement agree with the court order.

Mark said the administrator may not be a property owner.

Joe W asked if he should approach council.

Bill Rice asked if we have a review process for property transfer.

Melisa asked if we have a legal department, that's who we should ask.

Joe said there are a few lawyers he could ask.

Clement said it would be nice to have a clarifying document.

Funeral Home Issue (Dave Watkins)

A county issued a permit to construct a funeral home. We should not be issuing permits for this. The construction permit should be contingent on a UIC permit (because of embalming fluids). A statement on the construction permit should have this contingency.

Stan said a letter should be sent from Joe's office clarifying what's required. A construction permit is contingent upon UIC approval.

Evelyn thanked the sanitarians for their working relationship with DEP.

Clement said we could start by educating the installers in the Class I and II training courses that are offered.

Mark said it's been routinely done, but not enough time is spent on it. There needs to be an afternoon dedicated to permitting.

Todd asked if DEP tracks these permits upon real estate transaction.

John said that they have the records, but they have to be notified.

Stan asked if you could put this in writing in the permit.

John said we should put this in the permit.

Marvin said the service provider could help in this process if they notify DEP.

Joe said we should approach the lending institutions.

Clement said we could put them on the agenda for the SAB meeting.

Marvin said there should be continuing education mandates for installers.

Rick said some counties do this.

Clement said Small Flows is trying to develop satellite training. It's a goal we have.

Bill Clark said the installer would receive a certificate when they renew every 5 years.

Joe said that may take a change in the rule.

Clement said he would do some research on CEU's from other states and report back to the SAB.

Mark said the training center could help in this.

Clement said we could develop a training video for CEU's for installers.

Gary said he would like to see regular classes done. This interaction is important for questions and answers.

Sand Filter Approval

Discussion on Category A & B

Alternating surface sand filters not greater than 20 gallon per square foot per day.

Flows from an HAU 10 gallons per square foot per day - by pump or sewage siphon.

Town of Century Discussion

57 homes.

They are category A not B.

There are 21 discharges.

Media Size 0.3-0.6 not greater than 4.

Product Verification Protocol

Joe said we should take out the fees and bonding. We can try to do it as a policy.

Dave said that bonding is the key to this.

Clement said that we could change the language and call it financial assurance.

Dave said maybe we need to research bonding. Maybe we could require them to put it in the permit.

MOTION

Paul made a motion to eliminate the fee structure from the PVP. Use the existing fee structure, and come up with an alternative to bonding (performance warranty, financial assurance etc.) between the homeowner and the installer.

Dave seconded, all in favor motion carries.

Rick asked if DEP will issue discharge permits for these systems.

John said if it meets certain requirements.

Mark said a list of certified products and systems are needed.

Dave said we need a list.

319 Issues

Clement said the conference went well. They spent 1 ½ days at the onsite training center. 14 watershed groups attended (40 attendees).

Bill Clark asked how many sanitarians designed systems for their county? Who's liable?

Todd said we don't design we approve or deny.

Marvin said there is a discrepancy in perc tests.

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Todd seconded. All in favor motion carries.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 8th, 2005 at 10:30am in Flatwoods.