

**MINUTES OF THE  
STORAGE TANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
DECEMBER 5, 2018**

The Storage Tank Advisory Committee (STAC) met on December 5, 2018, at the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, Room 105, Harrisburg. Nine (9) voting members were present, which constituted a quorum.

**VOTING MEMBERS OR ALTERNATES PRESENT**

Local Government:

Lisa Schaefer, County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania  
Holly Fishel, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

Regulated Community:

Brandie Lehman, Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania  
Jonathan Lutz, Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania  
Scott Nowicki, Pennsylvania Chemical Industry Council  
J. Stephen Hieber, Tank Installers of Pennsylvania

Public:

Robert May, Synergy Environmental, Inc. (Chair)  
Charles Frey, Jr., Highland Tank & Manufacturing Company

Registered Professional Engineer:

Francis Catherine, P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers

Hydrogeologist:

Mark Miller, Moody & Associates, Inc.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Robert May called the December 5, 2018, meeting of the STAC to order.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 17, 2018, MEETING**

The minutes from the May 17, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted, upon motion and seconded.

## **STAC MEMBERSHIP LIST**

Kris Shiffer, DEP, reported that 14 of the 16 positions on the STAC are filled. Vacancies that currently exist are a local government seat and membership representing the Pennsylvania Petroleum Association.

Since the last meeting, Ms. Brandie Lehman was appointed as the member to represent the Associated Petroleum Industries of Pennsylvania. No current member terms are scheduled to expire prior to November 2019.

## **USTIF UPDATE**

Next on the agenda, the Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Fund (USTIF) provided an update on their program activities. Richard Burgan, Director, Bureau of Special Funds, Department of Insurance, and Executive Director, Underground Storage Tank Indemnification Board (USTIB), attended representing the USTIF.

Mr. Burgan informed those in attendance that on February 1, 2019, USTIF will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> year in existence. Mr. Burgan stated the fund took in \$22.5 million during the first quarter of FY 18-19 (July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018). Total disbursements for the first quarter of FY 18-19 totaled \$10.6 million. Mr. Burgan stated that assets as of September 30, 2018, totaled \$373 million. Mr. Burgan stated that as of September 30, 2018, the USTIF showed an unfunded liability of \$32.3 million. If the current trend continues, the unfunded liability should be eliminated in the next couple of years.

Mr. Burgan reported that the number of claims filed with the USTIF for January 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018, stood at 169. The number of open claims is approximately 969 and is relatively stable.

## **OVERFILL EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS, CONTAINMENT SUMP/SPILL BUCKET TESTING AND HYDROSTATIC CONTAINMENT SUMP TESTING**

Mr. Edward Kubinsky Jr., Director of Regulatory Affairs, Training and Certifications, Crompco, LLC presented information on test methods and provided real world scenarios regarding overfill prevention evaluations and containment sump and spill prevention equipment tests. These storage tanks components will be required to be routinely tested to determine proper operation after amendments to 25 Pa. Code Chapter 245 are final.

## **TANK INSPECTIONS, COMPATIBILITY & CORROSION**

Mr. Brad Hoffman, VP Engineering, Tanknology, presented information regarding compatibility of storage tanks with regulated substances, especially alcohol-blended fuels, and showed actual images of deterioration and corrosion observed in storage tank systems. Mr. Hoffman stressed that if water can be removed from storage tank systems, a lot of problems that have been observed can be prevented.

## **DEP UPDATE**

Mr. Shiffer began the discussion by presenting a brief overview of the rulemaking process regarding the amendments to Chapter 245 and thanked all members for providing input. Mr. Shiffer informed the committee that on August 21, 2018, the Environmental Quality Board approved the amendments to Chapter 245 and on October 18, 2018, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the amendments by unanimous vote. Mr. Shiffer stated that amendments to Chapter 245 should be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on December 22, 2018, which will become the effective date of the updated regulations.

Mr. Shiffer informed the committee that program staff have been updating all technical guidance documents and facts sheets, in addition to the program's website in response to regulatory changes. Mr. Shiffer also stated that flow charts and brochures are being developed to assist owners in understanding the updated regulations. Approved Operator Training Providers will be contacted and made aware of the updated regulations and required to update their training programs to remain approved by DEP to train Class A and Class B Operators.

Correspondence is being developed to mail to owners of emergency generator tanks, owners of newly regulated tanks, and to existing owners as part of the reminder letter for inspections mailings. All of these activities are designed to educate the regulated community and promote compliance.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. May asked the committee if there was any old business to discuss. There being none, under new business, Mr. May asked if any STAC member or member of the public in attendance wished to provide public comment. Mr. May asked Mr. Shiffer if he was aware of any information regarding proposed Air Quality regulations. The committee was informed that on December 13, 2018, at the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee meeting, the preliminary draft proposed amendments to the Stage II Vapor Recovery regulations will be discussed. The meeting is open to the public and will be held in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building.

There being no additional comments, the meeting dates for 2019, currently proposed as March 5, June 4, September 10 and December 4, were approved, upon motion and seconded.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m., upon motion and seconded.