

**Sewage Advisory Committee  
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Minutes of the Meeting  
September 16, 2025**

**VOTING SEWAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEMBERS PRESENT**

Adam Browning, Chair, Pennsylvania Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (POWRA)  
Roger Lehmann, Pennsylvania Association of Sewage Enforcement Officers  
Duane Mowery, Vice Chair, Pennsylvania Water Environment Association (PWEA)  
William Rehkop, Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association  
Joseph Valentine, Pennsylvania Septage Management Association (PSMA)  
John Peffer, County Departments of Health and Health Agencies  
Karen Atkinson, Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors, Alternate  
Wayne Gross, Pennsylvania Vacation Land Developers Association, Alternate

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Members of the public were present but not identified.

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP) STAFF PRESENT  
(CENTRAL OFFICE ONLY)**

Tomisa Kiskadden, Environmental Group Manager, Planning Section, DMF, BCW  
Charles Klinger, Water Program Specialist, Planning Section, DMF, BCW  
Annmaria De Sanctis, Environmental Engineer, Planning Section, DMF, BCW  
Aspen Weitzel, Water Program Specialist, Planning Section, DMF, BCW  
Jay Patel, Assistant Bureau Director, DMF, BCW  
Richard Wright, Environmental Program Manager, DMF, BCW  
Adam Duh, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel  
Brian Schlauderaff, Environmental Program Manager, CW  
Laura Campbell, Executive Policy Specialist, Policy Office

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adam Browning at 9:07 A.M. The meeting was conducted both in-person and on-line. No members of the public attended the meeting at the Boyertown location.

A quorum was not present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

None

## **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Discussion began on the draft regulations. Proposed Chapter 73.56, At-grade absorption areas, Subchapter G Retaining Tanks, 73.61 General, 73.62, Standards for holding tanks, 73.63, Standards for privies, 73.65, Recycling, incinerating, and composting toilets, Subchapter H Experimental and Alternate Sewage Systems, 73.70 General, 73.71, Experimental sewage systems, 73.72, Alternate sewage systems and components, 73.72a, Performance verification of proprietary alternate sewage systems and components, Subchapter I Bonded Disposal System, 73.77, General requirements for bonded disposal systems, 73.151, Standards for financial assurances for bonded disposal systems, Subchapter J Individual Residential Spray Irrigation System Standards, 73.161, General, 73.162, Intermittent sand filters, 73.163, Spray fields, 73.164, Chlorine contact/storage tanks, 73.165, Disinfection, 73.166, Design of pressure distribution for individual residential spray irrigation systems, 73.167, Operation and maintenance, Subchapter K Construction Coarse Aggregate and Sand, and 73.171, General were all discussed.
- Chair Browning indicated a member of the public was present at the SAC meeting 9.15.2025 that is an engineer and suggested to qualify the type of geotextile material that is to be used. May want to define geotextile per PADOT definition and specifications. Falls under the PADOT 408 publication.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **SAC REQUESTED ITEMS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Browning called for any new business from the committee. Tomisa discussed there are 4 public meeting dates pending approval that were scheduled to continue the review of Chapter 73. As Chapter 73 review concluded on 9.16.2025 those meetings could discuss other topics relevant to the rulemaking, possibly the topics discussed in the ad hoc committees. The tentative dates are October 17, November 3, November 14, and December 18, 2025. The Chairpersons of the ad hoc committees will continue working towards establishing the members of the committees and the dates of meetings.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

SAC meeting was adjourned at 12:52 P.M.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting(s) are tentative and pending approval. Notice of the meeting and meeting materials will be on the SAC webpage.