

**Sewage Advisory Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
September 15, 2025**

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

Adam Browning, Chair, Pennsylvania Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (POWRA)  
Brian Chalfant, Governor's Policy Office, Alternate  
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  
Michael Ciocco, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**

Members of the public were present but not identified.

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

Charles Klinger, Water Program Specialist, Planning Section, DMF, BCW  
Annamaria Ether 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  
Tomisa Kiskadden, Environmental Group Manager, Planning Section, DMF, BCW

**CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Adam Browning at 9:01 A.M. The meeting was conducted both in-person and on-line.

A quorum was present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Bieber – Sewage Enforcement Officer, Lehigh Valley Area

- Comment 1 – Regarding sewage flows for in-law suites. Noticed there is not an entry for proposed sewage flows for in-law suites in the sewage flow table. There should be an entry in the sewage flow table for in-law suites that should apply to either a detached or attached in-law suite. Proposed sewage flow should be 100 gallons per day per bedroom. Currently, if this is an attached in-law suite to an existing dwelling the flows are 100 gpd per bedroom

and if it is detached it is considered a separate 3-bedroom dwelling and would be 400 gpd. This does not make sense.

- Comment 2 – Regarding the definition of redoximorphic features, manganese is now listed as a redoximorphic feature, Scott believes this should not be the case. Scott does not believe this is an indicator of a shallow water table or an impermeable zone. Manganese should not be considered a redox feature for constituting a limiting zone. This should be removed from the regulations. If this remains as a redoximorphic feature, this will make it very difficult to get any in-ground systems as manganese is common.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

None

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Discussion began on the draft regulations. Discussed proposed Chapter 73.44, Pressurized distribution design, 73.45, Dosing and effluent lift tanks, 73.46, Dosing Pumps, siphons, and lift pumps, 73.51, Subchapter F General, 73.52, Standard trenches, 73.53, Seepage beds, 73.54, Open-bottom subsurface sand filter seepage beds and trenches, and 73.55, Elevated sand mounds.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **SAC REQUESTED ITEMS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Browning called for any new business from the committee. The committee discussed the ad hoc groups. The participants for the 4 groups have been determined, they will soon begin scheduling the meetings. DEP advised to not schedule with the Department, but Department staff will attend as possible. Next meeting will be September 16, 2025, at 9:00 A.M..

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting will be Tuesday September 16, 2025, Boyertown Community Ambulance Service Building, 2 E. 2nd Street, Boyertown, PA 19512, to be held virtually and in person. Notice of the meeting and meeting materials will be on the SAC webpage.