

**Sewage Advisory Committee
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
Annamaria 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.