

Draft Timeline for Implementing Act 26

As per the Act "(c.2)(1) Within one hundred and eighty days of the effective date of this subsection, the department shall, in consultation with the advisory committee, develop scientific, technical and field testing standards upon which an evaluation of each on-lot sewage system that has been classified as an alternate system in accordance with 25 Pa. Code S 73.72 (relating to alternate sewage systems) shall be based."

The effective date of the Act was September 18, 2017, and 180 days from that date is March 17, 2018. The following timeline has been developed by the Department.

- October 4, 2017: SAC meeting.
 - The preliminary performance standard and review methodology will be presented
 - Discussion/Scheduling of future SAC meetings
- October 18, 2017: Department to provide SAC with formal performance standards and review methodology for review. No meeting.
- November 15, 2017: Possible SAC meeting. SAC finishes review of the performance standard and review methodology and provide comments to the Department.
- [Possible SAC meeting(s)]
- Early January 2018: The performance standards and review methodology will be completed for public comment.
- January 13, 2018: The performance standard and review methodology will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* for 30-day** public comment period.
- February 12, 2018**: Public comment period ends.
- [Possible SAC meeting, if comment period ends earlier or is shorter]
- March 16, 2018: Performance standard and review methodology finalized.
- After this date, Program will initiate a draft rulemaking to update Chapters 71, 72, and 73.

**If we finalize the documents in mid-December, we can likely have a 30-day comment period AND another SAC meeting to provide comment on the final document prior to March 16, 2018. Or another SAC meeting prior to that date may be possible if we shorten the comment period to 15-days.