

**Final Minutes of the
November 28, 2012 Meeting of the
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)**

This meeting of WRAC was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Robert Cavett on Thursday, November 28, 2012 in room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

The following committee members were present:

Gary Merritt, NSG
Jeff Hines, York Water Company
Steven Rhoads, Shell Gas
Art Gazdik, Ross Township
John Schombert, 3 Rivers Wet Weather
Rob Traver, Villanova University
Myron Arnowitt, Clean Water Action
Chuck Wunz, Wunz Associates
Don Bluedorn, Babst, Calland, Clements, Zomnir
Paul Swartz, Susquehanna River Basin Commission
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority
Robert Cavett, Merck & Co.
John Jackson, Stroud Water Research Center

The following committee members were not present:

Jennifer Reed-Harry, PennAg Industries Association

The following DEP staff members were present:

Kelly Heffner, Office of Water Management
Duke Adams, Office of Water Management
Sean Gimbel, Policy Office
Tom Barron, Bureau of Point and Non-Point Source Management (BNPNSM)
Rod Kime, BPNPSM
Bonita Hoke, BPNPSM
Rod McAllister, BPNPSM
Hedi Biggs, BPNPSM
Lee McDonnell, BPNPSM
Michelle Moses, Bureau of Regulatory Counsel

The following guests were also present:

James Erb, API
Bryon Ruhl, PennDOT
Tim Higgins, Geo Services Ltd.
Andrew Gavin, SRBC
Kathy Kunkel, First Energy
Gina Myers, Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney

Bill Neilson, PA Farm Bureau
Kevin Moody, PIOGA
Katie Blansett, PHRC, Penn State
Tad Macfarlon, K&L Gates
Chris Latte, LNA
Denise Hakowski, EPA

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting were approved on motion.

DEP Water Updates

Deputy Secretary Heffner provided updates on PAG-02, PAG-12, Chapter 105 Permit Fee Rulemaking Package, Permit Decision Guarantee, PNDI Policy, Nutrient Credit Trading Program

Sulfates/Molybdenum Adhoc Meeting Summary

Duke Adams provided an overview of the meetings that were held on August 27, 2012 and August 29, 2012 to specifically discuss Sulfates and Molybdenum. Written summaries were provided.

Triennial Review, Chapter 93 Water Quality Standards, Final Rulemaking

DEP staff presented the final rulemaking and identified the changes between proposed and final.

By a majority vote of 12 to 1, WRAC passed the following motion in support of moving the rulemaking package forward to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

WRAC endorses moving the Final Chapter 93, Triennial rulemaking to the Environmental Quality Board for consideration.

Additionally, by a majority vote of 12 to 0 with 1 abstention, WRAC passed the following motion encouraging DEP to continue working on chloride criteria.

WRAC encourages DEP to continue evaluating the chloride criteria with the goal of proposing new criteria preferably prior to the next Triennial review

General Discussion –

It was proposed that DEP provide periodic updates to WRAC on the progress of chloride criteria research

Public Comment Period –

Denise Hakowski from EPA noted that EPA is supportive of the revisions to Chapter 93 and EPA will be reviewing the information from today's meeting and may provide comment to EQB prior to their meeting.

Adjourn - 11:37 a.m.