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**Draft Minutes of the
July 22, 2008 Meeting of the
Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)**

The regular meeting of the WRAC was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Stephen Rhoads on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

The following committee members were present:

Buddy Beach, P.E.
Donald C. Bluedorn II, Esquire, Babst, Calland, Clements & Zomnir
Robert M. Cavett, Merck & Company, Inc.
Carol R. Collier, Delaware River Basin Commission
Brian A. Dempsey, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University
Matthew J. Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
John K. Jackson, Stroud Water Research Center
Gary Merritt, Inter Power Development Corp.
Howard M. Neukrug, P.E., Philadelphia Water Department
Stephen Rhoads, Pennsylvania Oil & Gas
Edith Stevens, League of Women Voters of PA
Bob Wendelgass, Clean Water Action

The following committee members were not present:

David M. Anderson, P.G., Moody & Associates, Inc. and WRAC Chairperson
Art Gazdik, P.E., Ross Township
Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority
Nick J. Pinizzotto, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy
Richard T. Wardrop, P.G., Shaw Group, Inc.

The following DEP staff members were present:

Duke Adams, Office of Policy and Communications
Dana Aunkst, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation (BWSFR)
Phil Consonery, BWSFR
Lisa Daniels, BWSFR
Barry Greenawald, BWSFR
Joe Hebelka (for Joe Lee), Bureau of Watershed Management (BWM)
Michelle Moses, Office of Chief Counsel
Ken Murin, BWM
Glenn Rider, BWM
Rick Shertzer, BWSFR

The following guests were also present:

Thomas Au, PA Sierra Club
Mark Burkhead, PennDOT
Allison Miles, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Matt Royer, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Dan Snowden, PennDOT

General WRAC Business

Howard Neukrug moved to accept the minutes of the January 9, 2008 meeting as presented. The motion was adopted.

Chapter 92a, NPDES Permitting, Monitoring and Compliance

Tom Starosta, BWSFR, tstarosta@state.pa.us, presented the Department of Environmental Protection's plans to revise **Chapter 92** and reissue the regulation as **Chapter 92a** of the same title. A number of WRAC members provided comments on the proposed revision of 92a for the Department's consideration. The Department will include responses to comments received during today's meeting and post a comment/response document on the Department's public participation Web page for WRAC.

Triennial Review 2008 Final Rulemaking

Tom Barron, BWSFR, tbarron@state.pa.us, presented and discussed revisions to **Chapters 93** and **16** in the final rulemaking package in preparation for an upcoming Environmental Quality Board (EQB) meeting.

Donald Bluedorn moved to endorse the proposed Triennial Review 2008 Final Rulemaking update subject to the caveat that the department recalculate the molybdenum standards, or that the point where the criterion applies be moved to the point of water supply withdrawal. The motion was lost after debate.

Edith Stevens moved to endorse the proposed Triennial Review 2008 Final Rulemaking update as presented. The motion was lost.

Howard Neukrug moved to provide WRAC's support of the Triennial Review 2008 Final Rulemaking update along with notice to the Commonwealth and the EQB that some members of the WRAC have significant concerns with the molybdenum criterion and the health data used to create that particular criterion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Buffers 100 Initiative

Glenn Rider, BWM, grider@state.pa.us, presented concepts for streamside buffers and summarized the Buffers 100 initiative developed by the Pennsylvania Campaign for Clean Water.

The meeting was adjourned by the chair at 4:35 p.m.