Draft Minutes of the September 12, 2007 Meeting of the Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)

The regularly scheduled meeting of the WRAC committee was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairperson Dave Anderson on September 12, 2007 in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, Harrisburg, PA.

The following committee members were present:

-David Anderson, P.G., Chairperson, Moody & Associates, Inc.
-Buddy Beach, P.E.
-Robert Cavett, Merck & Company, Inc.
-Matthew Ehrhart, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
-Art Gazdik, P.E., Ross Township
-John Jackson, Stroud Water Research Center
-Cory Miller, University Area Joint Authority
-Steve Rhoads, Pennsylvania Oil & Gas
-Edith Stevens, League of Women Voters of PA
-Richard Wardrop, P.G., Shaw Environmental & Infrastructure
-Bob Wendelgass, Clean Water Action

The following committee members were not present:

Don Bluedorn II, Esquire, Babst, Calland, Clements, Zomnir Carol Collier, Delaware River Basin Commission Brian Dempsey, Pennsylvania State University Gary Merritt, Inter Power Development Corp Howard Neukrug, P.E., Philadelphia Water Department Nick Pinizzotto, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy

The following DEP staff members were present:

Phil Consonery, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation (BWSFR) Rhonda Manning, BWSFR Bonita Moore, Environmental Chemist, BWSFR Pam Bishop, Attorney, Office of Chief Counsel Jim Boswell, Bureau of Watershed Management (BWM) Troy Conrad, BWM Arianne Proctor, BWSFR Bob Titler, BWSFR Shelby Reisinger, BWM

The following non-members were also present:

Mark Burkhead, PennDOT Andrea Sharretts, PA Farm Bureau Matt Bixler, PennDot Central Office Thomas An, Sierra Club Joe Lancevic, Allegheny Energy Matt Royer, Chesapeake Bay Foundation Patricia Strong, US Army Corps of Engineers Rob Brooks, Penn State Coop Wetlands Center Janis Dean, Citizens Advisory Council to DEP Orianna Richards, Monroe County Conservation District Grant Gulibon, PA Builders Association Eugene Hoffman, PA Association of Realtors Keith Ashley, Home Builders Association Tom Shervinski, PA Fish & Boat Commission Rick Shannon, McCormick Taylor, Inc.

General WRAC Business

Motion was made by Bob Wendelgass to accept the minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting as presented. Passed with one abstention.

Emerging Contaminants – Phase I Study Results

Arianne Proctor and Bob Titler, BWSFR, <u>arproctor@state.pa.u rtitler@state.pa.us</u> provided an overview of the results from the joint DEP/U.S. Geological Survey Phase I of pharmaceutical and antibiotic compounds in surface and ground waters of south central Pennsylvania.

No action was taken on this subject.

Chapter 105, Dam Safety and Waterways Management

Chair, Dave Anderson, as provided in the by-laws, charged the Chapter 105 Ad Hoc Committee to work with BWM on Chapter 105, to provide comments and suggestions, to make the first report to the WRAC in January 2008, and to see that the committee is dissolved as soon as the work on Chapter 105 is completed. WRAC member Steve Rhoades will chair the committee, which will meet after regular WRAC meetings, with the first meeting on November 14, 2007. The chair reminded the Ad Hoc Committee members that the WRAC by-laws preclude alternates.

Troy Conrad, Environmental Group Manager, BWM, <u>tconrad@state.pa.us</u>, led a discussion of potential Changes to Chapter 105. The draft document will be presented to WRAC in January 2008, with submission to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) by late 2008.

No action other than the charge to the committee was taken on this subject.

Other Business

The chair delivered a request from DEP to reduce the number of meetings to four per year – on the 2^{nd} Wednesday of each quarter. This will require a change to the by-laws and which will be presented to the Committee at the November 14, 2007 meeting.

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 11:42 A.M.