

**Stakeholder Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2006  
Council for Quality Growth**

Present were Stakeholder Advisory Board members Alice Champagne, Jim Hamilton, JoAnn Macrina, James Magnus, Robert Ringer, Greg Teague and Connie Wiggins. Also present from the Soil and Water Conservation Commission were Brent Dykes, Lauren Zdunczyk and Jason Ulseth. Interested parties in attendance included, Bill Durham (GA Onsite Wastewater Assoc.), Jim Free (GA Onsite Wastewater Assoc.), Honorable John Heard (House District 104) Vikki McRenolyds (GA Utility Contractors), Bettie Sleeth (Home Builders Assoc. of GA) Lindsay Waddell (Council for Quality Growth), Bruce Widener (GA Onsite Wastewater Assoc.) and Mark Woodall (Associated General Contractors).

Mr. Hamilton opened up the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for attending.

**1. Review/approve/amend minute from meeting on August 30, 2006**

There being no discussion on the minutes, Ms. Wiggins made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Ms. Macrina. The minutes were approved unanimously.

SAB voted to approve Level I and Level II Trainers that attended the October Trainer courses. Mr. Easter made a motion to approve, with a second from Mr. Magnus. The trainers were approved unanimously.

The SAB voted to approve the Awareness Course. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to approve with a second by Ms. Wiggins. The course was unanimously approved.

**2. EPD Education and Certification Fact Sheet**

Before asking for comments Mr. Hamilton gave a brief explanation of the process of the document. During the discussion Mr. Magnus and Mr. Teague expressed their concerns about the requirement that a certified individual must be on site at all times or land disturbing must stop. Ms. Macrina felt a certified person needed to be available, but not always on site.

Mr. Durham asked if subcontractors needed to be certified. Mr. Woodall asked the question who would be liable if the subcontractor violates the plan, act, etc. Mr. Easter asked about utilities and in his opinion he feels the General Contractor should be liable.

Ms. Sleeth commented that the majority of her group does not deal with the majority of IA course material and would like the Awareness Course be the requirement.

Ms. Champagne asked how we can ensure that the critical people are certified. Mr. Teague stated the level of understanding of who needs to be certified and at what level needs to be raised. And we must be practical on what they should be required to know.

Ms. Wiggins expressed the concern that the Fact Sheet is losing the intent of the law and we are confusing education with enforcement. Mr. Hamilton asked about the enforcement aspect. Mr. Teague stated that there needs to be a guidance document that gives clarification as to the authority of county and locals governments for enforcing certification. Mr. Dykes stated that an enforcement document has been asked for.

The SAB agreed that the Commission staff make revisions based on SAB comments and the information that was being given in the certification courses as defined below:

- 1. Felt 1 person from each entity be on site at all times was excessive.**
- 2. The 2 persons recommendation would be misinterpreted.**
- 3. Concerns about the occupations listed under Level IA**
- 4. Holding an Awareness course for equipment operations and others who may have difficulty taking/passing the IA course.**
- 5. Developing/implementing a new course (IC), that would break up the IA in regards to level of involvement.**

The revisions would be sent out to the SAB member by Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and there would be a teleconference on November 8<sup>th</sup> to vote on the document.

**3. Comments received for recommended changes to Education Courses**

- A. EPD checklist to be added in addition to checklist presented in courses (copy attached)

Mr. Ulseth distributed the EPD checklist and copies of the Field Guide for Determining The Presence of State Waters That Require a Buffer.

- B. Comments from Trainer Discussion attendees and other comments sent to GSWCC.

Ms. Zdunczyk gave a brief summary of the Trainer Discussion held Aug 30<sup>th</sup> at the GA and distributed the comments. The SAB members looked over the minutes and give comments. It was suggested by Mr. Hamilton that the SAB reinstate the SWAT teams. The SAB members would divide in SWAT teams and each team would take a course level and make revisions based on SAB and Trainer discussion comments. The teams were tentatively set as follows:

Level IA – James Magnus  
Level IB – Doug Easter, Aaron Varner and Bob Ringer  
Level II JoAnn Macrina, Greg Teague and Jim Hamilton

The meeting was adjourned.