

MINUTES
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE

Conyers, Georgia
February 9, 2005

Present were Stakeholder Advisory Board members Jim Hamilton (Chair), James Magnus, Robert Ringer, Karim Shahlaee, Gregory Teague, and JoAnn Macrina. Also present was Soil and Water Commission employees Richard King. Interested parties in attendance included Scott Brumbelow (GUCA), Dana Heil (GA Transmission Corp), and Butch Watson (Gaskins Surveying Co).

Mr. Hamilton opened the meeting by welcoming Board members and guests to the Subcommittee meeting.

The Subcommittee discussed the Level 1A Course and the presentations on the Law (E&S Act, and NPDES General Permit).

After much discussion, the Subcommittee made the following recommendations:

For the Level 1A Course, the presentations for the E&S Act and NPDES should be as simplistic as possible.

A. Specific Recommendations to E&S Act slides:

- Remove the slides related to Required Documentation for a City or County to be a Local Issuing Authority.
- Delete the first bullet in the next slide regarding “After July 1, 2004...”
- To the “green color” bullet on the slide, add some examples of where an Ordinance may be more stringent such as stream buffers, the 1 acre minimum may be reduced, etc.
- Break up long sentence slides into multiple slides – preferred to eliminate “wordiness” and make simplistic bullets.
- Remove the slide on “Number of Certified Local Ordinances”
- On the slide “Activities exempted from permitting (continued)” which lists DOT, Highway Authority etc, the bottom statement should read “Now exempt from E&S Act: regulated and enforced by EPD under the NPDES General Permit only.”

Mr. Teague expressed concern that the lengthy sentence structure on the slides and overall “wordiness” would be confusing to the Level 1A attendees. He suggested revision to the slides to make them easier to view and understand.

After discussion, Mr. Teague was tasked with other assistance to revise (with more simplistic bulletined text with highlighted words format) the Level 1A presentation of the E&S Act so the Board may vote on it next Wednesday. Ms Heil, Ms. Macrina, and Mr. Magnus as well as Mr. Hamilton will assist and review by email prior to the full Board Meeting next Wednesday (Feb 16th).

All agreed that the E&S Act presentation as presented (with minor exceptions noted to Mr. Ringer) was good for presentation to both Level 1B and Level 2.

B. Specific Recommendations to NPDES General Permit slides:

- Use more simplistic bulletined text with highlighted words for the Level 1A presentation.
- On the slide relating to “Deadlines Part IV A” remove point 2.
- Explain what are “representative samples” for the infrastructure requirements.
- Change “Linear” to “Infrastructure”
- Make clear that Sampling after BMP deficiencies occurs “within the drainage area affected”.
- Make clear that a project does not need to sample “sheet flow”.

All agreed that the NPDES General Permit presentation as presented (with minor exceptions noted to Mr. Ringer) was good for presentation to both Level 1B and Level 2.

Mr. Magnus was tasked with other assistance to revise (with more simplistic bulletined text with highlighted words format) the Level 1A presentation of the NPDES General Permit so the Board may vote on it next Wednesday. Ms Heil, Ms. Macrina, and Mr. Teague as well as Mr. Hamilton will assist and review by email prior to the full Board Meeting next Wednesday (Feb 16th).

Other Discussions and recommendations by Sub Committee:

Possible recommendation to the full SAB to move “Monitoring Consultant” to Level 1B Course.

Take all presentations off timer.

Dr. Shahlaee distributed the draft agendas for Level 1A and Level 1B.

The meeting adjourned with Mr. Hamilton reminding members that the February 16, 2005 full SAB Meeting will be at Forest Park.

Submitted by
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February 10, 2005