

**Stakeholder Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2007
Georgia Center for Continuing Education
Athens GA**

Present were Stakeholder Advisory Board members, Mark Byrd, Alice Champagne, Doug Easter, JoAnn Macrina, James Magnus, Robert Ringer and Aaron Varner. Also present from the Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission were Brent Dykes, Guerry Thomas and Lauren Zdunczyk.

1. Review/approve/amend minutes from September 25, 2007 meeting

There being no discussion on the minutes, Mr. Varner made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Mr. Magnus. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Certification Program Update

Ms. Zdunczyk informed the SAB that to date the Commission has issued approximately 46,601 certifications.

3. Course Revisions Update

Ms. Zdunczyk informed the SAB that the Level IB revisions would be completed by the first of November and then revisions to IA would be started. In addition to the revisions the Commission had contracted with Southeastern Building Trade Associates (SBTA) to write new exam questions for the Level IA, IB and II exams.

Mr. Magnus asked if the questions would be reviewed by the Commission to ensure the answers are in the course notebooks. Ms. Zdunczyk stated that when STBA submits the questions, they note the page number the answer can be found on. Mr. Magnus also asked when the new material would be released to the trainers. Ms. Zdunczyk informed the SAB that trainers would receive the course material after the first of the year.

4. Recertification

Ms. Zdunczyk informed the SAB that the Commission would be hosting a Level IA Re-certification pilot course November 28th at the Georgia Center.

Ms. Zdunczyk stated the Commission would like to require trainers to attend a trainer re-certification course. At the trainer re-certification course, trainers will be updated on the HB 463 changes, the new re-certification program and receive all the newly revised course materials as well as the Commission's 4 hour re-certification courses.

The SAB agreed with requiring the trainers attend a trainer re-certification course.

5. Education and Certification Fact Sheet

Ms. Zdunczyk informed the SAB that the Commission had met with EPD to discuss the fact sheet. EPD had suggested changing the fact sheet to address some questions they had been receiving.

Mr. Ringer stated that when the HB 463 was signed into law it left a loop hole for NPDES monitoring individuals. EPD was concerned those individuals could argue that according to the fact sheet, they are considered subcontractors and should not be required to be level IA certified. He stated this was realized after the fact sheet was approved.

Mr. Dykes stated that he didn't feel the fact sheet needed to be changed. He explained that the NPDES permit requires a NPDES monitoring consultants to be a "qualified" person and the Education and Certification Rules specifically state that in order to be a "qualified" person an individual must obtain a Level IA certification. In his opinion changing the Fact sheet would cause major confusion.

Mr. Magnus stated that EPD said that those performing NPDES monitoring would need a Level IB certification.

Mr. Ringer stated that at one point EPD was considering making that change but has since decided against that.

Ms. Champagne stated the SAB should wait until after the 2008 legislative session before making any changes. Ms. Macrina agreed.

Mr. Magnus made a motion to table this discussion until the 2008 legislative session ended, with a second by Mr. Byrd. The SAB agreed unanimously.

6. Next SAB Meeting

The SAB agreed to meet after the New Year. Ms. Zdunczyk stated that she would send possible meeting dates in January.

7. Adjourn

With no other business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.