

MINUTES
STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE
GA EPD, Atlanta Tradeport
March 9, 2005

Present were Stakeholder Advisory Board members Jim Hamilton (Chair), Robert Ringer, Karim Shahlaee, Gregory Teague, Mark Byrd, and Jo Ann Macrina. Also present was Soil and Water Commission employee Richard King. Interested parties in attendance included Seth Yurman (GW&PCA).

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

The Sub Committee discussed the Level 1A Course and the presentations on the Law (E&S Act, and NPDES General Permit). From the flip chart presented at the last Board Meeting, Mr. Hamilton distributed a three page document covering "Target Date", "SAB Objectives", and "Train The Trainer Course".

The Pilot Course and Exam for Level 1A is scheduled for April 13, 2005 in Room K – L at the Georgia Center.

Dr. Shahlaee distributed "mock-ups" of the Handbook for the Level 1A Course to all present. He asked everyone to review it, and comment. He also distributed a sample Exam for the Level 1A Course and requested input. He noted that he and Mr. King will revise the GESA presentation based upon recent input from Seth Yurman, and from EPD.

After much discussion, the Sub Committee made the following recommendations:

The Notebook is very well done, and appears thorough. Of course, more may be discussed later pending review in detail by those present – as well as input from the full SAB.

The sample Exam was found to be good overall, however there were several points of clarification and suggestions for revisions. Dr. Shahlaee and Mr. King thanked all present for the very good input, and stated that revisions would be made. Mr. King will revise the Exam and discuss with Dr. Shahlaee prior to the Board Meeting on March 16.

The Board Members discussed the attendees for the Pilot Course. Dr. Shahlaee told all present that there were 57 on the waiting list from the December NPDES Course who would be contacted. Every attempt will be made to cull through and remove the engineers and design professionals as well as inspectors, so the attendees reflect a more representative sample of those who will take the Level 1A Course in the future (builders, developers, etc).

Mr. Hamilton brought to the table a consideration to possibly change the order of the Courses being completed. He requested that the Level 2 Course be considered for early June at the Callaway Gardens meeting for engineers. That way the Level 1A Course would be underway for builders, and then plans could be improved as a result of training the engineers.

Dr. Shahlaee noted that the Level 1A and Level 1B Courses are needed to be completed so the Train the Trainer Course for Level 1 may be completed and presented – to get more Trainers out giving Level 1 Courses. Additionally, he noted that the Commission is working hard with NRCS to prepare new course presentations for Level 2, and it will take time to work through these. Some presentations are already in process for Level 2, as well as a very good idea of Level 1B presentations. The level 2 Course will have as attendees Plan Reviewers in addition to the Design Professionals. Courses in Soils, Hydrology and Design will be added to upgraded versions of the Law and BMPs.

Mr. Teague noted that a detailed outline was needed for Level 2, with a concentration on E&SC.

Ms. Macrina suggested that the Level 1A coursework was cumbersome and an outline was needed for the Level 2 course. She then handed out a version of an outline prepared by Ms. Macrina to be reviewed by all, and to suggest a Level 2 agenda.

Mr. Hamilton agreed and said an outline was needed for the Level 2 course.

Mr. Hamilton reminded all that the next SAB Board meeting would be next week, March 16, 2005 at 1 PM at the GA EPD building – Atlanta Tradeport.

Submitted by
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